



Algorithmic Governance And The Transformation Of Administrative Law In The Digital State

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ABSTRACT

The rapid advancement in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and big data technology has dramatically impacted public administration and led to the concept of algorithmic governance. With an increased number of governmental institutions applying algorithms in the process of social service distribution, taxes' collection, police activities, and migration control, etc., more and more efforts have been made by various states to ensure that algorithmic decision-making would become efficient and effective. However, with growing reliance on artificial intelligence, legal and constitutional concerns arise regarding issues of transparency, accountability, fairness, privacy, and adherence to the rule of law. In view of the aforementioned problem, this paper aims at investigating how algorithmic governance affects the core concepts of administrative law and whether the existing legal system is equipped to deal with modern digital challenges. Specifically, using the approach to doctrinal and analytical research of legal problems, the research will examine constitutional rules, administrative law principles, case law, and other legislative acts regarding this issue in India, EU member-states, the United States, and the UK. Among others, such problems as administrative discretion, natural justice, accountability, transparency, equality, privacy, and procedural justice will be analyzed in relation to algorithmic governance. Moreover, certain recent judicial developments concerning the use of algorithms in public administration and the regulation of AI will be discussed within this paper. Therefore, it should be concluded that despite providing many advantages to modern administration, algorithmic governance remains legitimate only when appropriate laws and regulations exist.

Keywords: Algorithmic Governance, Administrative Law, Artificial Intelligence, Digital State, Automated Decision-Making, Transparency, Accountability, Rule of Law.

1. INTRODUCTION

Technology is evolving at an incredible rate, particularly artificial intelligence (AI) and analytics of digital information. Governments utilize algorithm-based technology in carrying out their duties. There are many uses of algorithmic technology in the provision of government services, administration of welfare, regulation of businesses, and decision-making. The term algorithmic governance is used to describe the shift from bureaucracy to governance based on data¹.

Administrative law under its classical understanding foresees the establishment of regulations governing and controlling the exercise of state powers according to such norms as natural

¹ Aharon Haim, "The Administrative State and Artificial Intelligence: Toward an Internal Law of Administrative Algorithms" (2024) 14 *UC Irvine Law Review* 103.

justice, transparency, accountability, and judicial control. The emergence of automated decisions poses a number of new legal challenges. First of all, such processes involve the use of advanced algorithms, which may be hardly understandable. Accordingly, there is no guarantee that such mechanisms follow the mentioned principles. The extensive use of personal information and prediction technologies provokes constitutional challenges such as privacy and equality issues.

With the increasing use of digital tools by contemporary governments, there appears an important problem of applicability of classical norms of administrative law. It becomes important to ensure that new innovations do not violate the mentioned constitutional and legal principles².

The purpose of this research is to study the impact of algorithmic governance on administrative law and propose possible legal challenges arising in this context.

1.1.Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the concept of algorithmic governance in the digital state.
2. To analyze its impact on traditional principles of administrative law.
3. To evaluate constitutional and legal challenges arising from automated decision-making.
4. To examine comparative regulatory and judicial approaches.
5. To propose measures for ensuring accountability and transparency in algorithmic governance.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Fernández (2023)³ focused on the increasing reliance on artificial intelligence in the context of government organizations and evaluated the threats posed by the development of algorithmic governance in the administrative state. It was noted that the government increasingly resorted to decision-making algorithms for better administrative effectiveness. Nevertheless, the study revealed that the introduction of AI-driven mechanisms of governance entailed serious issues related to the transparency and accountability of decisions. In particular, algorithms used by governmental organizations were characterized by complicated procedures that did not allow people to understand them properly. According to Fernández (2023), current frameworks of administrative law should be changed to deal with such issues as algorithmic bias and the problem of explainability.

Auby (2020)⁴ examined the influence of the digital revolution on the development of administrative law and analyzed the problems associated with new technologies for existing legal doctrines. It was pointed out that the increasing digitalization of governmental operations had changed the dynamics of interactions between the citizens and the government. It was highlighted that the traditional system of administrative law, whose purpose was to control the

² Stefano C. Matteucci, “Public Administration Algorithm Decision-Making and the Rule of Law” (2021) 27(1) *European Public Law*.

³ Javier Valero Fernández, “Artificial Intelligence in Government: Risks and Challenges of Algorithmic Governance in the Administrative State” (2023) 30 *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* 65.

⁴ Jean-Bernard Auby, “Administrative Law Facing Digital Challenges” (2020) 1(1–2) *European Review of Digital Administration & Law* 7.



activities of people as decision-makers, faced difficulties due to technological innovations. Such issues as transparency, justice, data privacy, and regulation have been addressed.

Ranchordás (2024)⁵ analyzed the place of the citizen in the digital state by exploring the relationship between administrative law and digital constitutionalism. According to the findings of this work, the development of digital governance had increased the possibility of making citizens invisible in automated administrative procedures. As noted by the author, the algorithmizing of the decision-making process was accompanied by the lack of possibilities for the participation of people, their personalized analysis, and other aspects of procedure security. Constitutional values like openness, due process, equality, and human dignity are considered critical when regulating digital governance, and administrative law has a crucial role to ensure consistency with these norms.

Coglianesse (2021)⁶ explored the increasing role played by automation and artificial intelligence in the area of public administration and pointed out the development of what the author calls "the automated state." It is reported that more and more governmental organizations were using algorithms to facilitate enforcement of rules, implementation of policies, and decision making within the agency. While the role played by automation was found to increase efficiency, accuracy, and consistency of administrative actions, issues related to transparency, accountability, and fair procedures required attention. The author stresses that traditional concepts of administrative law remain topical in modern times and call for their modification to address the challenges brought about by automation. It is concluded that effective integration of artificial intelligence into the governance system requires accountability and maintenance of public trust.

Engstrom & Ho (2020)⁷ discussed the notion of algorithmic accountability in terms of the administrative state and assessed the legal implications related to the deployment of algorithmic systems by governmental institutions. In their study, the scholars observed that algorithms have become more prevalent in assisting with regulation, delivering public services, and conducting administrative determinations. According to Engstrom & Ho (2020), even though algorithms provide potential benefits to governmental organizations such as increased efficiency and consistency, they involve specific threats including issues of bias, lack of transparency, and decreased accountability. Overall, the paper underscores the need for transparency, explainability, and oversight as ways of ensuring responsible use of algorithms in government. Engstrom & Ho (2020) claim that there is an opportunity to build algorithmic accountability on the foundations of administrative law but with some modifications made to fit artificial intelligence.

⁵ Sofia Ranchordás, "The Invisible Citizen in the Digital State: Administrative Law Meets Digital Constitutionalism" in *European Yearbook of Constitutional Law 2023: Constitutional Law in the Digital Era* (T.M.C. Asser Press, The Hague, 2024) 15.

⁶ Cary Coglianese, "Administrative Law in the Automated State" (2021) 150(3) *Daedalus* 104.

⁷ David F. Engstrom and Daniel E. Ho, "Algorithmic Accountability in the Administrative State" (2020) 37 *Yale Journal on Regulation* 800.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A doctrinal and analytical methodology is used in this research to study the effects of algorithmic governance on the field of administrative law in the digital state. The sources used in this research will be mainly secondary sources like constitutional provisions, statutory provisions, judicial precedents, government documents, academic books, peer-reviewed journal articles, and policies. A comparative methodology was also applied in studying the regulations and judicial trends in other countries like the European Union, the United States, the United Kingdom, and India.

The objective of this research is to determine whether there are any problems regarding the use of algorithms within the existing laws, especially as far as natural justice, transparency, accountability, and procedural fairness are concerned. In this regard, relevant constitutional provisions, important judgments, and existing regulatory policies have been critically analyzed.

4. UNDERSTANDING ALGORITHMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE DIGITAL STATE

The fast development of new digital technologies has brought changes in how contemporary states operate. Modern public administration is using various technologies, such as data-based technologies, artificial intelligence, and automation tools in order to boost performance and simplify processes within the government agencies. Thus, there appeared a specific approach towards public management known as algorithmic governance, when algorithms are playing an important role in the process of administrative decision-making⁸.

4.1. Concept and Meaning of Algorithmic Governance

Algorithmic governance can be defined as the use of computational algorithms, big data analysis, and automated decision-making machines to enable or inform governmental decisions. Unlike the conventional method of making governmental decisions, which involves using human discretion in most cases, algorithmic governance entails the use of technology to analyze data to make informed decisions.

It is linked to the digital state, whereby many activities carried out by the government have been taken over by technology. The objective of algorithmic governance is to make decisions more reliable, consistent, and accurate within the government. This approach also generates controversies about transparency and fairness in the process of decision-making.

Table 1: Traditional Governance and Algorithmic Governance

Basis of Comparison	Traditional Governance	Algorithmic Governance
Decision-Maker	Human officials	Algorithms and AI systems
Decision Process	Manual assessment	Data-driven analysis
Speed	Relatively slower	Faster and automated
Consistency	Subject to human variation	Standardized outcomes
Accountability	Directly identifiable	Often diffused among multiple actors

4.2. Rise of Digital Administration

The move from traditional bureaucracies to digital governance is one that has been facilitated by technological advancements and efficiency needs. Countries around the globe have taken

⁸ Cary Coglianese and David Lehr, “Transparency and Algorithmic Governance” (2019) 71(1) *Administrative Law Review* 1.

up digitization of welfare programs, tax systems, health care programs, immigration policies, and record keeping.

Digital governance has moved away from traditional paper-based governance to what has come to be known as technology-based governance. Technology has facilitated improvements in accessibility, lower administrative expenses, and better service provision. This has been made possible through the adoption of AI and machine learning technologies.

In India, some of the moves towards technology-based governance include Digital India, service delivery using the Aadhaar card, grievances management system, and digital infrastructure⁹.

Table 2: Areas of Digital Administration

Sector	Application of Digital Technology
Welfare Administration	Benefit allocation and verification
Tax Administration	Compliance monitoring and fraud detection
Healthcare	Digital health records and service delivery
Law Enforcement	Predictive analytics and surveillance systems
Public Services	Online applications and citizen services

The rise of digital administration has created opportunities for more efficient governance while simultaneously generating new legal and constitutional challenges.

4.3. Use of AI and Algorithms in Public Decision-Making

AI and algorithms are now widely utilized to help in governmental decision-making processes. They have the capability of analyzing large data sets, discovering patterns, predicting results, and performing routine activities. This way, they increase efficiency in processing the required data and help make decisions that could hardly be made through traditional administrative measures.

The use of AI is common in various aspects of public administration, such as welfare distribution, tax assessments, immigration procedures, public health administration, and law enforcement. In general, AI-based systems seek to improve efficiency and reduce costs associated with administrative decisions¹⁰.

However, there are some issues surrounding the utilization of AI in decision-making. Algorithms can produce incorrect or biased results based on their data, which might be lacking or discriminatory. Also, advanced algorithms can act like "black boxes," hindering comprehension by the affected people of the rationale behind decisions made by governments.

Table 3: Benefits and Risks of AI in Public Administration

Benefits	Risks
Faster decision-making	Lack of transparency
Improved efficiency	Algorithmic bias

⁹ Ivo Pilving and Margit Mikiver, "A Kratt as an Administrative Body: Algorithmic Decisions and Principles of Administrative Law" (2020) 29 *Juridica International* 47.

¹⁰ A. Yani, "Algorithmic Constitutionalism and Institutional Transformation: Comparative AI Governance, Digital Rights, and Regulatory Capacity in the European Union and the United States (2020–2026)" (2026) *Contemporary Law Annual Review*.

Reduced administrative costs	Privacy concerns
Consistent application of rules	Limited accountability
Better data analysis	Challenges to procedural fairness

AI and algorithms' increased use in governance reflect the move away from conventional administrative frameworks towards technology-based frameworks in decision-making. Although there are many strengths associated with such technologies, their application should not deviate from constitutional law, administrative law requirements, and the aims of governance within the democracy itself. This makes algorithmic governance important as one of the factors that need consideration in analyzing their implications for administrative law.

5. IMPACT OF ALGORITHMIC GOVERNANCE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

The rise of artificial intelligence and decision making technologies has brought major changes into the realm of public administration. The existing framework for governing public decision making is based on administrative law that regulates decision-making activities by public officers through rules of discretion, natural justice, transparency, and accountability. Algorithmic decision making has changed the process of decision making and generated new legal problems¹¹.

5.1. Administrative Discretion

Administrative discretion permits decision-making in an ad hoc manner by public agencies. In algorithmic governance, much decision-making is conducted through the application of pre-set rules and automated processes, without necessarily involving human judgment.

In *A.K. Kraipak v. Union of India* (1969)¹², the Supreme Court held that administrative discretion must always be fair and capable of judicial review. This remains true even in situations where algorithmic systems affect the decision-making process in the government.

Table 4: Traditional and Algorithmic Discretion

Aspect	Traditional Discretion	Algorithmic Discretion
Decision-Maker	Human official	AI/Algorithm
Flexibility	High	Limited
Transparency	Easier to explain	Often opaque
Accountability	Direct	Shared among multiple actors

5.2. Principles of Natural Justice

Natural justice ensures fairness in administrative decision-making through the right to be heard (*audi alteram partem*) and the rule against bias (*nemo iudex in causa sua*).

Automated processes may also raise an issue regarding these principles because of the fact that many times, no real interaction with the concerned parties takes place prior to taking decisions. For example, the Supreme Court case of *State of Orissa v. Binapani Dei* (1967)¹³ pointed out that any decision taken by the administration which affects the rights of any person should be

¹¹ Uche C. Ajuzieogu, "Algorithmic Governance and Democratic Accountability: A Novel Framework for Constitutional Adaptation in the Digital State" (2025).

¹² *A.K. Kraipak v. Union of India*, (1969) 2 SCC 262.

¹³ *State of Orissa v. Dr. (Miss) Binapani Dei*, AIR 1967 SC 1269.

in accordance with natural justice. Similarly, in the case of *Maneka Gandhi vs Union of India* (1978), the following was established – that any action by the state must be reasonable and just. Besides, another problem that arises is the issue of algorithmic discrimination.

Table 5: Natural Justice and Algorithmic Governance

Principle	Traditional Position	Algorithmic Challenge
Right to be Heard	Opportunity to present case	Limited human interaction
Rule Against Bias	Human impartiality required	Bias in datasets and models
Fair Procedure	Transparent process	Opaque decision-making

5.3. Transparency and Explainability

It is an essential part of administrative law that transparency is maintained in its functioning. The citizens need to know the reasoning behind the administrative decisions. However, in many cases involving AI technology, the functioning has been described as “black boxes,” which make it hard to figure out the rationale behind decisions.

*Mohinder Singh Gill v. Chief Election Commissioner*¹⁴ was decided by the Supreme Court of India in 1978. It has laid down that decisions must always be backed by proper reasoning.

Table 6: Transparency Challenges

Requirement	Administrative Law	Algorithmic Governance
Reasoned Decisions	Clear explanations	Limited explainability
Public Scrutiny	Open to review	Technical complexity
Judicial Review	Easier to assess	Difficult to evaluate

5.4. Accountability in Automated Decision-Making

This means that there is a need for public officials to be accountable for the decisions that they make. However, the problem of the implementation of accountability as an approach in algorithmic governance is that there are several stakeholders who take part in the decision-making process. This matter arises in the case of *R (Bridges) v. Chief Constable of South Wales Police* (2020)¹⁵.

Table 7: Accountability Challenges

Aspect	Traditional Administration	Automated Administration
Responsible Actor	Public official	Multiple stakeholders
Error Identification	Easier	More complex
Review Mechanism	Human review available	Limited human oversight
Accountability	Direct responsibility	Diffused responsibility

This process has led to changes in fundamental principles of administrative law. Although such processes increase efficiency and consistency in the performance of tasks, they raise serious issues relating to discretion, natural justice, transparency, and accountability. This signifies that there should be changes made in the field of administrative law to keep up with technological changes and ensure that the principles of justice are followed.

¹⁴ *Mohinder Singh Gill v. Chief Election Commissioner*, (1978) 1 SCC 405.

¹⁵ *R (Bridges) v. Chief Constable of South Wales Police*, [2020] EWCA Civ 1058.

6. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL CHALLENGES

The increase in the adoption of algorithms has led to various legal and constitutional problems emerging from time to time. While the use of algorithms improves efficiency within the administration, the system also plays a role in determining certain basic principles such as equality, privacy, justice, and the rule of law. Constitutional conformity is very important.

6.1. Equality and Non Discrimination

The issue of algorithmic discrimination is one of the worries concerning algorithmic governance. Though an algorithm may be viewed as an impartial tool, the inputs and logic used in the algorithms may incorporate biases present within the society. Thus, there is a possibility of discriminatory decisions made by such systems even without having an underlying discriminatory motive.

Article 14 of the Constitution of India guarantees equal protection of laws and prohibits arbitrary action of the government. This provision was explained by the Supreme Court in the landmark case of *E.P. Royappa v. State of Tamil Nadu*¹⁶ where it was held that arbitrariness was against the notion of equality.

Table 8: Equality Concerns in Algorithmic Governance

Constitutional Principle	Algorithmic Challenge
Equality Before Law	Unequal outcomes through data-driven classifications
Non-Discrimination	Hidden bias in datasets
Reasonableness	Lack of individualized assessment
Non-Arbitrariness	Opaque decision-making processes

6.2. Privacy and Data Protection

Algorithms depend heavily on the collection and analysis of information about individuals. Issues have been flagged concerning the privacy rights and informational autonomy of individuals due to the use of biometrics of government agencies, digital identities, surveillance technologies, and prediction technologies.

Privacy is a fundamental right under Article 21, as per *K.S. Puttaswamy vs. Union of India*¹⁷, decided in 2017 by the Supreme Court. The judgment highlighted that any intrusion into the individual's privacy would need to satisfy certain criteria of legality, necessity, and proportionality.

Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, is a crucial move towards the protection of personal data. Nevertheless, issues related to profiling, surveillance, and data processing using algorithms still persist.

Table 9: Privacy Risks in Algorithmic Governance

Governance Activity	Privacy Concern
Welfare Administration	Profiling and surveillance
Digital Identity Systems	Misuse of biometric data
Predictive Policing	Continuous monitoring

¹⁶ *E.P. Royappa v. State of Tamil Nadu*, (1974) 4 SCC 3.

¹⁷ *Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India*, (1978) 1 SCC 248.

Public Health Systems	Data security risks
Smart Governance Platforms	Excessive data collection

6.3. Due Process and Fairness

Procedural fairness implies that all decisions taken by the government regarding any kind of right and interest must be taken using a procedurally just process. Automated decision-making may undermine the concept of procedural fairness in cases where the individual does not know about the decision and there is no way for an appeal¹⁸.

According to the Supreme Court of India in the case of *Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India* (1978), procedural aspects of decisions involving rights must be fair, just, and reasonable. Similarly, in the case of *State of Orissa v. Binapani Dei* (1967), the Supreme Court emphasized the importance of natural justice in administration.

Increasing use of AI in India may restrict human intervention in such cases.

Table 10: Due Process Challenges

Requirement	Algorithmic Governance Challenge
Notice	Limited disclosure of automated processes
Hearing	Reduced opportunity to present arguments
Reasoned Decision	Lack of meaningful explanations
Appeal	Difficulty in challenging algorithmic outcomes
Individualized Assessment	Reliance on statistical predictions

6.4. Rule of Law Concerns

The rule of law demands that the exercise of governmental authority should be clear, accountable, and carried out based on legal principles. While the use of algorithms can improve uniformity in the process, the issue of transparency and accountability has been raised by its application¹⁹.

The problem with the 'black box' characteristic of AI is that people would not be able to comprehend or contest decisions made by government institutions using algorithms. Examples of such international cases are the *SyRI Case* (Netherlands) and *R (Bridges) v. Chief Constable of South Wales Police* (2020).

Table 11: Rule of Law Challenges

Rule of Law Principle	Algorithmic Governance Risk
Legality	Decisions exceeding lawful authority
Transparency	Black-box decision-making
Accountability	Diffused responsibility
Legal Certainty	Complex and unclear processes
Judicial Review	Difficulty in assessing algorithms

¹⁸ Y. Nakamura, "Algorithmic Governance, Digital Constitutionalism, and Sustainable Regulatory Transformation: A Comparative Study of the European Union and China in Artificial Intelligence" (2026) *Journal of Advanced Research and Studies in Law*.

¹⁹ M. A. H. Mollah, *Modern Administrative Law in the 21st Century: Navigating the Challenges of Digital Governance* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2024).

Algorithms and their application have numerous benefits for public governance; however, they should not operate in violation of the constitution. Equality, privacy, process, and accountability must be assured in order to maintain confidence in the rule of law in the digital state.

7. COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES AND JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENTS

The quick development of algorithmic governance has prompted governments and judicial authorities around the world to establish legal protections for algorithmic decisions. Despite the differences between jurisdictions regarding regulation methods, some of the shared issues are transparency, accountability, privacy, discrimination, and procedural justice²⁰.

7.1. International Approaches

Another very complex regime that exists within the realm of AI may be found within the context of the European Union and the GDPR and the AI Act. Article 22 of the GDPR protects people from making decisions that are purely based on automated processes.

The USA follows a sectoral approach to regulating AI that is heavily dependent on constitutional provisions and judicial interventions. Problems of algorithmic bias have been identified in domains such as criminal justice and predictive policing.

Algorithmic governance in the UK is regulated under public law and human rights laws. The courts have focused on issues of accountability, proportionality, and transparency within the context of AI systems.

Table 12: Comparative Regulatory Approaches

Jurisdiction	Regulatory Framework	Key Features
European Union	GDPR, AI Act	Transparency, human oversight, risk-based regulation
United States	Constitutional and sectoral regulation	Due process and judicial review
United Kingdom	Public law and human rights framework	Accountability and proportionality
Canada	Automated Decision-Making Directive	Algorithmic impact assessments
Australia	AI Ethics Framework	Responsible AI governance

7.2. Indian Legal Position

India has moved towards digital governance by launching schemes such as Digital India, Aadhaar, and AI for administrative purposes. But till now, no specific law governs algorithmic governance in India.

Both Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution of India serve as a means of protection against any sort of discrimination and arbitrariness exercised via algorithms. The verdict passed by the apex court of India in *K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* (2017), coupled with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, have enhanced the country's digital government system.

²⁰ Lyudmila Grudtsina, Tatiana Komleva, Elena Malinenko, Svetlana Sakharova and Larisa Fokina, "Digital Governance and the Transformation of Legal and Institutional State Society Relations" (2025) 17(6) *Universidad y Sociedad* e5535.

Table 13: Legal Foundations in India

Legal Source	Relevance
Article 14	Equality and non-arbitrariness
Article 21	Privacy and procedural fairness
IT Act, 2000	Digital governance framework
DPDP Act, 2023	Personal data protection
Administrative Law Principles	Accountability and transparency

7.3. Judicial Responses to Algorithmic Governance

Several cases have been filed in relation to the legality of decision-making processes with the assistance of AI technology. Courts were mainly concerned about protecting the fundamental human rights of people and maintaining accountability in the digital governance process.

The SyRI case in Netherlands in 2020²¹ found a system of detecting fraud to be illegal owing to concerns about privacy and transparency. The case of *Loomis v. Wisconsin*, 2016²² discussed issues regarding the right to a fair trial and the problem of lacking explainability by the use of an algorithmic system. Further, the case of *R (Bridges) v. Chief Constable of South Wales Police*, 2020²³ raised questions about facial recognition technology.

In India, although no case law exists specifically on the issue of algorithmic governance, some landmark cases like *A.K. Kraipak v. Union of India*, 1969, *State of Orissa v. Binapani Dei*, 1967, *Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India*, 1978, and *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India*, 2017²⁴ have laid down important constitutional principles.

Table 14: Judicial Developments

Case	Jurisdiction	Principle Established
SyRI Case (2020)	Netherlands	Transparency and privacy
<i>Loomis v. Wisconsin</i> (2016)	United States	Due process concerns
<i>R (Bridges)</i> (2020)	United Kingdom	Accountability and proportionality
<i>A.K. Kraipak</i> (1969)	India	Fairness in administration
<i>Binapani Dei</i> (1967)	India	Natural justice
<i>Maneka Gandhi</i> (1978)	India	Procedural fairness
<i>Puttaswamy</i> (2017)	India	Privacy as a fundamental right

In view of the above comparison made, there is a growing consensus that the algorithmic governance process must still be subject to the tenets of constitutional and administrative laws. As the use of algorithms becomes widespread within decision-making processes, it is very important.

8. TOWARDS ACCOUNTABLE ALGORITHMIC ADMINISTRATION

The growth of artificial intelligence technology within the field of public administration demands legal protection to guarantee transparency and fairness of computerized decision-

²¹ *The State of the Netherlands v. Stichting SyRI (System Risk Indication)*, ECLI:NL:RBDHA:2020:1878 (District Court of The Hague, 5 February 2020).

²² *Loomis v. Wisconsin*, 881 N.W.2d 749 (Wis. 2016).

²³ *R (Bridges) v. Chief Constable of South Wales Police*, [2020] EWCA Civ 1058.

²⁴ *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd.) v. Union of India*, (2017) 10 SCC 1.

making processes. Even though the benefits of automation are undeniable since they enhance consistency and efficiency of decision-making, there are also risks associated with biases, non-transparency, and insufficient accountability for actions undertaken.

8.1. Need for a Regulatory Framework

In most cases, including India, there exists no proper regulatory system concerning the use of algorithms to make decisions. A regulatory framework is required to guarantee that these technologies adhere to the tenets of constitutional and administrative laws.

Table 15: Elements of an Algorithmic Governance Framework

Element	Purpose
Legal Regulation	Define permissible use of algorithms
Risk Assessment	Identify potential harms
Transparency Standards	Promote public trust
Oversight Mechanisms	Ensure accountability
Redress Procedures	Protect affected individuals

8.2. Human Oversight

These systems should assist decision-making rather than do it on behalf of humans. It is also necessary to use human judgment in order to verify the outcome of algorithms, rectify any errors, and bring about justice in particular instances. This concept is called “the human-in-the-loop” model.

Table 16: Benefits of Human Oversight

Function	Benefit
Review of Decisions	Detection of errors
Individual Assessment	Consideration of special circumstances
Accountability	Identification of responsible officials
Rights Protection	Safeguarding fairness and due process

8.3. Algorithmic Transparency

Transparency is essential to administrative law. The citizens must be notified if algorithms have been put into practice, and they must receive comprehensible reasoning on decisions that will affect their lives. This ensures transparency, which leads to accountability and judicial review.

Table 17: Transparency Requirements

Requirement	Objective
Disclosure of AI Use	Inform affected individuals
Explanation of Decisions	Ensure understanding
Independent Audits	Detect bias and errors
Public Reporting	Enhance accountability

8.4. Right to Challenge Automated Decisions

Those who have suffered harm due to automated decision-making must be provided with remedies. It implies giving them a right to explanation, human review, administrative review, and even going to the court if needed. All of those measures provide protection of due process and natural justice.

For further development of algorithms-based administration, it is important to find a balance between innovation in this sphere and its compatibility with constitutional principles. Regulation and remedies should play an essential role in achieving such balance²⁵.

9. CONCLUSION

Algorithmic governance has had a dramatic effect on the way public administration works through the adoption of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and automation technologies. Although the use of such tools can bring many advantages in terms of efficient, consistent, and high-quality administration, there are various issues associated with such things as administrative discretion, natural justice, transparency, accountability, privacy, equality, and adherence to the rule of law. Nevertheless, it was shown during this research that despite the changes brought by the digital era, the core ideas and principles of administrative law still play a crucial role. The review of constitutional aspects, comparison of legislative approaches, and analysis of key judicial cases indicate that the technological process should be regulated with respect to existing legal standards and constitutional principles. Key cases in the Indian legal practice illustrate the importance of ensuring procedural fairness, privacy, and accountability in algorithmic administration. With the increasing usage of data processing technologies, it is important for the government to ensure an adequate legal framework, including human oversight, transparency of algorithms, and possibility to appeal against automatic decisions. In general, algorithmic governance cannot become the source of accountability but only a tool that has to fit the current legal context and work according to constitutional standards.

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