



REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57761

Title: A Democratic Accountability in Indian Policing: A Theoretical Assessment.

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....**
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript presents a well-structured and relevant theoretical examination of democratic accountability in Indian policing. It appropriately engages with key conceptual frameworks such as democratic governance theory, procedural justice theory, New Public Governance, and accountability theory. The discussion is supported by references to major police reform commissions and landmark judicial interventions, particularly the Prakash Singh v. Union of India case, which strengthens the academic value of the paper.

The paper provides a comprehensive historical and institutional overview of policing in India and clearly highlights the challenges of political interference, weak oversight mechanisms, and issues of public trust. The arguments are generally coherent and aligned with the objectives of the study.

However, minor revisions are recommended to improve overall clarity and academic presentation. Some sections can be made more concise to avoid repetition, and transitions between theoretical and analytical parts should be slightly refined for better flow. Language polishing in a few paragraphs would further enhance readability.

Overall, the manuscript makes a meaningful contribution to the discourse on police accountability and democratic governance in India and is suitable for acceptance after minor revision.