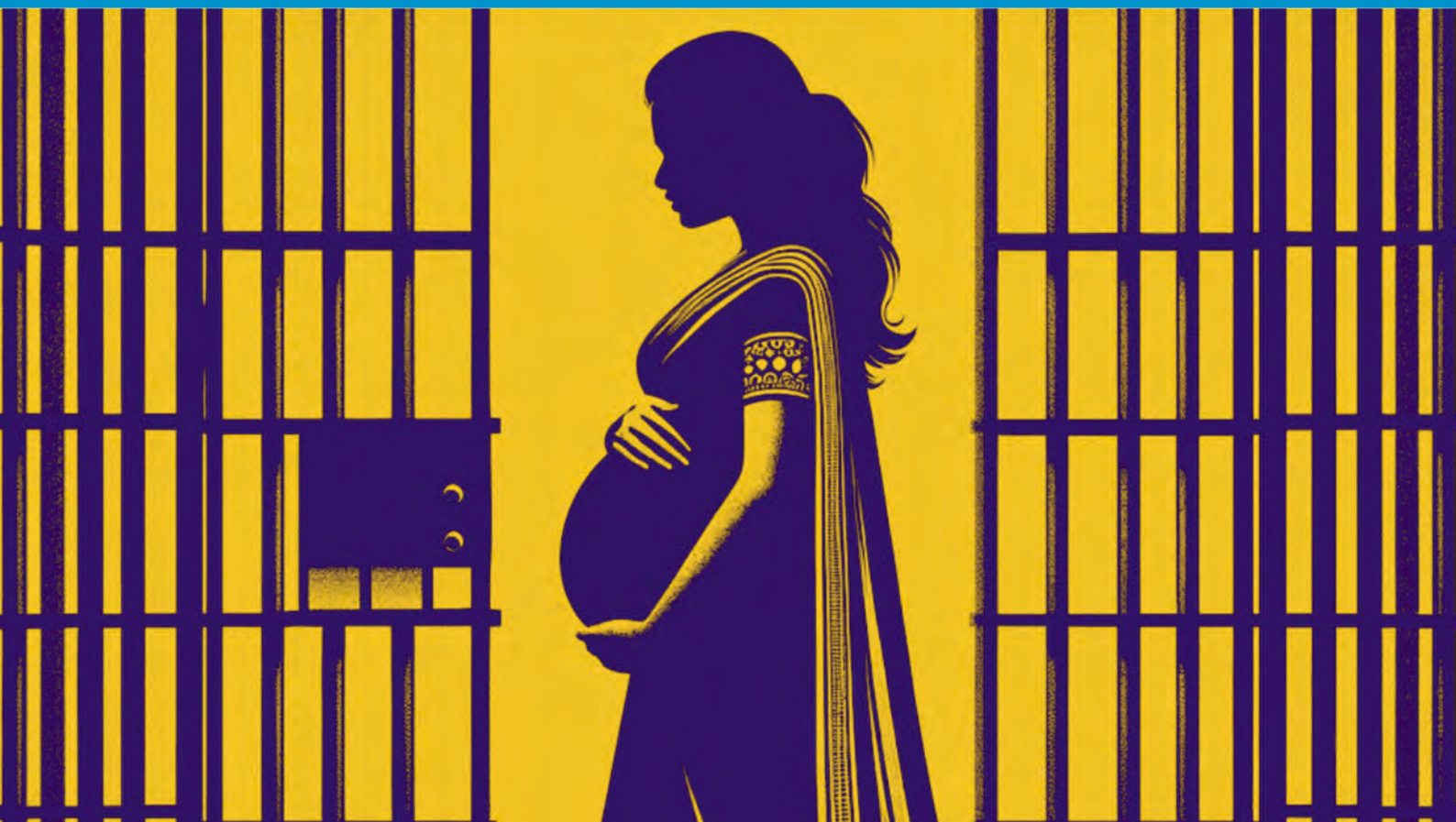




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Providing Legal Assistance to pregnant women inmates in Jharkhand jails is crucial to ensuring their rights are protected and they receive proper care during their incarceration. Developing an action plan specifically tailored to the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) for pregnant women inmates in jails involves focusing on leveraging their resources and capabilities to provide legal assistance effectively.

Action Plan

Assessment of Current Situation:

- Gather information on the number of pregnant women currently incarcerated in Jharkhand jails.
- Assess the conditions they are living in, including access to healthcare, nutrition, and legal representation.
- Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to understand the specific legal needs and challenges faced by pregnant women inmates in jails.

Legal Awareness Campaigns

- Conduct awareness campaigns within jails to inform pregnant inmates of their legal rights, including their legal right including access to legal representation, healthcare, and other entitlements.
- Provide information on how they can access legal aid services within the jail premises.

Training Programme for LADCS & Jail Visiting Lawyers

- DLSAs should organize training programs for LADCS and legal professionals on the specific legal issues faced by pregnant women inmates.
- Train them on relevant laws, policies, and procedures related to pregnancy and incarceration.

Dedicated Team for Legal Assistance

- DLSAs constitute a dedicated Team of Panel Lawyer and PLVs focusing on providing legal assistance to pregnant women inmates.

Regular Visit in Jails

- DLSA should ensure regular visit of LADCS in Jails and make interaction with Women inmates to meet with pregnant women inmates and assess their legal needs.
- DLSAs should enhance Legal Services to Pregnant Women Inmates and their accompanying Children in Prison.
- Provide on-site legal assistance and counseling to address any legal issues they may be facing.

Legal Aid Clinics in Jails

- DLSAs ensure proper functioning of Legal Aid Clinics within jails where pregnant women inmates can seek legal advice and assistance.

Health Care of Pregnant Women Inmate and their Children

- Pregnant Women should be providing with special diet as per the National Prison Manual.
- Mothers in postnatal stage should also be allowed separate accommodation to maintain hygiene and protect their infant.
- Pregnant Women should receive advice on their health and diet by qualified health practitioner.
- Jail Authorities ensure that children in prisons have access to basic facilities of education, day care, recreation and healthy lifestyle.

Documentation and Reporting

- Maintain accurate records of legal cases and interventions involving pregnant women inmates.
- Conduct regular evaluations to assess the impact of the assistance provided and identify areas for improvement.
- Regularly report on the activities and outcomes of the DLSA's efforts in assisting pregnant inmates.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- DLSAs should regular monitor the effectiveness of legal assistance programs for pregnant women inmates.
- DLSAs regularly evaluate the quality of legal representation provided and gather feedback from pregnant women inmates to identify areas for improvement.





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