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**JHARKHAND STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY  
PROJECT**

**“कर्तव्य”**

**FOR**

**JAIL INMATES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS**

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## **What is the Project**

Crisis hit the vulnerable sections of Society hard. Covid-19 Pandemic is highly contagious and transmits from human to human. The pandemic has entered in a number of Indian Jails. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has been pleased to constitute a High Powered Committee in each State of India for taking measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic Covid-19 in the Prisons and Remand Homes.

The Jharkhand State High Powered Committee has held its meeting on several occasions since 26-3-2020 and taken a number of measures in order to minimize the threat of the pandemic Covid-19 virus in the Prisons and in Remand Home as well as overall well being of the Inmates. Some of the important decisions of the Committee are as follows :-

- Immediate Steps be taken to shift the inmates from the overcrowded jails to such nearby Jails in which the number of prisoners are less than the capacity. In this process, if practicable, the custody of the inmates shall not be transferred, only the inmates shall be shifted as ad interim measure to other jail. If necessary, the production of such inmates in Court may be ensured through Video Conferencing.
- All endeavours shall be made to keep the number of inmates in a jail well within the maximum capacity of the concerned jail.
- All steps for proper sanitizing all the jail premises be taken as per the protocol for disinfecting the jail premises on continuous basis.
- Social distancing protocol should also be adhered to as far as practicable, and all the preventive measures such as use of masks, soap and sanitizers be undertaken as per the protocol.
- Strict vigil should be kept for any suspected case of infected prisoner, and in case of detection of such case, proper steps as per medical protocol be immediately taken.
- In the medical wards of each jail, isolation space be earmarked.

- All the Police Stations in the State be reminded to ensure the compliance of the guidelines of the Hon'ble Apex Court in Para 11 of ArneshKumar Vs. State of Bihar, reported in (2014) 8 Sec. 273.
- Member Secretary, JHALSA shall coordinate with the concerned Departments of the State Govt. and the I.G. Prisons for the follow up actions of this meeting. The list of petty cases shall be obtained from jails for placing in the next meeting
- Steps to shift the inmates by the Jail Authorities from the overcrowded jails to such nearby Jails in which the number of prisoners are less than the capacity may be expedited. In this process, the custody of the inmates shall not be transferred, only the inmates shall be shifted ,as ad interim measure, to other jail. The production of such inmates in Court may be ensured through Video Conferencing, as and when necessary.
- Inmates ought to be made aware of social distancing protocol and all the preventive measures such as use of masks, soap and sanitizers be undertaken as per the protocol.
- Strict vigil should be kept for any suspected case of infected prisoner/child, and if any one is detected, proper steps as per medical protocol be immediately taken.
- Necessary steps shall be taken by the Member Secretary, JHALSA to provide legal aid to the prisoners involved in offences punishable up to seven years of imprisonment, who are not involved in heinous or economic offences or the offences relating to naxal activities and have no or less criminal antecedents to move application on their behalf for their release on bail or interim bail till the threat of Covid-19 persists.
- Member Secretary, JHALSA shall intimate all the Principal District Judges cum Chairpersons of the DLSAs of Jharkhand that this Committee has resolved that the Courts be requested to consider the bail applications of the under trial prisoners involved in the offences of petty nature and the offences as mentioned in para-H above liberally and in appropriate cases grant them bail or at least interim bail for the period of 45 days for the present . In appropriate cases releasing these persons on personal bonds may also be considered by the Courts concerned . In case the bail application of any such person has been rejected by the High Court, their application shall be filed before the High Court.

- Expeditious reallocation of the inmates from the overcrowded jails to such nearby Jails in which the number of prisoners are less than the capacity shall be made
- All the inmates shall be provided with the masks prepared in the Jail to be compulsorily used by them.
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- Govt should consider that the lock down violation of trivial nature may be fined on the spot so as not to increase the number of jail inmates
- The State Government shall complete the necessary formalities for making the newly constructed Jail building at Barhi, Hazaribagh and Old Jail building at Sakchi, Jamshedpur as make shift prisons for shifting the appropriate number of prisoners there from the overcrowded prison.
- Since it has come to the notice of the Committee that in a few Jails of the Country, the inmates are being found Corona positive, the Committee directs for exploring the possibility of manufacturing P.P.E. Kits in all other jails apart from Central Jail Hazaribagh and District Jail, Garhwa. Sufficient number of such P.P.E. Kits should be kept for use by the Jail Officials and inmates. The extra P.P.E. Kits should be supplied to various departments of the State Government including Police personnel who are at forefront in fight against Corona Virus.

Jail inmates are entitled to all kind of assistance from JHALSA. The High Powered Committee has directed the Member Secretary, JHALSA to take up follow up actions for implementation of the its decisions. Wife, children and parents of the Jail inmates are most vulnerable section of our Society. They are in great difficulties, as the National Lock down has made them jobless. Family members of Jail Inmates are on the verge of starvation. They are the persons of undeserved want and, as such, entitled to our whole hearted assistance. Therefore, JHALSA is launching this project to take very good care of the jail inmates as well as their family members living in the cities or villages.

### **Plan of Action**

For Jail Inmates : JHALSA has trained jail inmates as its Para Legal Volunteers. As many as 114 jail inmates are our PLVs. They shall inform the other inmates about the benefit of Parole, interim bail as well as necessity to use mask , sanitizer and maintain personal hygiene and physical distancing.

For Family Members of Jail Inmates : Through the Panchayat Level Legal Services Clinics, we shall reach out to the families of the Jail inmates. Their needs shall be assessed and the steps shall accordingly be taken in coordination with the Block and Circle officials.

### **Most Essential immediate Needs**

Food, Education, Medicine and counselling are the most immediate needs of the **family members of the jail inmates**.

Maintaining Social Distancing, wearing masks and Personal Hygiene are the most essential needs of **jail inmates**.

### **Achievable Goals for Family members of Jail Inmates**

1. Linkage of family members with Antyodaya Anna Yojna ( Food Security Scheme) and Public Distribution System
2. Benefit of PM Gramin or Urban Awas Yojna
3. Creation of Self Help Group and assistance in credit linkage
4. Establishment of Desk in JHALSA and each of the DLSA to help them in availing the benefit of Social Security Scheme
5. Use of Cost fund for saving them from starvation
6. Skill Training

### **Achievable Goals for Jail Inmates**

1. Ensuring atleast two face masks per Jail Inmate in all of Jharkhand jails.
2. Sanitization and Fumigation in each jails at regular intervals.
3. Production of PPE kits and sanitizers in Jharkhand jails.
4. Maintaining Social Distancing and provision of sanitizers in each of the ward of Jharkhand jails.
5. Identification of eligible jail inmates for benefit of interim bail / parole as per the decision of High Powered Comiittee.

## Machinery for Implementation of the Project

Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority has established a Team in each DLSA for implementation of each of the 10 Schemes of NALSA. The Team established for the NALSA Scheme for the Women in all districts under the control of the District Legal Services Authorities shall implement this Project.

The District Level Core Committee of the DLSA shall be responsible to coordinate the efforts as per the JHALSA (Effective Intervention for Assistance to the People during the Pandemic Covid-19) Scheme 2020 to implement this Project .

State Level Core Committee shall monitor and mentor the legal services work force engaged in implementing this Project.

## Mode of Most Immediate Assistance to family members of Jail inmates

Adverse Circumstances	Assistance to be provided by JHALSA/DLSA
Without food	Food grains and linkage with Food Security Scheme
Without medical assistance	Medicine distribution including Hospitalization, if necessary
Without Job	Linkage with Social Security Schemes / MNREGA
Children without education	Linkage with the benefit of right to free and compulsory education in nearby schools

## Maintenance of Records

It shall be the duty of the Secretary, DLSA to maintain the records of the :

- Families of Jail Inmates assisted
- kind of assistance
- how the DLSA or the beneficiary reached the other
- beneficiary of interim bail / parole

***Any person in need of assistance may contact :***

*Member Secretary, JHALSA on his mobile no. 8986601912 (this is whatsapp no. as well) or on email- jhalsaranchi@gmail.com*

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