

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2021 of the High Powered Committee constituted pursuant to the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Motu Writ Petition (c) No 01/2020 in Re : Contagion of Covid -19 Virus in Prison vide Order dated 23.03.20 and 07.05.21**

**Present:**

**1. Hon'ble Mr Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh**

Judge High Court of Jharkhand &  
Executive Chairman, JHALSA

  
Chairman


**2. Sri Rajeev Arun Ekka, IAS**

Principal Secretary to the Government of Jharkhand  
Department of Home, Prisons and Disaster Management

  
Member

**3. Shri Manoj Kumar, IAS**

IG Prisons, Jharkhand

  
Member

- (1) Md Shakir, Member Secretary, JHALSA assisted the committee in conduct of its meeting.
- (2) Shri Manoj Kumar, IG Prisons, Jharkhand placed the Agenda wise Status Report before the committee which is as follows:

**STATUS REPORT FOR MEETING OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE DATED 06.07.2021**

Sl. No.	Agenda	Status Report
1	(i) Fresh identification of UTPs for release on bail/interim bail.	From 17.05.2021 to 04.07.2021 total number of prisoners released on regular bail is 2583 & interim bail is 279
	(ii) Release of those UTPs on interim bail who were released last year on interim bail	It will be informed later on after receiving of data from all jails
	(iii) Release of those convicts on parole for 90 days who were earlier granted parole.	From 17.05.2021 to 04.07.2021 total number of parole granted is 153 out of which 120 are those who were granted earlier
2	Prison occupancy website	Prison occupancy has been published on website <a href="http://www.jharkhand.gov.in">www.jharkhand.gov.in</a> and <a href="https://www.eprisons.nic.in">https://www.eprisons.nic.in</a>
3	Publication of all decisions of High Powered Committee on respective website of State Government/ High Court/ Jharkhand State Legal Services Authorities.	All the decisions of High Powered Committee have been published on website <a href="http://www.jharkhand.gov.in">www.jharkhand.gov.in</a> and <a href="https://www.eprisons.nic.in">https://www.eprisons.nic.in</a>
4	Transportation of released prisoners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relatives of prisoners are informed about release.</li> <li>• Police escort is made available for transportation in lockdown.</li> <li>• In case police escort or other means are not available, Jails are directed for transportation of released prisoner to their destination in lockdown.</li> </ul>

(3) Shri Manoj Kumar, IG Prisons, Jharkhand also placed the summary Report for inside prisoners in Jharkhand Jail and Statistical Report regarding transfer of prisoners from overcrowded Jails to other Jails between 06.05.21 to 04.07.21 before the committee which are as follows :

Summary Report for Prisoners in Jharkhand Jail (As on 04.07.2021)

Sl. No.	Name of Prisons	Capacity of Prisons	Civil	Convicted	Under Trial	Total	Percentage of Occupancy
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	BIRSA MUNDA CENTRAL JAIL, HOTWAR, RANCHI	3666	0	1372	2387	3759	102.54
2	CENTRAL JAIL, DEOGHAR	335	0	80	601	681	203.28
3	CENTRAL JAIL, DUMKA	1209	0	655	652	1307	108.11
4	CENTRAL JAIL GHAGHIDIH, JAMSHEDPUR	1680	0	925	939	1864	110.95
5	CENTRAL JAIL, GIRIDIH	554	0	76	953	1029	185.74
6	L.J.NARAYAN CENTRAL JAIL, HAZARIBAGH	1990	0	1089	868	1957	98.34
7	CENTRAL JAIL, MEDININAGAR, PALAMAU (DALTONGANJ)	703	0	283	855	1138	161.88
8	DISTRICT JAIL, CHAIBASA	621	0	49	873	922	148.47
9	DISTRICT JAIL, BOKARO	435	0	56	451	507	116.55
10	DISTRICT JAIL, CHATRA	209	0	8	615	623	298.09
11	DISTRICT JAIL, DHANBAD	856	0	60	917	977	114.14
12	DISTRICT JAIL, GARHWA	250	0	24	552	576	230.40
13	DISTRICT JAIL, GODDA	298	0	14	428	442	148.32
14	DISTRICT JAIL, GUMLA	221	0	8	476	484	209.52
15	DISTRICT JAIL, JAMTARA	186	0	3	260	263	141.40
16	DISTRICT JAIL, KODERMA	210	0	25	313	338	160.95
17	DISTRICT JAIL, LATEHAR	166	0	1	289	290	174.70
18	DISTRICT JAIL, LOHARDAGA	210	0	7	380	387	184.29
19	DISTRICT JAIL, PAKUR	225	0	8	257	265	117.78
20	DISTRICT JAIL, SAHIBGANJ	225	0	2	354	356	158.22
21	DISTRICT JAIL, SAKCHI, JSR	198	0	38	201	239	120.71
22	DISTRICT JAIL, SERAIKELLA	298	0	7	584	591	198.32
23	DISTRICT JAIL, SIMDEGA	208	0	21	361	382	183.65
24	OPEN JAIL-CUM-REHABILITATION CENTRE, HAZARIBAGH	100	0	6	31	37	37.00
25	SUB JAIL, GHATSHILA	325	0	7	439	446	137.23
26	SUB JAIL, KHUNTI	500	0	1	756	757	151.40
27	SUB JAIL, MADHUPUR	463	0	28	527	555	119.87
28	SUB JAIL, RAJMAHAL	120	0	1	209	210	175.00
29	SUB JAIL, RAMGARH	325	0	5	380	385	118.46
30	SUB JAIL, TENUGHAT	300	0	6	233	239	79.67
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17096</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4865</b>	<b>17141</b>	<b>22006</b>	<b>128.72</b>

Statistical Report for Transferred Prisoners within Jharkhand Jail (From 06.05.21 to 04.07.21)

Sl. No.	Name of Overcrowded Jail	Nos. of Transferred / Name of Jail	
1	CJ-DEOGHAR	140	Sub Jail Madhupur
2	CJ-CHATRA	53	Sub Jail Ramgarh
		13	L.N.J.P Central Jail, Hazaribagh
3	DJ-GARHWA	40	Birsa Munda Central Jail, Hotwar, Ranchi
4	DJ-GUMLA	100	District Jail Sakshi, JSR
		150	Sub Jail, Ghatshila
5	DJ-LATEHAR	40	Birsa Munda Central Jail, Hotwar, Ranchi
6	SJ-RAJMAHAL	46	Central Jail, Dumka
	<b>Total</b>	<b>582</b>	

- (4) The Member Secretary, JHALSA informed the committee that as per the direction of High Powered Committee, he has published the decisions of High Power Committee on website of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority and intimated the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand.
- (5) The Committee reiterated the principle contained in the resolution of the High Powered Committee Meeting dated 17.05.21 regarding release of Undertrial Prisoners on bail / interim bail i.e those who are involved in the offence punishable up to 7 (seven) years imprisonment and are not involved in heinous or economic offences or the offences relating to Naxal activities and have no or less criminal antecedents.
- (6) The Committee also reiterated the resolution of the High Powered Committee Meeting dated 07.04.20 that as far as the issue of parole is concerned, State Government should consider granting of parole as per rules framed by it in this regard.
- (7) The Committee is unanimous on the issue that as per the resolution of High Powered Committee dated 17.05.21, the conditions applicable to the release of undertrial prisoners on bail / interim bail also apply in the matter of release of convicts on parole .
- (8) The Committee is further unanimous on the issue that the order of granting parole to the convicts must be as per **the Jharkhand Prisoner's Parole Rule, 2012.**

**The Committee therefore unanimously resolves as under:**

- (A) The grant of Parole shall be strictly as per the provisions of the **Jharkhand Prisoner's Parole Rules, 2012.**
- (B) The principles and conditions as enumerated in earlier resolution of this Committee for grant of bail / interim bail to the Undertrial Prisoners who are involved in the offence punishable up to 7 (seven) years imprisonment and are not involved in heinous or economic offences or the offences relating to Naxal activities and have no or less criminal antecedents apply in the matter of convicts to be released on parole.
- (C) The I.G. Prison shall review the Parole of 153 convicts in the light of Resolution **A** and Resolution **B** above within a time frame.
- (D) Principal Secretary to the Government of Jharkhand, Department of Home, Prisons and Disaster Management, I.G. (Prison) and Member Secretary JHALSA shall take steps for

publication of the decisions of High Power Committee on websites of Government of Jharkhand, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority and High Court of Jharkhand.

(E) The next virtual meetings of the committee shall be held after 3 weeks. Meeting may be preponed at a short notice, if the situation so demands.

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