

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON 19.05.2020 OF THE HIGH
POWERED COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTION OF
HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA IN RE: CONTAGION OF COVID-19, IN
PRISONS VIDE ORDER DATED 23.03.2020**

Present:

1. Justice H.C. Mishra
Judge, High Court of Jharkhand &
Executive Chairman, JHALSA

.....Chairman

2. Sri L. Khangte, IAS
Addl. Chief Secretary
Deptt. of Home, Prisons & Disaster Management

.....Member

3. Sri Shashi Ranjan, IAS
I.G. Prisons, Jharkhand

.....Member

Shri A.K. Rai, Member Secretary, JHALSA assisted the Committee in conduct of this Virtual Meeting.

Sri L. Khangte, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Deptt. of Home, Prisons & Disaster Management informed the Committee that:

- Since the first Meeting of this Committee on 26.03.2020, 3124 inmates have been shifted from overcrowded jails to less crowded jails.
- after the last meeting as many as 628 inmates have been shifted to other less crowded jails.
- 1523 inmates have been released on bail, including interim bail and one inmate has been released on parole.
- Except Madhupur and Bokaro jails, all other jails of Jharkhand are overcrowded and 300+ inmates each are being considered to be shifted from the overcrowded jails to the newly constructed jail building at Barhi and old jail building at Sakchi, Jamshedpur.

- A portion of Khelgaon premises is likely to be notified as temporary jails for housing the foreigners and only some formalities are required.
- Housing capacity of Ranchi and Jamshedpur Central jails are being increased and the process is likely to be completed by 30th June, 2020.
- PPE kits are being made in Hazaribag and Garhwa jails.

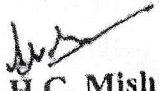
Chairman of the Committee suggested the Addl. Chief Secretary and I.G. (prisons) to explore the possibility of making PPE kits in other jails as well. His Lordship viewed that such PPE kits will benefit jail inmates as well as jail officials and medical staff.

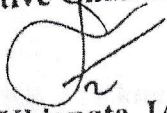
Addl. Chief Secretary, Deptt. of Home, Prisons & Disaster Management informed the Committee that more than 260000 masks has been prepared in Jharkhand jails upto now and hand sanitizers, soaps etc. are being manufactured in Jharkhand jails.

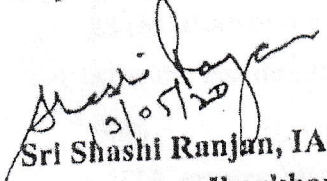
The Committee in its virtual meeting resolves as Under:

- ❖ The inmates from the overcrowded jails may be shifted to newly constructed jail at Barhi along with old jail building at Sakshi, Jamshedpur at the earliest.
- ❖ 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, where the P.P.E. kits are already being manufactured.

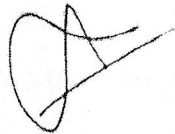
- ❖ Sufficient number of such P.P.E. kits should be kept reserved in every jail for use by the Jail Officials and inmates. The extra P.P.E.kits should be supplied to various departments of the State Government including police personnel, who are at forefront in fight against Corona Virus.
- ❖ The next virtual meeting of the Committee shall be held on 26th June, 2020. In case of exigencies, the date of meeting may be preponed by the Chairman of the Committee.


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