



**Government of West Bengal
Department of Jails,
Second Floor, Block-2,
Writers Buildings,
Kolkata-700001**

No.

/Jails

Date:- 25/03/2009

ORDER

The Governor is pleased to order setting up of a Committee to examine various issues affecting the well being of the persons incarcerated in the correctional homes in the State. The Committee comprises of the following persons:

- Shri Banshi Dhar Sharma, IPS, ADG (P) & IG of Correctional Services Chairman
- Shri S. Ramakrishnan, IPS (Retired) Member
- Smt. Bharati Mutsuddi, Member, West Bengal Commission for Women Member
- Smt. Sreerupa Mitra Chowdhury, Commonwealth Fellow,
Institute of International Growth & Equity Study Member
- Shri Tushar Kanjilal, Secretary, Tagore Society for Rural Development Member
- Swami Divyananda, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Malda Member
- Shri Dibyendu Sarkar, Officer-on-Special Duty & Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal, Department of Jails Member-Secretary

The Committee will have the following terms and conditions:

1. To examine the status, relevance and suitability in the present day context and in the light of the West Bengal Correctional Services Act, 1992 of different provisions related to the facilities extended and restrictions imposed on persons incarcerated in the Correctional Homes in the State.
2. To examine issues relating to the system of interview with the visitors, health facilities including mental health, appropriate sanitation and adequate drinking water facilities, appropriate diet for the inmates, proper entertainment facilities etc.
3. To examine different issues affecting the women inmates incarcerated in the Correctional Homes in the State which includes their right to privacy, appropriate sanitation facilities, medical examination and treatment, special diet for expectant women and lactating mothers etc.
4. To examine different issues affecting the children accompanying parents to the Correctional Homes in the State which includes their right to free movement, right to education, appropriate sanitation facilities, medical examination and treatment, special diet etc.
5. To examine issues concerning rehabilitation of convicts on release and suggest measures in this regard
6. To examine miscellaneous other issues affecting the well-being of persons incarcerated in the Correctional Homes in the State.

The Committee would visit different correctional homes in the state, talk to the persons incarcerated, talk to civil society organisations, voluntary organisations, non government organisations working with persons incarcerated, women and children and individuals interested, officials associated with the Correctional Services, in the Judiciary, official and non-official visitors to the correctional homes and others.

The Committee is to place its final report to the Government along with their recommendations within three months from the day of its constitution.

Additional Chief Secretary

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the PS to MIC, Jails with a request to bring it to the kind notice of the MIC

Dr. Malini Bhattacharya, Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women with a request to allow Smt. Bharati Mutsuddi, Member, West Bengal Commission for Women function as member of the Committee.

Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Jails

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Additional Chief Secretary
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