

Minutes of the meeting dated 28.05.2020 of the High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Kumari Justice Sanju Panda, Judge, Orissa High Court and Executive Chairperson, Odisha State Legal Services Authority with regard to release of prisoners for de-congestions of jails in view of spreading of Covid-19 disease, over telephonic conversation.

The meeting is convened through telephonic conversation by the following dignitaries-

1. Hon'ble Kumari Justice Sanju Panda, Judge, Orissa High Court and Executive Chairperson, Odisha State Legal Services Authority.
2. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Govt. of Odisha.
3. Shri Santosh Kumar Upadhyay, IPS, Director General of Prisons, Odisha.

The Member Secretary placed the following information, as received from all 30 DLSAs consequent upon the holding of Under Trial Review Committee in all districts, in view of the guidelines issued by the High Powered Committee from time to time.

1. No. of UTPs identified for release on interim bail	- 169
2. No. of UTPs released on interim bail	- 143
3. No. of Convicts identified for released on parole/ furlough/special remission	- 36
4. No. of Convicts released on parole	- NIL
5. No. of Convicts released on furlough	- 18
6. No. of Convicts released on special remission	- NIL
7. No. of prisoners found to be affected by COVID- 19	- NIL
8. No. of prisoners kept in quarantine wards	- 1479

The Director General, Prisons placed before the HPC **letter No. 7893-J/MISC-12/2020 dated 26.05.2020**, regarding the directions issued to all the Superintendent of Jails, Odisha to take steps as per the guidelines issued by the Committee on 21.05.2020 to ensure sanitization of the jails, availability of infrared thermometers to jail authorities, health and safety of oil and sick UTPs, infrastructure for e-Mulakat/other electronic means for video calling and web calling & preparedness to prevent spread of COVID- 19 infection in the jails.

On considering the information placed before the Committee by Director General, Prisons, Govt. of Odisha, the Committee took note of the instructions given by A.I.G. of Prisons, Odisha for decongestion of the jails & health and safety of the UTPs in the State of Odisha in wake of spread of COVID- 19 virus. **It is resolved by the HPC that the DG, Prisons may kindly submit a report after compliance of the recommendations as provided in the guidelines of the meeting of the HPC dated 21.05.20.**

By order

Sd/-

**Member Secretary
OSLSA**