

**Minutes of the meeting dated 13.11.2020 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 decongestion of jails in view of spreading of Covid-19 disease, over telephonic conversation.**

The thirty fourth meeting of HPC is convened through telephonic conversation by the following dignitaries-

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

I. The Member Secretary placed the following information for the period from **06.11.2020 to 13.11.2020** as received from all 30 DLSAs consequent upon the holding of Under Trial Review Committees in all districts for the aforementioned period, in view of the guidelines issued by the High-Powered Committee -

a) <b>No. of UTPs released on interim bail</b>	<b>: 318</b>
b) <b>No. of Convicts released on Parole/Furlough/ Special Remission</b>	<b>: 0/20/0</b>
c) <b>No. of prisoners found infected by COVID- 19</b>	<b>: 1</b>
d) <b>No. of prisoners recovered from COVID-19</b>	<b>: 247</b>
e) <b>No. of prisoners succumbed to COVID-19</b>	<b>: 0</b>
f) <b>No. of prisoners kept in quarantine wards</b>	<b>: 1552</b>

## II. Report regarding infected UTP in Sub Jail, Jeypore

The Chairman, DLSA, Koraput-Jeypore has submitted a report vide proceedings of the UTRC meeting held on dated 11.11.2020 as per the information furnished by the Supt. of Sub Jail, Jeypore vide Memo No. 3548 dated 10.11.2020 informing to this Authority regarding one prisoner of Sub Jail, Jeypore to have been detected as COVID- 19 positive. Further the Supt. Sub Jail, Jeypore reported that the said prisoner is being treated inside the jail premises in Covid ward. The measures for sanitization of the jails, medical examination of all other inmates has been taken for safety.

### Compliance report submitted by Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services, Odisha

The A.I.G of Prisons, Odisha vide Memo No- 17394 dated 10.11.2020 intimated to the Member Secretary, OSLSA that the directions of the High Powered Committee in its meeting held on 22.10.2020 in connection to the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Motu W.P (C) No. 01 of 2020 regarding action taken report on NHRC Advisory on COVID- 19 has been communicated to the Superintendent of Circle Jail, Cuttack at Choudwar/Berhampur/Baripada/Sambalpur and Koraput requesting them to go through the directions given in the minutes of the meeting held on 22.10.2020 of the HPC (especially para- 2 of page- 5) and to furnish a detailed point-wise action taken report on the implementation of NHRC advisories on COVID- 19 to the Directorate positively by 12.11.2020 for taking further action.

**In light of the above mentioned reports, it was noted that 01 prisoner was infected, whereas 247 prisoners have recovered from COVID-19, which indicates that number of recoveries continues to be much higher than the number of newly infected cases in prisons of the State during the said period.**

**However, in wake of spread of COVID-19 pandemic in the State, Chairman HPC exhorted that efforts should be continued with same care and intensity for proper treatment of critical and symptomatic prisoners without any delay on part of authorities to prevent casualties.**

**By Order  
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Member Secretary  
OSLSA**