

**Minutes of the meeting dated 04.01.2021 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 fortieth 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 **29.12.2020 to 04.01.2021** 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 –

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| <b>a) No. of UTPs released on interim bail</b>                                | <b>: 82</b>    |
| <b>b) No. of Convicts released on Parole/<br/>Furlough/ Special Remission</b> | <b>: 0/0/0</b> |
| <b>c) No. of prisoners found infected by COVID- 19</b>                        | <b>: 0</b>     |
| <b>d) No. of prisoners recovered from COVID-19</b>                            | <b>: 222</b>   |
| <b>e) No. of prisoners succumbed to COVID-19</b>                              | <b>: 0</b>     |
| <b>f) No. of prisoners kept in quarantine wards</b>                           | <b>: 1065</b>  |

The Under Secretary to Government, Home Department, Govt. of Odisha through Memo No. 41951/JAILS dated 31.12.2020 has communicated to the Member Secretary, OSLSA that the decision of the High Powered Committee in the meeting dated 11.12.2020 in connection to the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Motu W.P.(C) No. 01/2020 has been sent to the Additional Chief Secretary, H&FW Department, the Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest Department, the Principal Secretary, Excise Department, the D.G. & I.G. of Police, Odisha, Cuttack, the DG of Prisons & DCS, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, the Registrar General, Orissa High Court, the Director, Vigilance, Cuttack, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar, all Collectors, all Superintendents of Police, all Chief District Medical Officers, all Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities to kindly take immediate appropriate actions for scrupulous compliance of the directions of the HPC as resolved in the said meeting and further the DG of Prisons has been requested to furnish the compliance report on the NHRC Advisory No. VI regarding women prisoners circulated vide Minutes of the HPC dated 04.12.2020 directly to Member Secretary, OSLSA under intimation to the Home Department for further course of action.

**In light of the above, the HPC directs the D.G. Prisons to furnish the compliance report on the NHRC Advisory No. VI regarding women prisoners circulated vide minutes of the HPC dated 04.12.2020, 11.12.2020 and 18.12.2020 at the earliest.**

**Further, the HPC directs all the stakeholders to ensure timely treatment of prisoners and to look after the health of symptomatic prisoners without any lapses so as to avoid further spread of the infection in the jails during the second wave of COVID pandemic.**

By Order

**Sd/-**

**Member Secretary  
OSLSA**