

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE (HPC) HELD ON 15th March, 2023 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE SUBHASIS TALAPATRA, JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF ORISSA & THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE

The following Members of the HPC were present in the meeting:

1. **Shri Deoranjana Kumar Singh, IAS,
Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department,
Govt. of Odisha**
2. **Dr. Manoj Kumar Chhabra, IPS,
D.G. of Prisons & D.C.S.,
Govt. of Odisha**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 31.01.2023 was perused by the Committee.

The Member-Secretary, OSLSA has placed the letter no. 5072 dated 09.03.2023 received from the DIG of Prisons. The DIG of Prisons has intimated vide the above letter that the period of Special Parole/Furlough Leave for Prisoners is going to expire on 15.03.2023 and no further Order has been passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India revoking their Order dated 16.07.2021 passed in Suo Motu W.P.(C) No. 1 of 2020. The DIG of Prisons has also intimated that no orders have yet been received from the Hon'ble Supreme Court in response to the I.A filed on behalf of State of Odisha for recall of the prisoners from Special Parole/Furlough/Bail. The case has been listed to 17.03.2023 vide order dated 20.02.2023 of the Hon'ble Apex Court. The DIG of Prisons has requested the HPC to kindly take a call to extend the period of Special Parole/Furlough/Bail up to 15.04.2023.

The Hon'ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA has advised the HPC to wait for the order dated 17.03.2023 of the Hon'ble Apex Court to be passed in Suo Motu W.P. (C) No. 1 of 2020 and not to extend the period of Special Parole/Furlough Leave for Prisoners further. The Hon'ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA has also requested the DG of Prisons to furnish a report on how many prisoners are on Special Parole/Furlough Leave and the present overcrowding situations of the jails. The Hon'ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA has also directed the DG of Prisons to pray before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the return of prisoners from Special Parole/Furlough Leave.

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**Hon'ble Shri Justice Subhasis Talapatra
Judge, High Court of Orissa
and
Executive Chairman, OSLSA**

