**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE (HPC) HELD ON 6th April, 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 Deoranjan Kumar Singh, IAS,**

**Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department,**

**Govt. of Odisha**

1. **Dr. Manoj Kumar Chhabra, IPS,**

**D.G. of Prisons & D.C.S.,**

**Govt. of Odisha**

 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15.03.2023 was perused by the Committee.

The Member-Secretary, OSLSA has placed a copy of order dated 24.03.2023 of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India passed in Suo Motu W.P.(C) No. 01/2020 and a copy of memo no. 6213 dated 27.03.2023 received from the DIG of Prisons before the Committee. The DIG of Prisons has intimated vide the above letter that all the Jail Superintendents have been instructed to take appropriate steps for recall of the Convicts/UTPs who have been released on Special Parole/Furlough/Bail in pursuant to the recommendation of the High Powered Committee in compliance to the order dated 23.03.2020, 07.05.2021 and 16.07.2021 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Motu W.P. (C) No. 01/2020.

The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA has appreciated the various steps taken by the Govt. of Odisha, Home Department and DG of Prisons during the covid period and for decongestion in jails. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA has also highlighted the cooperation extended by other members during the phases of the pandemic in dealing with critical situations in jails. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA has expressed his satisfaction to the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department and the DG of Prisons for their efforts in implementation of decisions of the HPC from time to time. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA has also stated that no further meetings of the HPC will be conducted in view of the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and OSLSA will monitor compliance of Para-7 of the minutes of the meeting of the HPC dated 26.03.2020.

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| **Dr. Manoj Kumar Chhabra, IPS** | **Shri Deoranjan Kumar Singh, IAS** | **Hon’ble Shri Justice Subhasis Talapatra** |
| **D.G. of Prisons & D.C.S.,****Govt. of Odisha** | **Additional Chief Secretary****Home Department****Govt. of Odisha** | **Judge, High Court of Orissa****and****Executive Chairman, OSLSA** |