

Minutes of the High Powered Committee Meeting
Held Virtually on 02.03.2022

(constituted for the compliance of the directions dated 23.03.2020 issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Suo Moto Writ Petition No.01/2020 IN RE : CONTAGION OF COVID-19 IN PRISONS.)

The High Powered Committee Meeting (hereinafter mentioned as the Committee) has been attended by the following:-

1. Justice Pritinker Diwaker, Senior Judge, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad/Executive Chairman, U.P. State Legal Services Authority.
2. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary (Home/Prison), Govt. of U.P.
3. Anand Kumar, I.P.S., D.G. (Prison), Uttar Pradesh

The Committee has considered the Agenda and passed resolutions mentioned in the following table:-

Sl. No.	Agenda	Resolution						
1	Actual status of Convicts and Under Trial Prisoners granted Parole/Interim Bail and status of COVID-19 Vaccination of the Prisoners.	<p>The Committee has gone through the detailed report placed by the State Level Monitoring Team regarding the number of prisoners granted Parole and interim Bail till 06.02.2022, which is as follows:-</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Prisoners released on Interim Bail</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Prisoners released on Parole</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">15571</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2415</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17986</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It has also been mentioned in the report of the State Level Monitoring Team that 1,28,142 prisoners have got their 1st dose and 90,383 prisoners have got their 2nd dose of COVID Vaccine.</p>	Prisoners released on Interim Bail	Prisoners released on Parole	Total	15571	2415	17986
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2	Extension of period of Parole of Convicted Prisoners.	<p>The Committee further considered the request made by the State Govt. & Prison Authorities regarding the extension of period of parole of convicted prisoners for further 60/90 days, apprehending 3rd Wave of Pandemic Covid-19, who have been earlier released as per the</p>						



directions dated 12.11.2021 of the High Powered Committee.

In the light of present situation, as the normal working of Courts has started, there is no need to further extend the period of parole for 60/90 days. But considering the current situation of ongoing Assembly Elections in U.P., which will be completed on 12.03.2022, the Committee resolves that the period of parole, to the aforesaid convicts, can be extended till 15.03.2022.

Let all the concerned Authorities/officers be informed accordingly.



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