

**Minutes of the High Powered Committee Meeting**  
**held by circulation on 12-11-2021**

**(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 M. N. Bhandari, 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	<b>Actual status of Convicts and Under Trials granted Parole/Interim Bail and status of Vaccination of the Prisoners.</b>	<p>The Committee has gone through the detailed report placed by the <b>State Level Monitoring Team</b> regarding the number of prisoners granted Parole and interim Bail till the evening of 25.10.2021, 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;">15398</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2415</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17813</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It has also been mentioned in the report of the <b>State Level Monitoring Team</b> that <b>1,20,723</b> prisoners have got their <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> dose and <b>69,568</b> prisoners have got their <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> dose of <b>COVID Vaccine</b>.</p>	Prisoners released on Interim Bail	Prisoners released on Parole	Total	15398	2415	17813
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2	<b>Extension of period of Interim Bail/Parole of Under trial and Convicted prisoners.</b>	The Committee further considered, apprehending 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wave of Pandemic Covid-19, the request made by Sri Suresh Kumar Pandey, Special Secretary, Govt. of U.P. regarding the extension of period of parole of convicted prisoners for						


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		<p>further 60/90 days, who have been earlier released as per the directions dated 28.07.2021 of the High Powered Committee.</p> <p>In the light of request made by the State Government and the Prison Authorities, in view of the possibility of third wave of Pandemic Covid-19 and overcrowding in Jails, <b>the Committee resolves that the State Government is directed to extend the period of parole for further 60 or 90 days (as the case may be) to the aforesaid convicts from the date of their respective period of earlier parole expires.</b></p>
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**Let all the concerned Authorities/officers be informed accordingly.**



**(Anand Kumar)**  
**Director General (Prison),**  
**Uttar Pradesh**  
 12.11.2021



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