

**HARYANA STATE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY
CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES (Govt. of Haryana)
WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, HARYANA**

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From

The Director,
Women & Child Development Department,
Haryana, Panchkula.

To

1. All Deputy Commissioners, Haryana
2. All District Programme Officer, Haryana
3. All District Child Protection Officer, Haryana
4. All Superintendents, Child Care Institutions Haryana

Memo No **2397-2545**

Dated:- **20/3/2020**

**Subject: Revised Letter Regarding SUO MOTU Writ Petition (Civil) No.1/2020
titled as Contagion of Covid-19 Virus in Prisons of Hon'ble Supreme
Court of India**

Please refer to the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 16.3.2020
(copy enclosed) on the subject cited above.

Relevant Para of the order is as under:

"..... to suggest immediate measures which should be adopted for the medical assistance to the prisoners in all jails and the juveniles lodged in the remand homes and for the protection of their health and welfare".

In view of the above, you are hereby requested to take the following steps immediately in regard of all children in Children Home, Observation Home, Special Home, Place of Safety and Specialised Adoption Agencies:

1. Ensure Medical Check up of all Children residing in the Child Care Institutions of Haryana, especially in the Observation Home (Ambala, Faridabad, Hisar and Karnal), Special Home (Sonipat) and Place of Safety (Karnal).
2. Ensure Isolation of new inmates and suspected cases in the Homes.
3. For any fever /flu like signs/ symptoms, please call state helpline number 8558893911 and District Helpline no 108.
4. As per the directions of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India (copy enclosed), all the Superintendents /In-charge Homes being the head of their respective Child Care Institutions may be advised to take following necessary measures:
 - 4.1 Discourage to the maximum extent, entry of visitors in the CCIs.

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- 4.2 Ensure proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of the CCIs, particularly of the frequent touched surfaces.
 - 4.3 Children to be encouraged to keep their hands clean by washing regularly with soap and water.
 - 4.4 Children to be encouraged to cover their nose and mouth with bend elbow or tissue when they cough sneeze and then dispose of the used tissues immediately.
 - 4.5 Those Children found having flu like symptoms may be advised to take proper treatment/quarantine etc.
 - 4.6 All Children residing in CCIs should be made aware about the precautionary measures to be taken for prevention from COVID-19.
 - 4.7 Such Children whose parents are residing in the same city should be discouraged to reside in Open Shelter till 31st March 2020.
 - 4.8 Ensure regular supply of hand sanitizer, soap and running water in the washrooms of CCIs.
5. The Director of General Health Services (DGHS) has been requested to carry out screening of all such inmates vide letter no 2178/ICPS/2020 dated 19.3.2020 (copy enclosed). You are requested to tie up and ensure action accordingly.
6. Print outs of some IEC material are also enclosed for ready reference and quicker dissemination.
- 6.1 Send weekly Report regarding the said matter to WCD, Headquarter Panchkula.

Please make sure that proper steps may be taken for awareness/sensitization of children residing in the homes of Haryana regarding the deadly spread of Covid-19. A copy of Guidelines/Protocol/IEC Material related to Covid-19 provided by Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Haryana is annexed along with this letter.

Please note that the indicative list of Do's and Don'ts shared by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India (copy enclosed) is also annexed for wider dissemination. These may be displayed in Child Care Institutions of Haryana in local language.

Guidelines of Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Haryana are also attached herewith. For updated advisory in this regard, kindly visit the website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare i.e. www.mohfw@gov.in regularly.

Further, also refer to the following directions regarding precautionary measures in prisons in view of Covid-19 Corona Virus scenario:

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- A. Circular memo. No. Jud-2/40/2020 dated 17.3.2020 issued by Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services. (Copy enclosed)
- B. Letter no 10179/97DGP/Jail/PA/2020 dated 13.3.2020 issued by Director General of Prisons. (Copy enclosed)
- C. DO No. V-17013/17/2020-PR dated 12.3.2020 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (Women Safety Division). (Copy enclosed)

In additions to the directions issued previously vide letter no 2211-2358/ICPS dated 19.3.2020, you are hereby requested to take necessary action regarding point no A,B and C especially related to Children residing in Observation Homes, Place of Safety and Special Homes of Haryana.

**Member Secretary (HSCPS) cum Director,
Women and Child Development Department
Haryana, Panchkula**

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No.V-17013/17/2020- PR
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Women Safety Division

IMPORTANT

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
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March 12, 2020

To

- 1) The Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs
- 2) The Home Secretaries of all States and UTs
- 3) The DsG/IsG Prisons of all States and UTs

Sub: Precautionary measures in Prisons in view of Covid-2019 Corona Virus scenario.

Sir/Madam,

As per the Bulletin of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as on 11.3.2020 the total number of confirmed COVID 2019 cases across India is 60. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information is being updated as it becomes available.

2. The Government of India is taking a series of measures to check and contain the spread of Corona Virus. The situation is being monitored at the highest level. However, in view of the prevailing situation, it is considered necessary that appropriate measures are taken at all levels without any exception.

3. According to the World Health Organisation, the most effective protective measures are the following: cleaning hands regularly, properly covering mouth when you cough and social distancing.

4. While the Prison authorities in States and UTs may take appropriate precautions and steps for maintaining proper hygiene condition in Prisons, it may also be necessary to take various steps to reduce movement of prisoners including their production in Courts, for the time being, to ensure 'social distancing'. A large number of Prisons and Courts in the country have Video Conferencing set up for court production of prisoners. This includes traditional VC setup (point to point) connected to designated places in Court Complexes and "Vidyo" system setup - established under eCourts project, which is an internet based software solution for VC between court and prisons. Majority of the prisons and Courts in the country are equipped with 'Vidyo' set up facility.

However, at places where the "Vidyo" set-up is not operational, State NIC Units may be approached by Prison and Court authorities for obtaining user-ids and passwords and making the system operational. The system is very user friendly and can be operated on Smartphone also. State NIC Units will render all necessary assistance to Prisons in this regard. This procedure will reduce movement of prisoners and their visit to crowded places in Court complexes and contact with anyone having this virus. States and UTs may engage with appropriate authorities of Courts, State Legal Services Authority and Legal Service Clinics for various measures to reduce movement of prisoners.

5. Due care may also be taken in handling prisoners (including foreign nationals) and visitors to Prisons. States and UTs are requested to engage with their Health Department for arranging screening devices and kits to be used in Prisons for screening inmates and their visitors. You are also requested to encourage the meeting of prisoners with their visitors through video conferencing facility available as e-mulakat, a module under e-prisons project, for the time being, to avoid physical contact.

6. It is expected that with the cooperation of all concerned, these measures can go a long way in checking the spread of Corona virus.

Yours sincerely,

Punya Salila
(Punya Salila Srivastava)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
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Copy to:

- 1) Registrars of all High Courts with the request for appropriate action.
- 2) Member Secretary, NALSA, Jamnagar House, New Delhi - for issuing appropriate instructions to all concerned.
- 3) Secretary, Department of Justice, R.No. 14, Jaisalmer House, New Delhi
- 4) DG, NIC, CGO Complex - to issue appropriate instructions to all State Units.

Endst. No. 10202/20 DG/Jails/PA/DGP/2020/Dated. 13-3-2020

A copy of the above is forwarded to All the Superintendents Jail for strict compliance please.

[Signature]
13/3/2020
Personal Assistant,
for Director General of Prisons, Haryana.
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Office of the
Director General of Prisons
and Correctional Services
A.P., Vijayawada.

Circular Memo. No.Jud-2/40/2020

Dated: 17-03-2020

C I R C U L A R

Sub: Prisons Department – Precautionary measures in Prisons in view of **Covid-2019 Corona Virus** scenario – Certain instructions issued – Regarding.

Ref: This office Circular Memo. No.Jud-2/40/2020 Dated: 13 -03-2020
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The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Motu WP (Civil) No.1/2020, in their orders dated 16-03-2020 have observed that while the Government advises social distancing must be maintained to prevent spread of **Covid-2019 Corona Virus**, the bitter truth is that our Prisons are overcrowded and making it difficult for prisoners to maintain social distancing. Like most other viral diseases the susceptibility of **Covid-2019 Corona Virus** is greater in overcrowded places, mass gatherings etc., i.e., in closed places such as Prisons. Several Prison Officers, Correctional Officers and other staff, visitors and lawyers enter Prisons regularly. Hence, the Hon'ble Court opined that there is imminent need to take steps on urgent basis to prevent the contagious **Covid-2019 Corona Virus** in our Prisons and suggested to take immediate measures for protection of the health of Prisoners.

2. Further, the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in their Circular Roc No.192/SO/2020, Dated 16-03-2020, issued certain instructions to all the Judicial Officers.

3. In view of the alarming situation across the globe and to contain the deadly **Covid-2019 Corona Virus** and to protect the health and welfare of prisoners, all the Superintendents are requested to take all suitable precautionary measures as detailed below:

- Before entering into the Prison, Officers, Staff, Prisoners, Visitors should invariably wash their hands, thoroughly with soap and water for which two tubs of water and soap/hand wash should be placed at the entrance of the Prison/Jail.
- Officers, Staff and Prisoners should be provided with face masks. Superintendents are requested to procure the same from the Central Prisons on credit basis.
- The Superintendent should ensure that the prisoners are not assembled/gathered in groups at one place.
- Physical production of prisoners in Courts should be avoided and instead the Video Linkage facility should be utilized for the same with the concurrence of the respective Courts.
- Further, the Superintendents are requested to arrange for screening of all the inmates, staff and visitors with 'Non-Contact Laser Digital Infrared Heat Gun Thermometer' for checking the health condition of the officers, staff, prisoners and visitors.
- On such screening, if any person is found to be suffering with fever, he should be immediately be kept in isolation till recovery from the illness, and immediate medical treatment should be provided, if requires, shift him to outside hospitals.

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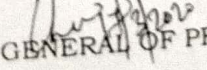
- On admission of every prisoner into the Prison, he should be screened with 'Non-Contact Laser Digital Infrared Heat Gun Thermometer' and keep him in quarantine for 14 days or as many days as advised by the Medical Officer of the institution.
- Doubtful cases of sick prisoners should immediately be isolated and referred to the Government Hospital for proper assessment and treatment.
- The Jail Medical Officers and para-medical staff should be available round the clock, and they should not be sanctioned any leave until restoration of the normal situation.
- Ensure that Prisoners who are suffering with cold and cough should compulsorily cover their mouth/nose with a mask.
- Superintendent of Jails shall not allow any outsider to visit the Jails including the persons such as moral teachers/religious teachers and students who were permitted to visit the Jails by the Head Quarters till further orders.
- All the barracks, cells, rooms, office, furniture, equipment, railings, gates etc, should be disinfected regularly atleast twice a day with mopping with 1% Hypochloride solution under proper supervision.
- The Superintendent/Medical officer of the Prison should ensure that all the required medicines should be kept readily available in their Hospitals for prompt and proper treatment to the sick prisoners.
- The Superintendent should ensure that entire Prison premises should be kept neat and clean and maintain proper hygiene.
- All Barracks/Kitchen/Toilets/Wash Rooms should be provided with sufficient soaps/hand wash for cleaning purpose.
- All the Medical Officers/Officers/guarding staff are directed to thoroughly monitor the health condition of each and every prisoner frequently and report any abnormal situation to the Higher Authorities without fail.
- All the Prisoners should be counselled, for frequently wash their hands with soap/hand-wash. Superintendent to provide the same to the Prisoners.
- Educate the Prisoners to avoid, touching their face, nose, mouth and eyes with unclean hands.
- Superintendent shall ensure that Prisoners have regular bath, wash their clothing & bedding and exposed to Sun.
- All the Superintendent of Jails are instructed to take extra care with regard to Prisoners working at Petrol-Outlets, Open Jails and Semi Open Jails and ensure that they are supplied with face masks, sanitizers / hand wash to enable them to apply the same to their palms at frequent intervals to prevent them from contracting the virus.

- Stop selling cool drinks/ice creams, chilled materials and outside food materials to the prisoners in the Prison Canteen.
 - Display the measures to be taken for prevention of spreading of virus at the main gate.
 - Superintendents are instructed to be very alert and vigilant, in identifying the Prisoners suffering from such symptoms.
 - Keep special focus on vulnerable section like aged, pregnant, malnourished, hill tribal prisoners, and those prisoners who underwent surgical procedures in the recent past. Such prisoners to be confined separately as far as possible.
 - Provide hot water whenever necessary for bathing, and mouth gargling.
 - Special focus must be given while dealing with the items, where the point of contact is more in the prisons viz, Telephones, Dining vessels, Toilet taps, material & equipment in Industries, games articles, open jail and dairy farm equipment, clothing & bedding etc.
 - **In view of the prevailing situation, where Prisons are crowded places, there is every possibility that, Prisons would become vulnerable for spreading the virus quickly. Hence it is decided to suspend the interviews to the prisoners by the visitors till further orders. Superintendent shall not give any interviews to the Prisoners till further orders. However, they may be allowed to use the telephone facility for 4 times a week till further orders.**
4. Therefore, the Unit Officers of this Department are requested to take necessary action for implementation of the said instructions in their institutions without fail.
5. The receipt of this circular memo shall be acknowledged by return mail.

Sd/- MOHD. AHSAN REZA
Director General of Prisons
and Correctional Services

To
The Superintendents, Central Prisons (All).
The Superintendents, District Jails (ALL).
The Superintendent, Special Prisons for Women, Rajahmundry & Kadapa.
The District Sub Jails Officers (ALL) with a request to communicate the same to all the Superintendents, Spl. Sub Jails /Sub Jails under their jurisdiction.
The Dy. Inspectors General of Prisons (Both).
Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary to Government Home (Prisons) Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi.
Copy to the Joint Secretary, Women Safety Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS

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प्रेषकमहानिदेशक कारागार,
हरियाणा, सैक्टर-14, पंचकुला।

सेवा में

सभी अधीक्षक जेल,
हरियाणा राज्य में।

क्रमांक 10179/97 डीजीपी/जेलस/पी.ए/2020 दिनांक 13-3-2020

विषय:- कोरोना वायरस के प्रकोप से बचने हेतु सामान्य हिदायतें।

उपरोक्त विषय के सन्दर्भ में।

2. जैसा कि आपको विदित है कि वर्तमान में विश्व के कई देशों में कोरोना वायरस का प्रकोप दिन-प्रतिदिन फैल रहा है, जिसको गम्भीरता से लेते हुए "विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन" द्वारा दिनांक 12.03.2020 को "कोरोना वायरस को महामारी घोषित किया है"। "कोरोना वायरस से संक्रमित कई संदिग्ध व्यक्तियों के मामले भारत में भी सामने आये हैं। इसे देखते हुए विभाग द्वारा यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि हरियाणा राज्य की जेलों में बन्दियों के बैरकों में एक साथ रहने के कारण कोरोना वायरस की रोकथाम के सम्बन्ध में विशेष सावधानी बरते जाने की आवश्यकता है।

3. कोरोना वायरस के बचाव हेतु निम्न सावधानियाँ बरतनी तत्काल आवश्यक हैं:-

(i) बन्दियों एवं स्टाफ को अपने परिवेश तथा स्वयं की व्यक्तिगत स्वच्छता रखने हेतु जागरूक किया जाना।

(ii) साबुन से हाथों को अच्छी तरह से दिन में कई बार धोया जाना।

(iii) खांसी एवं छींक आने पर, कपड़े या रुमाल से नाक एवं मुँह को ढकना।

(iv) खांसी, बुखार या जुकाम होने पर तत्काल डाक्टर की सलाह लेना एवं खांसी या बुखार आने पर दूसरे व्यक्तियों से उचित दूरी बनाये रखना तथा निर्धारित स्थान पर ही थूकना।

(v) स्वच्छ पेय जल का दिन में कई बार सेवन करना।

(vi) बन्दियों की गिनती के सम्बन्ध में यह विशेष ध्यान रखा जाये कि किसी भी ब्लाक, वार्ड या लंगर में बन्दियों की भीड़ ना हो।

(vii) जेल में दाखिल होने वाले नये बन्दियों, अदालत पेशी, पैरोल-फलों एवं अन्य जेलों से स्थानान्तरित हुए बन्दियों की विशेष स्क्रीनिंग करते हुए चैक किया जाये और यदि उनमें खांसी, बुखार या जुकाम के लक्षण दिखाई दे तो जेल चिकित्सा अधिकारी के परामर्श अनुसार आग्रिम कार्यवाही की जानी सुनिश्चित की जाए।

(viii) जेल के मुख्य द्वार में "Hand Sanitiser" रखा जाये तथा बाहर से आने वाले सभी बन्दियों या आगंतुकों व कर्मचारी द्वारा इसका उपयोग करने के उपरांत ही जेल के अंदर प्रवेश सुनिश्चित किया जाए।

(ix) जेल हस्पताल में दाखिल बन्दियों व कार्य कर रहे कर्मचारियों / बन्दियों के लिए मास्क उपलब्ध करवाए जाए।

4. कोरोना वायरस के रोकथाम हेतु सभी अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारी जेलों में परिरुद्ध बन्दियों तथा उनके मुलाकातियों को जागरूक करे। जागरूकता हेतु जेलों के अन्दर एवं बाहर मुख्य स्थानों पर सुरक्षा उपायों को प्रदर्शित करने हेतु फ्लैक्स बोर्ड स्थापित किये जाये। जेलों में उपलब्ध पी0ए0 सिस्टम पर प्रतिदिन समय-समय पर सावधानियों का प्रसारण भी सुनिश्चित किया जाए।

आपको निर्देश दिये जाते हैं कि उपरोक्त हिदायतों की दृढ़ता से पालना की जाये और उपरोक्तानुसार समुचित व्यवस्था की जानी सुनिश्चित की जाये।

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