

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025 THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE

A meeting of the High Powered Committee chaired by Hon'ble Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLISA/Chairperson, High Powered Committee was held on 05.09.2025 (*Tuesday*) through virtual mode.

The Meeting was attended by Mr M Bharani Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Home Department, Government of Sikkim/Member, High Powered Committee; Ms Sabitri Pradhan, Additional Superintendent of Prison, State Central Prison, Rongyek on behalf of Mr Sharab Tonyot, Deputy Inspector General of Police (Prison), State Central Prison, Rongyek; Mr Khemraj Bhattarai, Additional Secretary (Confidential), Home Department/Member Secretary, High Powered Committee and Mr Passang Tshering Lepcha, Superintendent of Police, District Prison, Boomtar, South Sikkim/Member, High Powered Committee.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item Agenda No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the High Powered Committee which was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, was confirmed.

## Item Agenda No. 2 : Decongestion of Jails

a) *To consider Convicts who have undergone their sentence or are entitled to remission/suspension/commutation of sentence under Sections 432 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, "CrPC")/ 473 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, (for short, "B N S S") and Furlough in terms of the Sikkim Prison Manual;*

(I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**

(II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

(b) *To consider UTPs released on Bail by the Court, but unable to furnish sureties;*

### (I) STATE CENTRAL PRISON, RONGYEK - 06

Sl No	Name and age of the UTP	Address	Police Station/ FIR Crime No and arrested under Section	Admitted in Prison on	Particulars of Court	Charges framed under Section	Detention period
1.	Arpan Pradhan 26/M	Lower Chisopani, Andheri, near Juice Factory, Singtam, Gangtok	Singtam PS Case No 28/2024 dated 19.07.2024  under Section 103(1) of BNS, 2023/302 of IPC, 1860	01.08.2024	Session Judge, (Spl Div-I) Gangtok, Sikkim	Section 103(1) of BNS, 2023/302 of IPC, 1860	1 Year 1 month and 2 days
2.	Ganesh Gurung 40/M	Sudunglakha, Rhenock, Pakyong, Sikkim A/P STNM Hospital Sokaythang, Gangtok, Sikkim	Sadar PS Case No 155/2024 dated 19.10.2024  under Sections 7/14 SADA 2006 r/w Section 9(1)(c) of SAD Amendment Act, 2017	21.10.2024	Special Judge(SADA), Gangtok, Sikkim	Sections 7/14 SADA 2006 r/w Section 9(1)(c) of SAD Amendment Act, 2017	10 months and 12 days
3.	Krish Limboo 25/M	Samdur, Ranipool, at present Namnang, Gangtok, Sikkim	Sadar PS Case No 28/2025 dated 20.02.2025  under Sections 309(4), 126 (2), 351(2) & 304 of BNS, 2023/392, 341, 506 & 390 of IPC, 1860	27.02.2025	Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok	Sections 126(2), 351(2), 309(4), 304/3(2) of BNS, 2023/392, 341, 506, 390 & 34 of IPC, 1860	6 months & 6 days
4.	Sandeep Pradhan 30/M	Chadey, Mangan, Sikkim, at present	Sadar PS Case No 199/2022 dated 21.11.2022	25.03.2025	Special Judge (SADA,2006), Gangtok, Sikkim	Sections 9(1)(c) and 9(1)(b) of SADA, 2006.	5 months and 8 days after re-

		Marchak, Ranipool, Gangtok, Sikkim	under Sections 7/9/14 of SADA, 2006				admission into prison
5.	Lakpa Rinji Thapa 41/M	Rato Mato Sunada, West Bengal	Rangpo PS Case No 17/2025 dated 21.04.2025  under Sections 118(2) of BNS, 2023/326 of IPC, 1860	24.04.2025	Judicial Magistrate 1 <sup>st</sup> class, Rangpo Sub- Division, Pakyong, Sikkim	Chargesheet not filed yet	4 months and 9 days
6.	Suraj Gazmer 24/M	Singleybong Pakyong Sikkim	Rangpo PS Case No 26/2025 dated 26.05.2025 and Rangpo PS Case No 28/2025 dated 29.05.2025  under Sections 2/ 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 r/w Section 331(4)(5) of BNS, 2023/457 & 455 of IPC, 1860 and 262 & 132 of BNS, 2023/224 & 353 of IPC, 1860	30.05.2025	Judicial Magistrate 1 <sup>st</sup> class, Rangpo Sub- Division, Pakyong, Sikkim	Chargesheet not filed yet	3 months and 3 days

**(II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : 02**

Sl No	Name and age of the UTP	Address	Police Station/ FIR Crime No	Admitted in Prison on	Particulars of Court	Charges framed under Section	Detention period
1.	Pradeep Rai alias Pappu 37/M	Housing Colony, Nayabazar, Soreng District	Nayabazar PS Case No 16/2024 dated 25.08.2025  under Sections 21(b) & 27 of NDPS Act, 1985	28.08.2024	Special Judge (NDPS), Soreng	Section 9(b)/27 of NDPS, Act, 1985 r/w Section 3(6) of BNS, 2023/36 of IPC, 1860	12 months
2.	Ritesh Thapa 28/M	Dhambudara Namchi District	Melli PS Case No 17/2024 dated 14.07.2025  under Section 21 of NDPS Act, 1985	15.07.2025	Special Judge (NDPS), Namchi	Chargesheet not filed yet	1 months and 19 days

UTP Arpan Pradhan, arrested in connection with Singtam PS Case No 28/2024 dated 19.07.2024, under Section 103(1) of BNS, 2023/302 of IPC, 1860, lodged in the State Central Prison, Rongyek, is suffering from Hepatitis C. It was directed by the Hon'ble Chairperson, High Powered Committee to ensure that the UTP is provided with separate wash basin, separate utensils and washroom where possible, so that other prisoners do not have to share any of the above articles with him.

(c) *To consider release of UTPs booked under compoundable offences:*

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**
- (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

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(d) *To consider release of UTPs covered under Sections 436 and 436A of the Cr P C/Sections 478 and 479 of the B N S S:*

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **02**
- (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

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(e) *To consider release of UTPs who may be covered under Section 3 of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, namely, accused of offence under Sections 379, 380, 381, 404, 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, "I P C")/Sections 303(2), 304, 305, 306, 315 and 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "B N S"), or alleged to be an offence not more than 2 years imprisonment:*

(I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **02**

Sl No	Name and age of the UTP	Address	Police Station/ FIR Crime No	Arrested under Section	Admitted in Prison on	Particulars of Court	Charges framed under Section	Detention period
1.	Ronak Rai 19/M	Lower Rangpo Bazar, Rangpo, Pakyong, Sikkim	Rangpo PS Case No 34/2025 dated 19.06.2025	Section 303(2) of BNS, 2023/379 of IPC, 1860	02.07.2025	Judicial Magistrate 1 <sup>st</sup> class, Rangpo Sub- Division, Pakyong, Sikkim	Chargesheet not filed yet	2 month and 1 day
2.	Samale Biswakarma 22/M	IBM Rangpo, Pakyong, Sikkim	Rangpo PS Case No 34/2025 dated 19.06.2025	Section 303(2) of BNS, 2023/379 of IPC, 1860	02.07.2025	Judicial Magistrate 1 <sup>st</sup> class, Rangpo Sub- Division, Pakyong, Sikkim	Chargesheet not filed yet	2 month and 1 day

(II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

**RESOLVED:**

The High Powered Committee is of the view that the Learned Trial Court be requested to consider the case of the aforesaid 02 (*two*) UTPs in view of the offences involved.

- (f) *To consider UTPs eligible to be released on bail under Section 167 of the Cr P C/Section 187 of the B N S and under Section 167(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Cr P C/ Section 187(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the B N S read with Section 36A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (where persons accused of Section 19 or Section 24 or Section 27A or for offences involving commercial quantity) where investigation is not completed in 60/90/180 days:*

(I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **01**

Sl No	Name and age of the UTP	Address	Police Station/ FIR Crime No	Arrested under Section	Admitted in Prison on	Particulars of Court	Charges framed under Section	Detention period
1.	Suraj Gazmer 24/M	Singleybong Pakyong Sikkim	Rangpo PS Case No 26/2025 dated 26.05.2025 and Rangpo PS Case No 28/2025 dated 29.05.2025	Sections 2/ 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 r/w Section 331(4)(5) of BNS, 2023/457 & 455 of IPC, 1860 and 262 & 132 of BNS, 2023/224 & 353 of IPC, 1860	30.05.2025	Judicial Magistrate 1 <sup>st</sup> class, Rangpo Sub- Division, Pakyong, Sikkim	Chargesheet not filed yet	3 months and 3 days

*As per the information received from the Jailer, State Central Prison, Rongyek, the aforesaid UTP has been released on bail on 02.09.2025*

(II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

- (g) *To consider release of UTPs who are imprisoned for offences which carry a maximum punishment of 2 years:*

(I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**

(II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

**(h) To consider release of vulnerable UTPs who are sick or infirm and require specialized medical treatment:**

**(I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim - 05**

Sl No	Name and age of the UTP	Address	Police Station/ FIR Crime No	Arrested under Section	Admitted in Prison on	Particulars of Court	Charges framed under Section
1.	Arpan Pradhan 26/M (Sl No 20) [Flag 1]	Lower Chisopani, Andheri, near Juice Factory, Singtam	Singtam PS 28/2024 dated 19.07.2024	Section 103(1) of BNS, 2023/302 of IPC, 1860	01.08.2024	Session Judge, (Spl Div-I) Gangtok, Sikkim	Section 103(1) of BNS, 2023/302 of IPC, 1860
He has been diagnosed with Hepatitis C during October 2024, and is under medication. Since he has been under medication from October, 2024, his disease is not contagious.							
2.	Krish Limboo 25/M (Sl No 48) [Flag 3]	Samdur, Ranipool, at present Namnang, Gangtok, Sikkim	Sadar PS Case No 28/2025 dated 20.02.2025	Sections 309(4), 126 (2), 351(2) & 304 of BNS, 2023/392, 341, 506 & 390 of IPC, 1860	27.02.2025	Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok	Sections 126(2), 351(2), 309(4), 304/3(2) of BNS, 2023/392, 341, 506, 390 & 34 of IPC, 1860
He has been diagnosed with Syphilis on 27.03.2025, and is under medication.							
3.	Michael Milan Rai 33/M (Sl No 30) [Flag 2]	Machong, Lossing, Pakyong	Pakyong PS Case No 33/2024 dated 12.11.2024	Sections 9(1)(m)(n)/10 of POCSO Act, 2012	13.11.2024	Chief Judicial Magistrate, Pakyong	Sections 9(1)(m)(n)/10 of POCSO Act, 2012
He has been diagnosed with Syphilis during December, 2024 and is under medication.							
4.	Suraj Chettri @Sonam Bhutia @Thothey 28/M (Sl No 51) [Flag 4] (2 cases)	Khamdong, Rhenock, Pakyong, at present Lumsey, Gangtok	Pakyong PS Case No 41&42/2024 Dated 10.12.2024	Sections 305/331(4) of BNS, 2023/ Sections 380/457 of IPC, 1860 and Sections 305/331(4) of BNS, 2023/ Sections 380/457 of IPC, 1860 (gold theft in 02 (two) mandirs)	03.03.2025	Chief Judicial Magistrate, Pakyong	Charge Sheet not filed
He has been diagnosed with TB and is under Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course (DOTS) medication							
5.	Jas Maya Kami @ Babita Chettri 29/F (Sl No 87) [Flag 9]	Jorethang, Namchi, Sikkim at present Vajra Gangtok Sikkim	Rangpo PS Case No 30/2025 dated 30.05.2025	Sections 7, 9 & 14 of SADA 2006 r/w Section 9(1)(c) of SAD Amendment Act 2017 r/w Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023/34 of IPC, 1860	02.06.2025	Special Judge (SADA, 2006) Pakyong, Sikkim	Charge Sheet not filed
She has been diagnosed with Syphilis and is under medication.							

(II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim - 05

Sl No	Name of the UTP	Address	Police Station/FIR No	Arrested under Section	Admitted in Prison on	Detention period
1	Pradeep Rai@Pappu 37/M (Sl No 5) [Flag I]	Housing Colony, Nayabazar, Soreng District	Nayabazar P S Case No 16/2024 dated 25.08.2024	Sections 21(b) & 27 of NDPS Act.	28.08.2024	12 months
<i>The above UTP tested positive for HIV and also has gall bladder stone. As part of his treatment plan, ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) drugs was started on 04.09.2024 and review is being carried out, every month. His next review is on 18.09.2025.</i>						
2	Kamal Gurung 52/M (Sl No 10) [Flag III]	Panday Colony, Gyalshing	Gyalshing P S Case No 16/2024 dated 10.04.2025	Sections 64, 98, 99, 3(2) & 3(3) of BNS, 2023/376, 372, 373, 7 & 27 of IPC, 1860 r/w Sections 3, 4, 5(i)(1) & 6 of POCSO Act, 2012.	11.04.2025	4 months
<i>The above UTP has Diabetes Mellitus and is being administered insulin on a daily basis since 11.04.2025.</i>						
3	Shivijan Subba 33/M (Sl No 46) [Flag IV]	Chisopani, Jorethang	Jorethang P S Case No 11/2025 dated 05.05.2025	Section 22(c) of NDPS Act, r/w Section 7(b) of SADA, r/w Section 9(1)(a) of SADA, 2017 & 2018, r/w Sections 111 & 3(5) of BNS, 2023/34 of IPC, 1860.	19.05.2025	03 months
<i>The above UTP is suffering from gall bladder stone and is undergoing treatment since 07.06. 2025.</i>						
4	Tenzing Sherpa 60/M (Sl No 57) [Flag VI]	Lower Manzing, Namchi	Yangang P S Case No 02/2025 dated 15.06.2025	Sections 103 & 3(5) of BNS, 2023/302 & 34 of IPC, 1860.	19.06.2025	02 months
<i>The above UTP is suffering from gall bladder stone and hypertension and is undergoing treatment since 16.07.2025.</i>						
5	Bijay Sharma 37/M (Sl No 72) [Flag II]	Jorethang, Namchi	Jorethang P S Case No 19/2024 dated 15.07.2025	Section 22(b) of NDPS Act, r/w Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023/34 of IPC, 1860.	18.07.2025	01 month
<i>The above UTP tested positive for Syphilis and is undergoing treatment since 31.07.2025.</i>						

**RESOLVED:**

The High Powered Committee recommends that the Learned Trial Court be requested to consider the case of UTP Suraj Chettri @Sonam Bhutia @Thothey, appearing in *Sl No 4* lodged in the State Central Prison, Rongyek in connection with Pakyong PS Case No 41&42/2024 Dated 10.12.2024, under Sections 305/331(4) of BNS, 2023/ Sections 380/457 of IPC, 1860 and Sections 305/331(4) of BNS, 2023/ Sections 380/457 of IPC, 1860.

The High Powered Committee also suggests that UTP Pradeep Rai@Pappu, arrested in connection with Nayabazar P S Case No 16/2024 dated 25.08.2024, under Sections 21(b) & 27 of NDPS Act and lodged in District Prison, Boomtar, be considered to be enlarged on bail as he has not only tested positive for HIV, but is also suffering from Gall Bladder Stone.

**(i) To consider release of UTPs who are women;**

**(I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : 08**

Sl No	Name of the UTP	Address	Police Station/FIR No	Arrested under Section	Admitted in Prison on	Detention period
1	Basanti Darjee aged 34	Tamang Gumpa, Sichey, Gangtok, Sikkim	Rangpo P S Case No 20/2025 dated 24.04.2025	Sections 21, 22 & 27 of NDPS Act, 1985.	28.04.2025	4 months and 5 days
2	Sushila Pradhan aged 62	Aho Yangtam, Chota Singtam, Pakyong, Sikkim	Rangpo P S Case No 20/2025 dated 18.05.2025 and Rangpo P S Case No 21/2023 dated 13.10.2023	Sections 7, 9(1)(b) & 14 of SADA, 2006 r/w Section 9(1)(b) of SAD Amendment Act, 2017 and 7(a)(1)(b)/14 of SADA, 2006 r/w Section 9(1)(b) of SAD Amendment Act, 2017.	19.05.2025	3 months 14 days
3	Jas Maya Kami @ Babita Chettri 29/F	Jorethang, Namchi, Sikkim at present Vajra Gangtok Sikkim	Rangpo PS Case No 30/2025 dated 30.05.2025	Sections 7, 9 & 14 of SADA 2006 r/w Section 9(1)(c) of SAD Amendment Act 2017 r/w Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023/34 of IPC, 1860	02.06.2025	3 months and 1 day
4	Mandira Chettri aged 50	Daragoan, Singtam, Gangtok, Sikkim	Singtam P S Case No 14/2025 dated 21.06.2025	Sections 7(a)(b) & 14 of SADA, 2006 r/w sec. 9(1)(b) of SAD Amendment Act, 2017 r/w 3(5) of BNS, 2023/34 of IPC, 1860	25.06.2025	2 month and 8 days
5	Diki Lhamu Tamang aged 40	Chadey, Mangan, Sikkim	Mangan P S Case No 08/2025 dated 17.07.2025	Sections 7(a), 9(1)(c) of SADA 2006 r/w Section 9(1)(a) of SAD Amendment Act, 2017.	22.07.2025	1 month and 11 days
6	Januka Chettri @Unika aged 24	Phongla, Namthang, Namchi, Sikkim	Sadar P S Case No 99/2025 dated 21.07.2025	Section 22(b) of NDPS Act, 1985.	23.07.2025	1 month and 10 days
7	Bindhu Thapa Tamang aged 47	Prakash Nagar, Siliguri West Bengal	Rangpo P S Case No 48/2025 dated 5/8/2025	Sections 21, 22 & 27 of NDPS Act, 1985, r/w Section 61(2) of BNS 2023/120B of IPC, 1860.	07.08.2025	26 days



8	Buddhi Maya Rai aged 25	Majigoan, Jorethang, Namchi District,	Jorethang P S Case No 01/2025	Sections 7(a)/9(1)(b) of the SADA Act., 2006.	18.08.2025	15 days
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**II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : 02 (Flag 'B')**

Sl No	Name of the UTP	Address	Police Station/FIR No	Arrested under Section	Admitted in Prison on	Detention period
1	Pema Uden Bhutia aged 40	Panday Coloney, Gyalshing District	Gyalshing P S Case No 05/2025 dated 10.04.2025	Sections 3/4/5(i)(1)6 of of POCSO Act, 2012.	11.04.2025	04 months
2	Leenamit Lepcha aged 24	Beeling Turuk, Namchi	Namchi P S Case No 21/2025 dated 02.06.2025	Sections 21 NDPS Act, 1985, r/w Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023/34 of IPC, 1860.	03.06.2025	02 month

**(j) To consider release of UTPs who are first time offenders between the ages of 19 and 21 and in custody for offences punishable with less than 7 years of imprisonment and have suffered at least 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the maximum sentence prescribed;**

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**  
 (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

**(k) To consider release of UTPs who are of unsound mind;**

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**  
 (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

**(l) To consider UTPs eligible for release under Section 437(6) of the Cr P C/Section 480(6) of B N S S, wherein in a case triable by a Magistrate, the trial of a person accused of any non- bailable offence has not been concluded within a period of 60 days from the first date fixed for taking evidence in the case:**

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**  
 (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

**(m) To consider release of UTPs detained under Sections 107, 108, 109, 151 of the Cr P C/Sections 126, 127, 128 and 170 of B N S S:**

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**  
 (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

**Item Agenda No 3: Prisoners who are 60 Years of age or older, and who are Terminally ill to be considered on compassionate ground**

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**
  - (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**
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**Item Agenda No 5: UTPs and Convicts with Covid-19 in the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim and availability of medical facilities and treatment.**

- (I) The State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim : **NIL**
- (II) The District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim : **NIL**

As informed by the District Prison, Boomtar vide letter bearing No 136/SP/DPN/2025 dated 02.08.2025, the Prison dispensary is operating with a dedicated Medical Officer, Staff Nurse and Pharmacist (Mr Sajan Rai), providing UTPs with essential medical care and access to basic medications. Additionally, they receive regular visits from:

1. Dr Tsepel Eden Bhutia, Psychiatrist (twice in a month).
2. Ms Divyaswari Rai and Mr Simran Rai, Clinical Psychologist (twice a month).
3. Eye Technician Jitendra Basnett (monthly).

**RESOLVED:**

The High Powered Committee resolved that Ophthalmologist from the New STNM Hospital be deputed to the State Central Prison, Rongyek for eye examination of the UTPs/Convicts who are of the age of 40 (*forty*) years and above.

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**Item Agenda No 6: Continuation of sanitization and maintenance of hygiene and cleanliness in the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim.**

As informed by the State Central Prison vide letter bearing No 332/SCP/JAIL/2025 dated 02.08.2025, sanitization in the Prison is being carried out on fortnightly basis as resolved by the High Powered Committee on 29.04.2025.

As informed by the District Prison, Boomtar vide letter bearing No 136/SP/DPN/2025 dated 02.08.2025, sanitization in the District Prison is being carried out on a fortnightly basis.

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**Item Agenda No 7: Number of new UTPs since 31-05-2024 and the latest vaccination position of UTPs, Convicts, Officers and Staff at the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim.**

Vide letters bearing 332/SCP/JAIL/2025 and 136/SP/DPN/2025 dated 02.08.2025, received from State Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Boomtar, respectively, the following information had been provided:

**STATE CENTRAL PRISON, RONGYEK**

a)	Newly admitted UTPs since <b>29.05.2025</b>	-	<b>91</b>
b)	Number of UTPs administered with both first and second dose of COVID-19 vaccine	-	<b>26</b>
c)	Number of UTPs not vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine	-	<b>16</b>

## **DISTRICT PRISON, BOOMTAR**

a)	Newly admitted UTPs since <b>29.05.2025</b>	-	<b>89</b>
b)	Number of UTPs administered with both first and second dose of COVID-19 vaccine	-	<b>17</b>
c)	Number of UTPs not vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine	-	<b>06</b>

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**Item Agenda No 8:** **Present mode of production of UTPs before Courts and continuation of video conference for Remand.**

Vide letters bearing 332/SCP/JAIL/2025 and 136/SP/DPN/2025 dated 02.08.2025, received from State Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Boomtar, respectively, it has been informed that all the UTPs required for remand are being produced only through Video Conferencing and UTPs undergoing trial are being produced physically before the Ld Courts.

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**Item Agenda No 9:** **Steps taken for and progress of counselling of UTPs and Convicts by Psychologists and Psychiatrists at the State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim and District Prison, Boomtar, Namchi, South Sikkim (UTPs, Convicts under SADA and UTPs, Convicts with mental illness, other UTPs and Convicts in need of counselling)**

As informed by the State Central Prison, Rongyek vide letter bearing No332/SCP/JAIL/2025 dated 02.08.2025, Psychiatrist is visiting the State Central Prison, Rongyek on a fortnightly basis, and, the Clinical Psychologist is visiting the prison once in a week.

Also, UTPs and Convict(s) under SADA and NDPS are given counseling for 2 (two) days in a week (one day through virtual mode and the next day physically) by Freedom Facility, Tathangchen. The counseling session is

conducted by the Rehabilitation Centres namely Freedom Facility, Tathangchen and Serenity Home, Lower Burtuk, on rotation basis, every three months. Mental Health Camp: Quarterly mental health camps are also being conducted and the last one was organized by Sikkim SLSA on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

As informed by the Superintendent of Police (Prison), District Prison, Boomtar 136/SP/DPN/2025 dated 02.08.2025, Freedom Facility, Tathangchen is conducting weekly virtual counseling sessions for the UTPs arrested under Section SADA, 2006 and NDPS, 1985. Also, physical counseling sessions are being conducted by Sanjeevni Rehabilitation Centre for the UTPs arrested under SADA, 2006 and NDPS, 1985, every Tuesday. Dr Tsepel Eden Bhutia, Psychiatrist visits the prison twice a month and quarterly mental health camps are conducted, wherein, the last one was organized by Sikkim SLSA along with DLSA, Namchi on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

**RESOLVED:**

The High Powered Committee recommends that during the quarterly mental health camps being carried out for the inmates of the two prisons by the Sikkim SLSA, physical health assessments may also be carried out simultaneously for the inmates.

**Item Agenda No 10: Any other item(s) with the permission of the Chair**

**The present capacity of UTPs and Convicts at the State Central Prison, Rongyek :**

<b>Convicts</b>			
	Male	Female	Total Number of Convicts
Actual Capacity	152	Under construction	152
Currently lodged	157	--	157
<b>Under Trial Prisoners</b>			
	Male	Female	Total Number of UTPs
Actual Capacity	162	21	183
Currently lodged	147	08	155 (147 male & 8 female)

**The present capacity of UTPs at the District Prison, Boomtar :**

	Male	Female	Total Number of UTPs
Actual Capacity	69	05	74
Currently lodged	130	02	132 (130 male & 2 female)

The date for next meeting of the High Powered Committee will be intimated in due course of time.

Sd/-

( Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai )  
Judge, High Court of Sikkim  
and Executive Chairperson,  
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