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विषय :- ई- प्रिजन पोर्टल पर PTN तथा CNR अद्यतन किये जाने के संबंध में।


संदर्भ:- जेल मुख्यालय भोपाल का पत्र क्रमांक 8365/ई-प्रिजन/टेस/2025 दिनांक 24.03.2025 के पालन में

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उपरोक्त विषय एवं संदर्भ में निवेदन है, कि जेल मुख्यालय मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल का पत्र क्रमांक 8365/ई-प्रिजन/टेस/2025 दिनांक 24.03.2025 के आदेशानुसार माननीय न्यायालय से PTN NUMBER प्राप्त करने हेतु आदेशित किया गया है।

अतः माननीय न्यायालय से निवेदन है कि इस कार्यालय को PTN NUMBER उपलब्ध कराने की कृपा करे। जिससे कि ई- प्रिजन पोर्टल पर PTN NUMBER अद्यतन करने की कार्यवाही की जा सके।

संलग्न- उपरोक्तानुसार


जेल अधीक्षक
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जेल मुख्यालय, मध्य प्रदेश, भोपाल

क्र. 8365 /ePrisons/ TESS/2025

दिनांक 24/03/2025

प्रति,

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माननीय न्यायालय के संदर्भित आदेश और एमिकस क्यूरी श्री देवांश मोहता द्वारा प्रस्तुत नोट के अनुसार, ई-प्रिजन पोर्टल और संबंधित प्रणालियों में सुधार तथा विस्तार हेतु निम्नलिखित बिंदुओं पर तत्काल कार्यवाही किए जाने का अनुरोध है:

1. PTN (Pre-Trial Number) का प्रकाशन

वर्तमान में ई-प्रिजन पोर्टल में केस एंट्री के अंतर्गत PTN भरने का विकल्प उपलब्ध है। हालांकि, प्रदेश की ट्रायल कोर्ट द्वारा जारी किए गए बंदी वारंट में केवल अपराध क्रमांक अंकित किया जाता है।

माननीय सुप्रीम कोर्ट में संलग्न नोट (पृष्ठ-4) के अनुसार:

- जेल प्राधिकरण द्वारा प्राप्त Jail ID को PTN-FIR के साथ सभी आगामी संचारों में शामिल किया जाए।

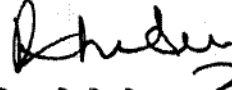
कार्यवाही:- जेलें अपने संबंधित जिला न्यायालय से संपर्क कर PTN नंबर प्राप्त किए जाने हेतु अनुरोध करें तथा PTN नंबर प्राप्त होने के पश्चात जेलों द्वारा ई-प्रिजन पोर्टल पर PTN नंबर को अद्यतन किया जाए।

2. बिना CNR नंबर वाले मामलों की ट्रैकिंग

- जेल विभाग को निर्देशित किया गया है कि वे बिना CNR नंबर वाले सभी मामलों की सूची तैयार करें ताकि कैदियों एवं उनके मामलों की उचित ट्रैकिंग और प्रबंधन सुनिश्चित किया जा सके।

कार्यवाही:- सभी जेलों को बिना CNR नंबर वाले मामलों की सूची तैयार करने और उसे संबंधित अधिकारियों को प्रस्तुत करने के लिए निर्देशित किया जाता है।

उपरोक्त दोनों बिंदुओं पर तत्काल कार्यवाही करें तथा इस संबंध में की गई कार्यवाही की सूचना तकनीकी शाखा, जेल मुख्यालय को प्रदान करें।


(जी.अखेतो सेमा) 21.3.25

अति. महानिदेशक, जेल एवं सुधारात्मक सेवाएं

मध्य प्रदेश, भोपाल

**IN THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
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**NOTE FOR HEARING DATED
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INTRODUCTION

1. The feedback¹ and compliances² by the Prison Authorities, placed before this Hon'ble Court brings out challenges and disadvantages of relying upon paper-based and manual systems of information gathering as well as 'data exchange' or 'data sharing' between Courts and Prisons.

2. The demonstration³ of e-prison portal, pursuant to order passed by this Hon'ble Court, highlighted considerable benefits of a prison management system. While some

¹ Compliance Report Volume 5 dated 25.07.2023 and Compliance Report Volume 6 dated 31.10.2023

² Compliance Report Volume 9 dated 10.09.2024 and Compliance Report Volume 9A dated 25.09.2024

³Conducted by Shri Sashikant Sharma, NIC at 1st floor, E-Block in the Administrative Buildings Complex, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

benefits would accrue overtime – once the e-prisons portal is populated with data, integrated with other pillars of criminal justice system namely Courts and Police and achieve event-based data sharing in an automated manner- there are some benefits which are immediate.

3. The present note is being filed to invite the attention of this Hon'ble Court to areas of the e-prisons project of immediate concern where directions may be necessary.

Those areas are as follows:

- (i) Publication of PTN
- (ii) Collation of CNR and PID/Jail ID
- (iii) Tracking of cases without CNR by Prison Authorities
- (iv) Enhancement/Expansion of database to include non-police cases
- (v) Deployment of Personnel and regular training to operate e-prisons portal.

PUBLICATION OF PTN

4. PTN generated by the Court as a case identifier until charges are framed. After framing charges, the CNR is generated for every case. It is respectfully submitted that

while collating the 'key data element' the following problem came to light regarding PTN:

- (i) Prison authorities were unable to categorically inform whether PTN details were available with Courts;
- (ii) The enquiry from the Court generated inconsistent feedback which is as tabulated in compliance report dated 10.09.2024⁴.

4. It is pertinent to note that the 'Bihar Prison Authority' have shared sample of warrants where PTN number is handwritten. Such manual and physical/handwritten method of recording information renders the system vulnerable to errors as there would be no mechanism for validating information at the time when the recording is taking place. In addition, data integrity may also be compromised. It is important that the right information is collected from the right source in the right way.
5. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that publishing of PTN details on custody warrant and/or remand order would

⁴ Page X-Y of the Compliance report dated 10.09.2024

ensure that data is captured at its originating point rather than reconstructed subsequently. Further once data entered accurately may be used many times as and when needed. Moreover, in the long term, it would also facilitate data integration.

Directions:

6. In view of the above, this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to direct:
 - (i) that the Trial Courts commence publishing PTN and FIR details on custody warrant to ensure efficient communication of those data elements to prison authority. Thereafter PTN and FIR would form part of all communication between Courts and Prison.
 - (ii) that upon procuring Jail ID from the Prison Authorities to publish the same along with PTN-FIR on all subsequent communications between Courts and Prison.

**COLLATION AND PUBLICATION OF CNR AND PID/JAIL
ID**

7. In *Krusha Duruka Versus State of Odisha 2024 (1 SCR) 604* this Hon'ble Court directed that every bail application must carry a report from the registry about earlier bail applications (either pending or decided) arising from the same crime case. This Hon'ble Court observed that, in case FIR number was not available, the report may be prepared utilizing CNR number. These directions were passed to ensure that the aforesaid information is available to the courts to facilitate decision making and prevent anomalies. **[see: page 621, para 20 (SCR)]**

8. In the case of *Suhas Chakma Versus Union of India (2024) INSC 813*, this Hon'ble Court had observed that the jail authorities should be vested with an obligation to upload surrender, custody particulars of the convicts the corresponding with numbers of criminal appeals/petitions to ensure availability of information for the court. **(See page 27, paragraph 28)**

9. *Krusha* also demonstrates utility of CNR in facilitating the task of decision making. It is pertinent to note that CNR is generated by Courts whereas custody certificate is a data

generated by Prison Authority. Thus, the obligation in *Krusha* is cast upon court registry whereas in *Chamka* upon Jail Authority.

10. It is respectfully submitted that in the present time the agencies of criminal justice systems cannot focus only upon their isolated need for data without also considering the necessity of integration. Further the traditional approach of maintaining a an independent and disconnected database may lead to bottlenecks in the flow of information.

Directions:

Collation of data by the Hon'ble Supreme Court

11. It is respectfully submitted that a top-down approach may be required. This Hon'ble Court, therefore, may consider the suggestion mentioned below:
 - (i) Appropriate directions may be passed to ensure that CNR number as well as Jail ID and the PID of the accused/convict are collated in all criminal cases filed and pending before this Hon'ble Court the and

these data elements are prominently mentioned in an “information sheet”/report for the convenience of all the stakeholders.

Collation of data by High Court

- (ii) A similar exercise may be undertaken by the High Courts in relation to all criminal cases pending before it.

Collation of CNR/Jail ID by Trial Courts

- (iii) that the Trial Court may be directed to publish CNR that CNR number along-with PTN number, after framing of charges, on all communication from court to Prison.
- (iv) that the Trial Court may consider attaching to conviction/final judgement an information sheet comprising of identifiers (Metadata) a template is attached to facilitate collation of key data elements by other agencies as well the higher courts. A template of information sheet is attached for consideration.

[Note: It is respectfully submitted that the information sheet is a means to facilitate

communication of data-element which are necessary for decision making as well as record keeping. A format of custody certificate to be provided by Prison Authorities is also attached]

13. It is respectfully submitted that the communication between Courts and Prison – to ensure for instance of Court order and appeal alters to prisoners would require automated processing.
14. In this regard NIC has suggested few integrations proposal:
 - (i) Integration of e-prison portal with e-filing portal of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India through API which will facilitate retrieval of Jail ID/PID at the time of filing. Similar integration with the High Courts is also feasible at the filing portals/counters.
 - (ii) Installation of dedicated kiosk in the prison which will be utilized for filing jail petition (directly from jail) where jail ID would get shared with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
 - (iii) Development of portal on National Prison Portal to facilitate access to Prisoner Record by a registered

advocate – on – record (subject to authorisation by accused or convict)

Directions:

15. In view of the above this Hon'ble Court may be this regard this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to direct the appropriate authority in coordination with NIC may take appropriate steps to assess the feasibility of both:

- i. Integration of e-prison portal with e-filing portal through a portal.
- ii. Provision for access to Advocate-on-Records upon registration with a combination of AOR code and mobile number, subject to inmates' consent.

Review of forms

Directions:

12. This Hon'ble Court may also consider directing the appropriate authority to review the forms related to commitment, production documents which are utilized for communication between Courts and Prisons. This review may carry out *firstly* to ensure that key identifiers [FIR –

PTN/CNR – Jail ID/PID] are prominently mentioned and *secondly* with purpose of data sharing and data integration and also ease of extraction of relevant information including key data elements as per requirement of the agencies and courts.

TRACKING OF CASES WITHOUT CNR

13. Custody is deprivation of personal liberty by prison authorities. Thus, prison authorities are responsible to demonstrate that liberty of inmate is taken away in accordance with procedure established by law and the inmates are entitled to seek recourse against transgression.
14. It is respectfully submitted that apart from decision making key data elements are also relevant for preservation of fundamental rights of the prisoners. Infact, prisoner management is also a tool for ensuring human rights of prisoners and respected and upheld.
15. A Handbook on Prisoner File Managment [UNDC] may lend perspective and is annexed to this note.

16. In relation to public confidence in criminal justice and rule of law, in the context of prison file management, it is stated thus:

“The presence of an effective and functioning system for creating and maintaining prisoner files has implications for public confidence in the criminal justice system. It sends out important signals regarding the prison system’s commitment to improving transparency and accountability and in turn, supports the fair and impartial delivery of justice. It also marks a public commitment to monitor and prevent human rights abuses in places of detention.” (“Handbook on prisoner file management”, 2008, p. 4).

17. It is respectfully submitted that Jail ID Case ID are necessary concomitant of a prisoners file. In view of the above it becomes the bounded duty of Jail Authority to ensure all inmate are assigned a PID. It is respectfully submitted that no inmate can remain unclassified and therefore it is respectfully submitted that the e-prison portal must also be utilized to ensure that an inmate is tracked and is not lost in the system
18. The type of cases without CNR are already highlighted in Compliance Report 10.9.2024 and 25.9. 20204. These are old cases and transferred cases. As stated in the above compliance reports. The Prison Authorities were also requested to provide the oldest cases with a CNR form

their record and collate a list of case without CNR. Few States have provided this information.

19. **That the Jail Authorities may be directed: to collate all cases which without CNR number to ensure proper tracking of cases as well as the prisoner.**

EXPANSION OF DATABASE

20. That NIC may be directed to take appropriate steps in coordination with States to expand the case typed included in the e-prisons portal, ensuring broader coverage of cases for CNR assignment.

TRAINING

21. That State Government may be directed to take steps to ensure within Prisons deployment of Data Operators and/or maintain a department for proper management and regular update of e-prison portal.
22. That the State Government may consider framing rules treating Punjab Prison Rules as a model.

ANNEXURE 1

CUSTODY CERTIFICATE

Name of Jail issuing certificate:			
Designation of Authority		Superintendent of Jail	
Name of Authority Issuing Certificate:			
Prison ID:			
Certificate No	xxxxxx	Dated	dd/mm/yyyy
Name of Convict/Accused & Father Name			
Address			
State, District			

1). Detail of custody of the case, which is being required by the Hon'ble Court

i.	FIR No./Date/U/s/PS:				
ii.	CNR / PTN No				
iii.	Convicted by the Ld. Court of with date of judgment & tenure/term of sentence),if any:				
iv.	Custody		Years Months Days		
Detail of custody period in this case <i>Years, Months and Days conversion are computer generated</i>					
Sr. No.	Particulars	Period	Year	Month	Days
1.					

2. Detail of pending undertrial cases (if any)

i.	File No., Date Under Section Police Station	
	CRN No.	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
ii.	Name of the Ld. Trial Court	
iii.	Whether on bail or not	
iv.	Actual custody in this case as under trial	

** Above mentioned custody details are provided as per available records and may be differ on further availability of records.*

Details of custody period in this case

Years, Months and Days conversion are computed generated

Sr. No.	Particulars	Period	Year	Month	Day
1.					

3. Detail of conviction in other cases (if any)

i.	File No., Date Under Section Police Station	
	CRN No.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
ii.	Convicted by the Court (with date of judgment & tenure/term of sentence), if any	

4. Detail of acquittal in other cases (if any)

i.	File No., Date Under Section Police Station	
	CRN No.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
ii.	Convicted by the Court (with date of judgment & tenure/term of sentence), if any	

5. Detail of acquittal in other cases (if any)

i.	File No., Date Under Section Police Station	
	CRN No.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
ii.	Production by the Court	

6. Detail of punishment awarded by Jail authority, if any:

i.	Punishment Days/Period	
ii.	Punishment	

7. Detail of Co-Accused:

i.	Name of Convict/Accused & Father Name	
ii.	Address	
iii.	Jail Code	
iv.	FIR No./Date/PS/U/s	
	CRN/PTN No.	
v.	Case Details, if any:	

