

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
BARAMULLA**

To,
The Member Secretary,
Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority,
Jammu/Srinagar.

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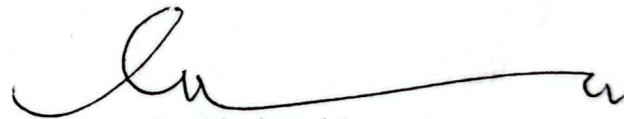
Dated: 30/07/2025

Subject: - Submission of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC).

Respected Madam,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC), held at District Baramulla in compliance with the directions of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority and the guidelines of NALSA. The Committee reviewed cases of eligible undertrial prisoners and made necessary recommendations. The minutes are submitted for your kind consideration and further action.

Yours faithfully,



(Javid Ahmad Parray)
Secretary
DLSA, Baramulla

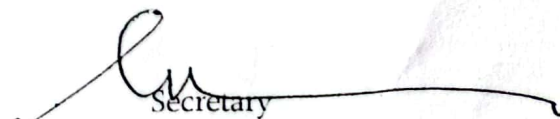
Enclosure: Minute of the 3rd UTRC Meeting

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1. Worthy Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Baramulla for information.
2. All members of Under Trial Review committee Baramulla.

Copy also to the:

1. Worthy 1st Additional Sessions Judge Baramulla for information.
2. Principal GMC and C.M.O Baramulla for information and necessary action.
3. Superintendent central Jail Srinagar for information and necessary action.
4. Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC) Baramulla for information and necessary action
5. ☒ System Officer, Principal District & Sessions Court Baramulla for uploading the minutes of the meeting on the official website.
6. Office file.



Secretary
DLSA, Baramulla

**OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT UNDER-TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (UTRC)
BARAMULLA**

Subject: - 3rd Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) Meeting at Baramulla.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Undertrial Review Committee (UTRC) Baramulla held its 3rd quarterly meeting today the 18th of July, 2025, as per the directions of the Hon'ble National Legal Services Authority and J&K Legal Services Authority. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Jawad Ahmad, Worthy Principal District and Sessions Judge, Baramulla, as Chairman of the Committee and was attended by: i) Mr. Arshad Ahmad Khan, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Baramulla, on behalf of the District Magistrate Baramulla ii). Mr. Harid Prasad K.K., Additional Superintendent of Police, Baramulla, on behalf of Senior Superintendent of Police, Baramulla iii). Mr. Mir Murtaza, Additional Superintendent of Police, Sopore, on behalf of Senior Superintendent of Police Sopore iv) Mr. Javid Ahmad Pary, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Baramulla v) Mr. Altaf Ahmad, Deputy Superintendent of Police Headquarters, Baramulla (Incharge, Subsidiary Jail Baramulla) vii) Mr. Barkat Ahmad, Superintendent, District Jail, Baramulla and ASI Zahoor Ahmad, Incharge, Subsidiary Jail Sopore. The meeting was also attended by i) Dr. A.G. Raina, Chief Medical Officer, Baramulla ii) Dr. Tajamul Hussain, Head of Department, Psychiatry, GMC Baramulla iii) Dr. Asif, Nodal Officer, Chief Medical Officer Baramulla iv) Mr. Mirza Zahid Khaleel, Public Prosecutor, Baramulla v) Mr. Ashfaq Hussain, Deputy LADC Baramulla.

The Committee reviewed the cases of undertrial prisoners lodged in different jails in the District as per the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and NALSA SOP. The cases of undertrials falling under the specified categories were

threadbare discussed. The preliminary exercise was made in respect of cases of undertrial women prisoners, sick prisoners requiring specialised medical treatment and old aged prisoners.

Categories 1-10

It was informed that there were no undertrials falling under categories one to ten as defined by the NALSA SOP/guidelines.

Category-11

Two cases were reported under category eleven, which pertains to undertrials suffering from serious medical conditions that may warrant specialized treatment.

The details of these two cases are tabulated below:

S.No	Name of the Inmate	D.O.A	FIR No., u/s	Police Station	Trial Court	Age
1	Ahmadullah Malla S/o Ab. Ahad Malla R/o Dalal Mohalla Srinagar	13-07-2024	42/2013 – 121, 121-A, 302, 392, 334, 201 RPC, 7/25, 7/27 IAA, 2/4 Explosives Act, 16,18,19,20,23,38 UAPA	Tarzoo (now SIA Kmr)	Ld. Special Judge UAPA Court Sopore	72
2	Aqib Mohd. Mir S/o Mohd. Ramzan Mir R/o Batpora Sopore	04-04-2025 (Readmitted, Medical Report attached)	129/2022 – 18, 20, 23, 38 UAPA, 7/25 IAA	Pattan	Ld. Special Judge UAPA Court Sopore	35

Case of UTP, Ahmadullah Malla:

The first case discussed was that of undertrial Ahmadullah Malla, who is currently facing trial before the Designated Court for UAPA cases at Sopore in connection with FIR No. 42 of 2023. His medical report had been submitted for Committee review. The Committee, after examining the report, observed that although the medical ailments documented appeared manageable within the jail premises, a reference to a cardiac condition was vague and lacked specific details. In light of this ambiguity, the Committee resolved that the undertrial be referred to a

Medical Board, which shall include a qualified cardiologist, for a comprehensive evaluation of his cardiac health. The Board shall clearly specify the nature and extent of the condition and whether it can be treated within the jail infrastructure. Simultaneously, the Committee decided that the Additional Superintendent of Police, Sopore, shall verify the antecedents of the said UTP. The matter will be reconsidered in the next UTRC meeting once the medical evaluation and antecedent verification reports are received.

Case of UTP, Aqib Mohammad Mir:

The second case under this category was that of undertrial **Aqib Mohammad Mir**, whose medical records indicate that he is suffering from severe major depressive disorder with a risk of suicidality. Given the seriousness of the diagnosis, the Committee decided that he shall also be referred to a Medical Board that must include at least one qualified psychiatrist. The Board shall assess the mental health condition in detail and determine whether it can be managed adequately within the jail environment. Furthermore, the Additional Superintendent of Police, Baramulla, shall verify the antecedents of the undertrial. His case too will be placed before the next meeting for final recommendations after all reports are submitted.

Category 12

Under category twelve, which deals with women undertrials, one case was reported and discussed in depth. The details of the case are tabulated below:

S.No	Name of the Inmate	D.O.A	FIR No., u/s	Police Station	Trial Court	Age
1	Mst. Tasleema Begum W/o Late Mohd. Altaf Malik R/o Rangee Pattan Baramulla	04-05-2021	62/2021 – U/S 302, 120B IPC	Pattan	Ld. 1st Additional Sessions Court Baramulla	27

After thorough deliberations, the Committee recommended that the concerned Trial Court may consider the release of the undertrial woman prisoner, provided that all material witnesses listed in the charge sheet have already been examined. In addition to the status of witness examination, the Committee emphasized that the Trial Court, while deciding on the matter, may also take into account the age, antecedents, and the nature of the evidence presented against the accused.

Categories 13–15

No cases were reported under categories thirteen, fourteen, or fifteen.

Category 16

One case was reported under category sixteen, which pertains to undertrial prisoners above the age of seventy years. The details of the case are tabulated below:

S.No	Name of the Inmate	D.O.A	FIR No., u/s	Police Station	Trial Court	Age
1	Mushtaq Ah. Sheikh S/o Mohd. Sultan R/o Uri Baramulla	03-05-2017	19/2017 – U/S 302, 307, 323, 34 RPC	Uri	Ld. Principal Sessions Court Baramulla	71

The Secretary of DLSA informed the Committee that this case had previously been recommended for release during the UTRC meeting held on 18th April 2025. The undertrial in question has since filed a bail application before the learned Trial Court, but the application is yet to be disposed of. In view of this development, the Committee unanimously reaffirmed and reiterated its earlier recommendation for the release of the said undertrial prisoner.

District Jail by the Worthy Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Principal District and Sessions Judge), Baramulla.

During the said inspection, it was found that the jail, which has a sanctioned capacity for 213 inmates, was currently accommodating 402 prisoners, including 20 female inmates. The Committee acknowledged this as a critical concern requiring urgent intervention. Mr. Arshad Ahmad Khan (ACR Baramulla), representing the District Magistrate, informed the members that the Pahadi Hostel located at Fatehgarh is being shifted to Jetty and suggested that, once vacated, the structure may be offered to the District Jail authorities for expansion purposes. The Committee endorsed the suggestion and decided that the SSP Baramulla, along with the Jail Superintendent, shall formally take up the matter with the District Administration and the Government for the allotment of the said structure to the jail for its expansion, in order to reduce overcrowding and improve the overall living conditions of inmates.

Secondly, during the said inspection, it was reported that no doctor remains on duty during the night, which poses a serious risk to inmate health and safety, particularly in emergency situations. Taking serious note of this gap, the Committee directed the Chief Medical Officer, Baramulla, to coordinate with the District Head of Mission AYUSH and prepare a night-duty roster of doctors to ensure round-the-clock medical care in the jail. The Chief Medical Officer was further directed to ensure that the roster is implemented at the earliest and a compliance report is submitted to the secretary, DLSA Baramulla.

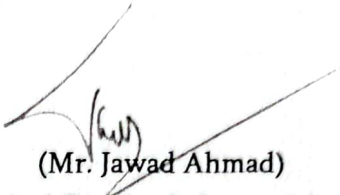
Thirdly, it was also noticed during the inspection that the ECG machine installed at the jail dispensary was non-functional due to the absence of a trained technician to operate it. After detailed discussions, it was decided that the pharmacist presently posted in the jail shall be given the necessary training to operate the ECG machine and interpret the results. Until such training is imparted, the Chief

Medical Officer shall arrange to depute a trained technician to the jail on an interim basis. The Chief Medical Officer further informed the Committee that the pharmacist may also utilize the services of a WhatsApp-based group called "Save Heart Group," wherein ECG reports can be uploaded for immediate expert analysis and feedback. The Committee appreciated the utility of this method and recommended that the pharmacist make use of the group as an interim solution until more permanent arrangements are made.

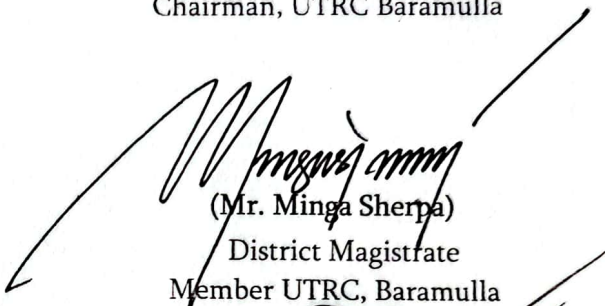
Another important concern raised during the inspection was the shortage of specialist doctors. It was pointed out that several inmates requiring specialized consultations are not able to access appropriate medical attention due to the lack of visiting specialists. The Committee recommended that the Principal, GMC Baramulla, prepare a weekly roster of specialist doctors and ensure that such specialists visit the jail regularly to attend to the medical needs of inmates.

Finally, the Committee took note of an issue raised by DySP Headquarters, Mr. Altaf Ahmad, regarding the financial burden borne by Investigating Officers (IOs) for the medical check-up of accused persons before their production before Magistrates for remand. It was reported that IOs are currently paying such expenses from their own pockets. The Chief Medical Officer clarified that while some medical services in government hospitals are provided free of cost, certain diagnostic tests are chargeable as per the prescribed government rates. The Committee, treating this as a matter of general administrative concern, resolved that in such cases, the Medical Officer concerned shall raise a formal bill and submit the same to the concerned SHO, who in turn shall forward it to the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP Baramulla or SSP Sopore) for payment from the appropriate Head. The Committee further recommended that no upfront payment should be demanded from IOs, and that both the Chief

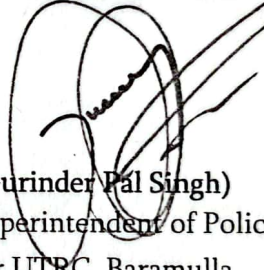
Medical Officer and the Principal, GMC Baramulla, shall issue necessary instructions to all medical officers in the district in this regard.



(Mr. Jawad Ahmad)
Principal District & Sessions Judge
Chairman, UTRC Baramulla



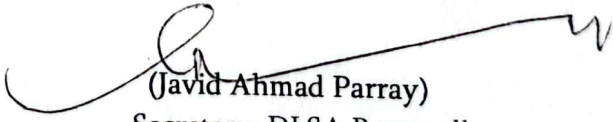
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District Magistrate
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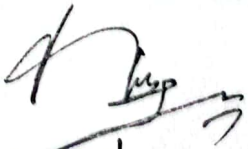
(Mr. Gurinder Pal Singh)
Senior Superintendent of Police
Member UTRC, Baramulla



(Mr. Iftkhar Talib)
Senior Superintendent of Police Sopore
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Secretary, DLSA Baramulla
Member UTRC, Baramulla



(Mr. Barkat Ahmad)
Superintendent, District Jail Baramulla
Member UTRC, Baramulla