

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

Subject: Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Undertrial Review Committee (UTRC) Baramulla.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Undertrial Review Committee (UTRC), Baramulla convened its 4th quarterly meeting on 24th October 2025, in accordance with the directions of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (JKLSA), as per the guidelines issued in this regard.. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Jawad Ahmad, Worthy Principal District & Sessions Judge Baramulla as chairman of the committee and was attended by a) Mr. Altaf Hussain, Additional District Magistrate Baramulla, representing District Magistrate Baramulla b) Mr. Javid Ahmad Pary, Secretary District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Baramulla, c) Mr. Hari Prasad KK, Additional Superintendent of Police Baramulla d) Mr. Mir Murtaza, Additional S.P Sopore representing Sr. superintendent of Sopore, e) Mr. Barkat Ahmad, Superintendent District Jail Baramulla.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. A.G. Raina, Chief Medical Officer, Baramulla, Dr. Mehraj Tramboo (Medical Officer) presently posted at District Jail, Baramulla, Mr. Mirza Zahid Khaleel, Public Prosecutor, Baramulla, and Mr. Zahoor Ahmad, Chief LADC, Baramulla.

The Committee reviewed the cases of Undertrial Prisoners lodged in different jails of the district in accordance with the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by NALSA. The cases of undertrials falling under the specified categories were examined threadbare.

Categories 1 and 2:

 No cases were reported under Category 1 and Category 2.

Category 3:

Under Category 3, one case was reported pertaining to an Undertrial Prisoner (UTP) who has been granted bail by the Hon'ble Court but remains in custody due to his inability to furnish sureties. 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	Mohd Maqbool Hajam S/o Gh. Mohammad R/o Adoora	17-05- 2013	23/2003 u/s 302/RPC	Sheeri	1 st Addl Sessions Judge Bla	58

The Committee was apprised by the Secretary, DLSA that in light of the recommendations made during the previous UTRC meeting, the aforementioned UTP, namely **Mohd. Maqbool Hajam**, facing trial in a criminal case arising out of FIR No. 23/2003 under Section 302 RPC of Police Station Sheeri, was granted bail by the Learned Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Baramulla, vide order dated 02.07.2025. The bail was subject to furnishing a personal bond of Rs 1,00,000/- along with two sureties of the like amount, and other conditions specified in the said order.

The Committee was further informed that despite persistent and sincere efforts made by the Legal Services Authority, no individual has come forward to stand as surety for the said UTP. After detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended that the Learned Trial Court may consider releasing the UTP on a personal bond alone, and in lieu of sureties, a lien may be placed on his immovable property equivalent to the surety amount, after verifying property details from the concerned Revenue Officer.

Category 4 to 10:

No cases were reported under category No. 4 to 10.

Category 11:

Four cases were reported under category 11 which pertains to under trials who are sick or infirm including terminally ill and who require specialized medical treatment. The details of these four cases are tabulated as below:

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S.No	Name of the inmate	D.O.A	FIR No., u/s	Police Station	Trial court	Age
1	Maqsood Ahmad Allaie S/o Mohd. Sultan R/o Chakloo Baramulla	19-04-2025	12/2024, 10, 13 ULA	Baramulla	Special Judge Designated Court NIA Baramulla	40
2	Mohd Amin Sheikh S/o Farooq Ahmad R/o Seelo Sopore	09-03-2024	10/2024, 8, 22, 29 NDPS act	Dangiwacha	Special Judge NDPS Baramulla	22
3	Ahmadullah Malla S/o Ab. Ahad Malla R/o Dalal Mohalla Srinagar	13-07-2024 <i>Medical Report attached</i>	42/2013 121,121-A,302,392, 334,201 RPC, 7/25,7/27 IAA,2/4 Exp. Act, 16,18,19,2 0,23,38 UAPA	Tarzoo now SIA Kmr	Special Judge Designated Court NIA Sopore	72
4	Aqib Mohd. Mir S/o Mohd. Ramzan Mir R/o Batpora Sopore	04-04-2025 (Readmitted) <i>Medical Report attached</i>	129/2022 18,20,23,38 ULA,7/25 IAA	Pattan	Special Judge Designated Court NIA Sopore	35

i. **Case of UTP Maqsood Ahmad Allaie**

The first case pertained to UTP Maqsood Ahmad Allaie, S/o Mohd. Sultan, R/o Chakloo, Baramulla, who is facing trial before the Special UAPA Court, Sopore, in a case arising out of FIR No. 12 of 2024, registered for offences under Sections 10 and 13 of the UAPA Act.

The Medical Officer, Dr. Mehraj Tramboo, presently posted at Sub-Jail Baramulla, submitted the medical record and report of the aforesaid UTP for the Committee's review. As per the medical record, the UTP is a known case of fracture of the neck of femur (left hip), operated on 15.02.2025 at the Bone and Joint Hospital, Srinagar. He also has a compression fracture of L1 (operated in 2006 with a broken implant), renal dysfunction diagnosed at SKIMS on 19.09.2025, bilateral hydronephrosis (Grade II-III), and neurogenic bladder. The report further indicates that the UTP is bedridden and handicapped, suffering from multiple comorbid conditions.

Dr. Mehraj Tramboo apprised the Committee that the condition of the UTP is progressively deteriorating, and he is likely to suffer renal failure in the near future. He further submitted that the ailments from which the UTP is suffering cannot be adequately managed within the jail premises.

After thorough deliberations, and upon perusal of the medical report as well as the inputs provided by Dr. Mehraj Tramboo, the Committee, while noting that the rigour of Section 43-D of the UAPA Act does not apply to the offences invoked, recommended that the Learned Trial Court may consider releasing the aforesaid UTP on bail, subject to such reasonable conditions as the Court may deem fit.

ii. **Case of UTP Mohd. Amin Sheikh**

The case of UTP Mohd. Amin Sheikh, S/o Farooq Ahmad, R/o Seelo, Sopore, who is facing trial in connection with FIR No. 10 of 2024 under Sections 8 and 22-29 of the NDPS Act of Police Station Dangiwachha, was also discussed in detail.

The Committee was apprised by Ld. Chief LADC, Baramulla, Mr. Zahoor Ahmad, that during custody, the UTP has completely lost vision in his left eye. This was also confirmed by Dr. Mehraj Tramboo, Medical Officer, District Jail Baramulla. The Chief LADC further informed that an application seeking bail for specialized medical



treatment outside the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir had been filed before the Learned Trial Court; however, the said application was rejected.

After taking note of the information shared by the Chief LADC and the Medical Officer, the Committee recommended that the Learned Trial Court may consider constituting a Special Medical Board to ascertain the cause and extent of vision loss suffered by the UTP and to suggest appropriate treatment, if required outside the Union Territory.

iii. **Cases of UTPs Ahmadullah Malla and Aqib Mohd. Mir**

The cases of UTPs Ahmadullah Malla and Aqib Mohd. Mir were also examined in detail by the Committee. Upon consideration of the medical reports submitted and the opinion of the Medical Officer, it was observed that the ailments from which these UTPs are suffering are manageable within the jail and do not warrant recommendation for release on medical grounds.

However, the Committee recommended that the Learned Trial Court may expedite the trial of their cases to ensure early disposal in the interest of justice.

Category 12 and 13:

No cases were reported under category No. 12 and 13.

Category 14:

Two cases were reported under this category which pertain to under trial prisoners who are of unsound mind and must be dealt in accordance with chapter XXV of CrPC. The details of said cases are tabulated below:

S.No	Name of the inmate	D.O.A	FIR No., u/s	Police Station	Trial court	Age
1	Mohd. Areeb Bhat S/o Manzoor Ahmad R/o Chanapora Srinagar	19-02- 2025	9/2025 103 BNS	Sopore	Additional Sessions Judge Sopore	19
2	Touseef Ahmad Bhat S/o Ab. Rashid R/o Hajam Mohalla Wadoora Baramulla	15-02- 2024	02/2024 302 IPC	Bomai	Additioanl Sessions Judge Sopore	29

i. Case of UTP Mohd. Areed Bhat

The case of UTP Mohd. Areed Bhat, who is facing trial before the Learned Additional Judge, Sopore, in connection with FIR No. 9 of 2024 under Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) registered at Police Station Sopore, was thoroughly discussed by the Committee.

After detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended that the Learned Trial Court may direct a medical examination of the UTP by a Special Medical Board to assess the extent and nature of his mental illness. In the event the Special Medical Board concludes that the UTP is not mentally fit to make his defence, the Committee further recommended that the Learned Trial Court may pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

ii. Case of UTP Touseef Ahmad Bhat

The case of UTP Touseef Ahmad Bhat, was also considered by the Committee. The Secretary, DLSA, Baramulla apprised the Committee that in the previous UTRC meeting held in October 2024, a recommendation had already been made to the Learned Trial Court to have the said UTP medically examined by a Special Medical Board to determine the extent and degree of his mental illness, and to consider his release if the Board opines that he is not fit to make his defence.

Upon review, the Committee decided to reiterate the earlier recommendation and accordingly directs the Chief LADC to file an appropriate motion before the Learned Trial Court seeking constitution of a Special Medical Board for evaluating the mental condition of the said UTP.

Additional Issues discussed and recommendations made:

Apart from the category-specific reviews, the Committee also deliberates upon certain systemic and structural issues, one of which pertains to the overcrowding of the District Jail, Baramulla.

The Superintendent of District Jail, Baramulla, Mr. Barkat Ahmad, apprised the Committee that against the sanctioned capacity of 213 inmates, the jail is presently accommodating more than 400 inmates, thereby operating at nearly double its capacity. He further informed the Committee that over one hundred Undertrial

Prisoners (UTPs) currently lodged in the District Jail, Baramulla are facing trial in courts located outside District Baramulla, particularly in the Sessions Division, Bandipora, where a full-fledged district jail is yet to be established.

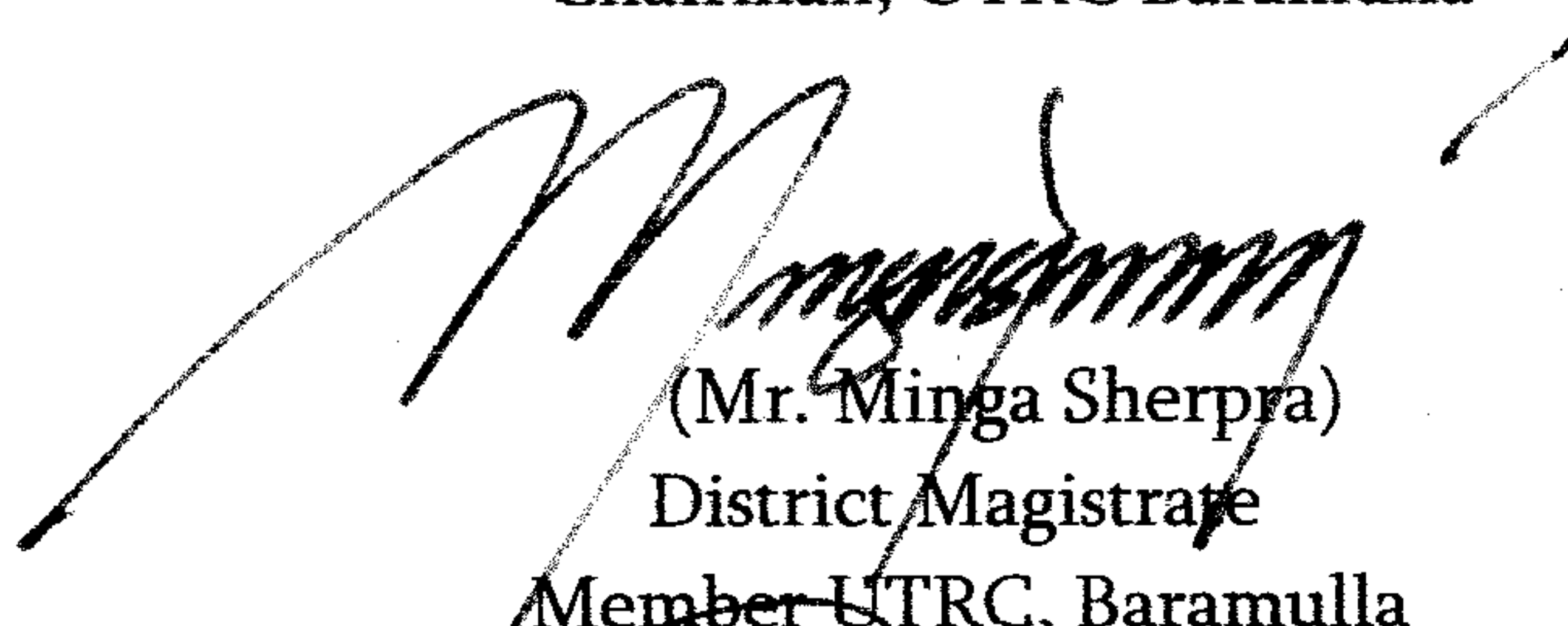
Mr. Barkat Ahmad submitted that one of the effective measures to address the issue of overcrowding would be the creation of a separate jail facility for District Bandipora by the Home Department. He stated that, if a dedicated jail for Bandipora District is established and the UTPs facing trial there are accordingly transferred, the congestion in District Jail, Baramulla would be substantially reduced.

The Committee took serious note of the concern raised and found the suggestion both practical and urgent. It, therefore, recommended that the District Administration, Bandipora, and the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Bandipora, may take up the matter with the Secretary, Home Department, at the earliest for necessary action.

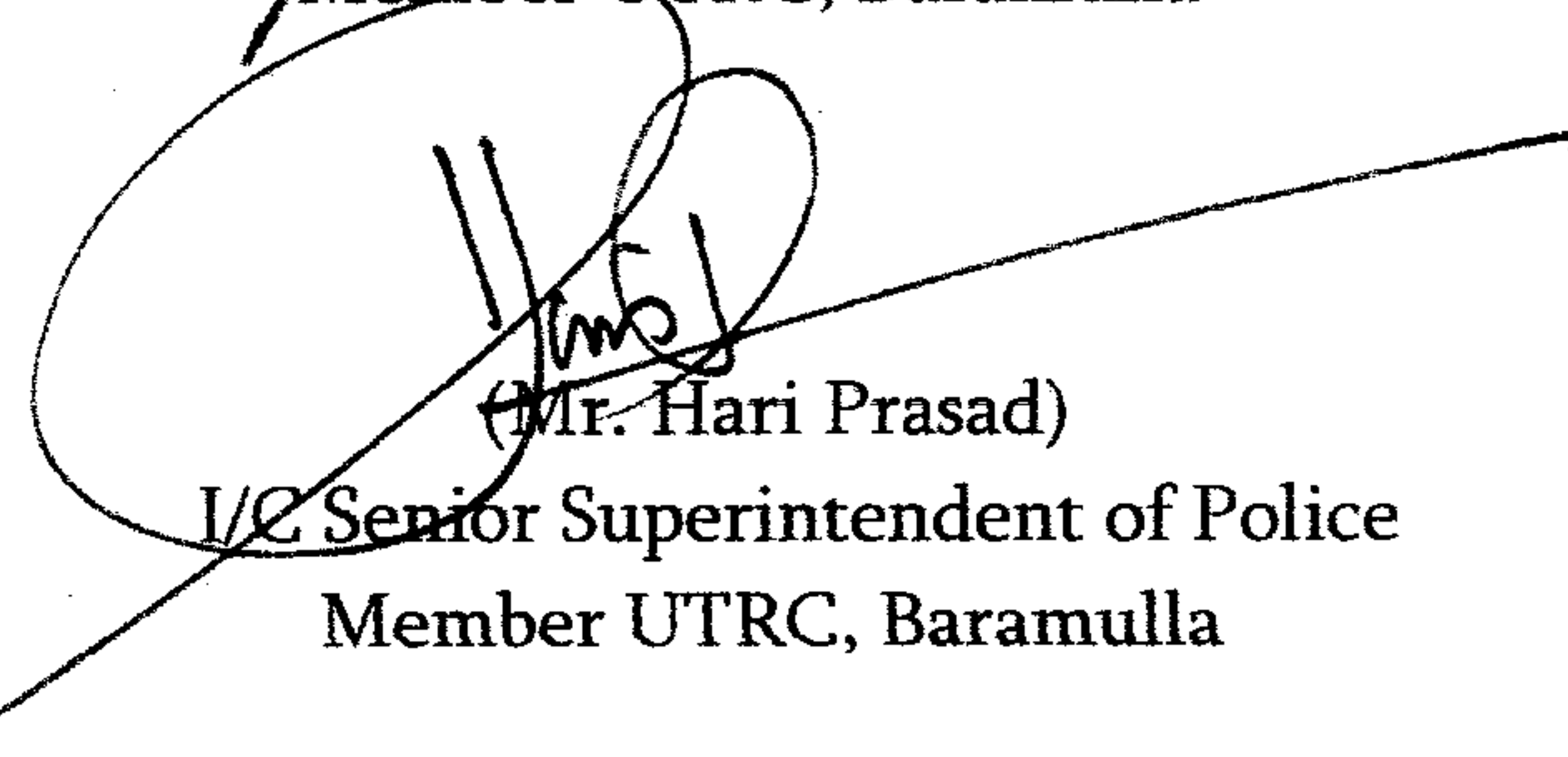
Furthermore, the Committee recommended that until a full-fledged jail infrastructure is established in District Bandipora, the Home Department may consider notifying any suitable existing facility as a temporary District Jail for Bandipora. The UTPs facing trial in Bandipora courts may thereafter be shifted from District Jail, Baramulla to the notified facility, which will not only decongest the existing jail but also facilitate better coordination between the trial courts and prison authorities.



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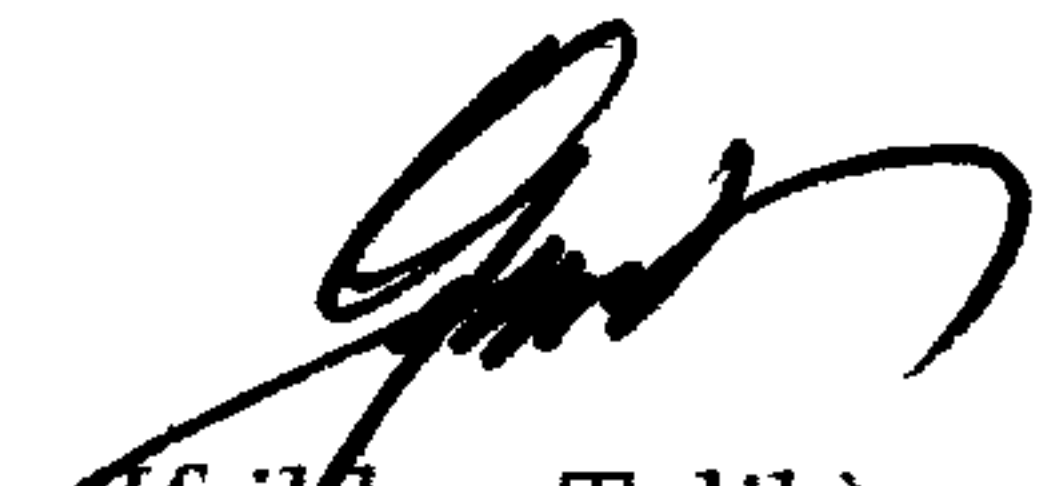


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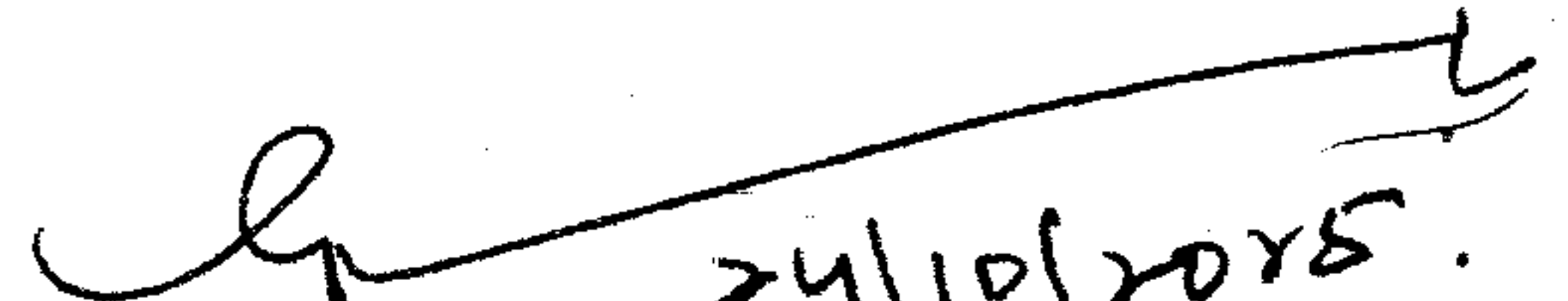
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