

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27-05-2021 AT 11.30 AM THROUGH BLUEJEANS PURSUANT TO THE ORDER OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA DATED 07.05.2021 IN SUO MOTU WRIT PETITION (C) NO.1 OF 2020.

PRESENT :

Hon'ble Sri Justice Joymalya Bagchi

Executive Chairman, APSLSA, Amaravati

Hon'ble Sri Justice A.V. Sessa Sai

Chairman, APHCLSC, Amaravati

Sri Kumar Vishwajeet, IPS

Principal Secretary, Home Department,

Government of A.P.

Sri Mohd. Ahsan Reza, IPS

Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,

Andhra Pradesh

The Committee took note of the reports dt.25.05.2021 submitted on behalf of the Home Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh , Director General of Police and Director General of Prisons.

In addition thereto, Director General of Prisons orally informed the Committee as per Order in W.P.No.10151 of 2021 and the resolutions of the Committee, 261 prisoners were directed to be released. Out of them, as on date 136 prisoners have been actually released on interim bail. He further informed the Committee 1421 persons have been vaccinated till date.

Principal Secretary, Home Department as well as Member Secretary, APSLSA intimated the Committee that the resolutions of the Committee have been uploaded on the website of the APSLSA and Government of A.P.

In view of the aforesaid reports and submissions, the Committee resolves as follows :

1. Prison authorities with the active support of the Secretaries of the respective DLSAs shall ensure that the remaining eligible prisoners, who have not availed of interim bail so far are made aware of such order and necessary assistance be given to them so that they may be released on interim bail. Director General of Prisons shall submit compliance report by the next date of meeting.
2. Government of A.P. is requested to ramp-up the vaccination drive amongst the prison population and prison staff. Regular RT-PCR / RAT tests be conducted amongst the prisoners to detect, isolate and treat infected persons as per COVID protocol. Report be filed by the Home Department, Government of A.P., and Director General of Prisons with regard to steps taken in this regard as well as the extent of spread of infection amongst the prisoners and prison staff by the adjourned date.

3. Resolved to request the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh to forward the particulars and status of COVID infected persons in the Jails prior to the date of the next meeting.
4. Resolved to request the Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh State to ensure that the Jails are sanitised regularly, COVID protocols are scrupulously followed and adequate medical and testing facilities are made available to prisoners and staff in order to prevent the spread of COVID infection in jails.
5. Resolved to hold the next meeting on 15-06-2021 to review the situations in the jails.

Approved through Online

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN,
A.P.STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
AMARAVATHI

Sd/-

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (HOME)

Sd/-

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.V.SESHA SAI,
CHAIRMAN,
HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
AMARAVATHI

Sd/-

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS