I am very happy to present the ‘Prison Statistics India 2017’ report, which is the 23rd edition of the annual publication published by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The first edition of this report pertains to the year 1995. This annual publication provides comprehensive statistical information on various aspects of prison administration enabling prison authorities to efficiently address such issues. It is also helpful in formation of policies related to prisoners’ reforms.

‘Prison Statistics India 2017’ contains twelve chapters, covering various aspects of prison administration like types of prisons, inmate population, occupancy and overcrowding in jails, offence-wise distribution of convicts and undertrials under IPC and SLL crimes, age-group wise distribution of inmates, demographic particulars of inmates, period of sentences, period of detention of undertrials, status of undertrials U/S 436A IPC, death of prison inmates, nationality of foreign convicts and undertrials, incidences of jail breaks, rehabilitation & welfare of prisoners, sanctioned and actual strength of prison staff, training of prison officials, budget and expenditure of prisons, etc.

This report will be helpful to all stakeholders including Prison Administrators, Central and State/UT Governments, Criminologists, Law makers, Policy makers, Researchers, Media, Academia and NGOs working in the field.

I sincerely acknowledge the co-operation extended by all Directors General / Inspectors General of Prisons and Prison Departments of the States/UTs and thank them for their efforts and valuable support in furnishing the validated and consistent data.
I also take this opportunity to record my appreciation for the dedication and hard work put in by the officers and staff of the Statistical Branch of the Bureau in bringing out this publication.

To promote e-usage of the data, the Bureau has digitized and made available all editions of the ‘Prison Statistics India’ publication, since 1995, on the website of NCRB http://ncrb.gov.in.

Readers may like to send their valuable suggestions and feedback in the form attached at the end of this report for improvement in the future editions in terms of content and quality.

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