Borstal School

The primary objective of Borstal school is to ensure care, welfare and rehabilitation of young offenders and to keep them away from contaminating atmosphere of the prison. The emphasis is given on the education, training and moral influence conducive for their reformation and prevention of crime.

Convict

Means any prisoner undergoing sentence.

Detenue

Any person detained in prison on the orders of competent authority under the relevant preventive detention law.

Occupyancy rate

The number of inmates accommodated in jail against the authorized capacity of 100 inmates.

Overcrowding

The occupancy rate of more than 100 percent results in overcrowding in the jail.

Prison population

Number of prisoners kept in prison at any given point of time. The prison population keeps changing because of addition of new prisoners and release of the old ones.

Special Jails

Special jail means any prison provided for confinement of prisoners who have committed serious violations of prison discipline or prisoners showing tendencies towards violence or aggression or difficult discipline cases of habitual offenders or a group of professional organised criminals.

Undertrial prisoner

Means a person kept in prison (judicial custody) while the charges against him are being tried.

Women Jail

The jails functioning exclusively for women prisoners.