

GLOSSARY

Prison/Jail

Any jail or place used permanently or temporarily under the general or special orders of a State Government for the detention of prisoners, and includes all lands and buildings appurtenant thereto, but does not include—

- (a) any place specially appointed by the State Government under section 541 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882 (10 of 1882); or
- (b) any place which has been declared by the State Government by general or special order, to be a subsidiary jail;

Prisoner^s

Any person confined or committed to jail (other than police custody) as per the order of a competent authority.

Criminal Prisoner

Any prisoner duly committed to custody under the writ, warrant or order of any Court or authority exercising criminal jurisdiction, or by order of a Court-martial;

Civil prisoner

Any prisoner who is not a criminal prisoner.

Convicted criminal prisoner or Convicts

Any criminal prisoner under sentence of a Court or Court-martial, and includes a person detained in prison under the provisions of Chapter VIII of the 6 Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882 (10 of 1882) or under the 7 Prisoners Act, 1871 (5 of 1871).

Undertrial Prisoner

Any person who has been committed to judicial custody and against whom a criminal trial has been initiated by a competent authority (trial is yet to start or is in process, but not yet disposed off).

Detenues^s

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

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.

Occupancy Rate

The number of inmates accommodated in jail against the authorized capacity of 100 inmates. **Occupancy Rate = Prison Population * 100 / Maximum Capacity.**

Overcrowding

The occupancy rate of more than 100 percent results in overcrowding in the jail. Prison population exceeds maximum capacity.

Women Jail

The jails functioning exclusively for confinement of women.

Open Jail^{\$}

Special kind of jails that provides opportunities of employment and living a life in the open to the convicted prisoners.

Borstal School

The primary objective of borstal school is to ensure care, welfare and rehabilitation of young offenders (18-21) 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.

Habitual Offenders^{\$}

Any prisoner classified as such in accordance with the provisions of the law or rules.

Medical Officer^{\$}

Qualified medical practitioner declared by general or special orders of the government to be a medical officer. He is a Gazetted officer of the government.

Probation officer^{\$}

An officer appointed as such by the State government to undertake probation work under the Probation of Offenders Act of 1958, or any other law.

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