SNAPSHOTS - 2008

Total Number of Jails in the country : 1,356
Central Jails : 114
District Jails : 313
Sub Jails : 830
Women Jails : 18
Open Jails : 32
Other Jails : 49

Total Capacity of Jails in the country : 2,97,777
Central Jails : 1,30,473 (43.8%)
District Jails : 1,11,580 (37.5%)
Sub Jails : 41,590 (14.0%)
Women Jails : 3,500 (1.2%)
Open Jails : 3,401 (1.1%)
Other Jails : 7,233 (2.4%)

Total Number of Jail Inmates as on 31.12.2008 : 3,84,753
Male : 3,68,824 (95.9%)  Female : 15,929 (4.1%)

Convicts : 1,23,307 (32.0% of total inmates)  Undertrial Prisoners : 2,57,928 (67.0% of total inmates)
Male : 1,18,914 (96.4% of total convicts)  Male : 2,46,526 (95.6% of total undertrials)
Female : 4,393 (3.6% of total convicts)  Female : 11,402 (4.4% of total undertrials)

Detenues : 2,978 (0.8% of total inmates)  Others : 540 (0.1% of total inmates)
Male : 2,886 (96.9% of total detenues)  Male : 498 (92.2% of total others)
Female : 92 (3.1% of total detenues)  Female : 42 (7.8% of total others)

Foreigners
Convicts : 1,847  Undertrials : 3,142  Detenues : 102
(Male : 1,644, Female : 203) (Male : 2,580, Female : 562) (Male : 102, Female : 0)

No Borstal school exists in any of the UTs.

The highest number of 80,809 inmates (78,115 male : 2,694 female) were reported from Uttar Pradesh (21.0%) followed by Bihar 37,709 (36,480 male : 1,229 female) at the end of the year 2008.

Chhattisgarh reported the highest overcrowding of prisons (215.2%) followed by Uttar Pradesh (191.6%).

406 Women Convicts with their 484 children and 1,363 Women undertrials with their 1,639 children were reported to be in prisons in the country at the end of 2008.

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- Maximum number of 21,675 (21,002 male : 673 female) Convicts were reported from Uttar Pradesh (17.6% of total Convicts in the Country) followed by Madhya Pradesh 16,102 (15,706 male : 396 female) accounting for 13.1% of the total convicts in the country at the end of the year 2008.

- Murder alone accounted for 57.4% of the total Convicts under IPC Crimes. The highest percentage of Murder Convicts was reported from Madhya Pradesh (15.7%) followed by Uttar Pradesh (11.5%) of the total Murder convicts at the end of the year 2008.

- The highest number of Graduate (1,183) and Post Graduate (287) Convicts were reported from Uttar Pradesh at the end of the year 2008.

- The highest percentage (26.6%) of undertrials were charged with Murder. Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number 8,353 of such Undertrials (15.6%) followed by Bihar 6,488 (12.1%).

- 2,130 Undertrials (0.8% of total undertrials) were detained in jails for more than 5 years at the end of the year 2008. Punjab had the highest number of such undertrials (603) followed by Bihar (510).

- 345 Convicts including 8 females lodged in different jails of the country at the end of 2008 were awarded capital punishment.

- 67,164 Convicts accounting for 54.5% of total Convicts in the country were undergoing sentences for Life Imprisonment at the end of the year 2008.

- 11,801 Convicts were repeat/recidivists which accounted for 4.9% of total convicts admitted during the year.

**Number of convicts and undertrial prisoners in different age-groups**

- 4 convicted prisoners were in the age group of 16-18 years, 42,268 in the age group of 18 - 30 years, 61,675 convicts were in the age-group of 30 - 50 years and 19,360 convicts were 50 years or more.

- 126 undertrial prisoners were in the age group of 16-18 years, 1,16,414 in the age group of 18 - 30 years, 1,13,955 undertrials were in the age-group of 30 - 50 years and 27,433 undertrials were 50 years or more.

**Rate of change in number of Convicts**

- Number of persons convicted under Murder charges increased by 6.1% in 2007 and decreased by 1.6% in 2008 over respective previous year.

- Number of persons convicted under Attempt to Murder increased by 18.6% in 2007 and decreased by 10.7% in 2008 over respective previous year.
Number of persons convicted under Rape charges decreased by 1.1% in 2007 and increased by 10.3% in 2008 over respective previous year.

Number of persons convicted under Dacoity increased by 5.1% in 2007 and decreased by 6.7% in 2008 over respective previous year.

Number of persons convicted under Robbery increased by 7.8% in 2007 and 0.1% in 2008 over respective previous year.

**Rate of change in number of Undertrial prisoners**

- Number of undertrial prisoners under Murder charges increased by 0.8% in 2007 and decreased by 1.5% in 2008 over respective previous year.
- Number of undertrial prisoners under Attempt to Murder charge increased by 0.1% in 2007 and decreased by 5.0% in 2008 over respective previous year.
- Number of undertrial prisoners under Rape charge increased by 1.5% in 2007 and 10.7% in 2008 over respective previous year.
- Number of undertrial prisoners under Dacoity charge increased by 1.4% in 2007 and decreased by 1.9% in 2008 over respective previous year.
- Number of undertrial prisoners under Robbery charge increased by 1.9% in 2007 and decreased by 7.9% in 2008 over respective previous year.

**Prison Administration and Earning by Prison Inmates**

- The highest earning by inmates trained in various vocational programmes was reported from Maharashtra (₹ 1,411.0 lakh) followed by Bihar (₹ 1,087.0 lakh) during the year 2008.
- The highest earning per inmate was reported from Maharashtra (₹ 5,462) followed by Delhi (₹ 5,428) as against All-India average of ₹ 1,743 during the year 2008.
- 3,275 (i.e. 6.6%) staff members were women out of the total 49,250 staff managing jails in the country during the year 2008.
- The highest annual expenditure per inmate was reported from Delhi (₹ 46,360) followed by Andhra Pradesh (₹ 38,054) as against All-India average of ₹ 14,272 during the year 2008-09.
Inmate Population and Strength of Jail Officials

- The prisons had a strength of 49,250 Jail Officials to take care of 3,84,753 inmates which amounts to 1 Jail Official per 8 inmates.

- The highest number of inmates per prison staff was reported from Jharkhand (24) followed by Bihar and Gujarat (14 each).

Literacy among the prisoners

- 37,731 of total convicted prisoners were illiterate, 55,833 had education upto Xth class, 21,487 had education above Class X but below graduation, 5,593 were graduates, 1,462 were post-graduates and 1,201 were holding some technical degree.

- 90,809 of total undertrial prisoners were illiterate, 1,08,077 had education upto Xth class, 41,903 had education above Class X but below graduation, 10,783 were graduates, 3,423 were post-graduates and 2,933 were holding some technical degree.