SNAPSHOT - 2006

❖ Total Number of Jails in the country: 1,336
- Central Jails: 111
- District Jails: 293
- Sub Jails: 852
- Other Jails: 38
- Total Number of Women Jails: 15
- Total Number of Open Jails: 27

❖ Total Capacity of Jails in the country: 2,63,911
- Central Jails: 1,17,242 (44.4%)
- District Jails: 92,400 (35.0%)
- Sub Jails: 41,187 (15.6%)
- Other Jails: 7,581 (2.9%)

❖ Total Number of Jail Inmates as on 31.12.2006: 3,73,271
- Male: 3,58,614 (96.1%)
- Female: 14,657 (3.9%)
- Convicts: 1,16,675 (31.3% of total inmates)
- Undertrial Prisoners: 2,45,244 (65.7% of total inmates)
- Male: 1,12,771 (96.7% of total convicts)
- Female: 3,904 (3.3% of total convicts)
- Male: 1,12,771 (96.7% of total undertrials)
- Female: 3,904 (3.3% of total undertrials)

❖ Detenues: 2,275 (0.6% of total inmates)
- Male: 2,179 (95.8% of total detenues)
- Female: 96 (4.2% of total detenues)
- Others: 9,077 (2.4% of total inmates)
- Male: 7,875 (86.8% of total others)
- Female: 1,202 (13.2% of total others)

❖ Foreigners
- Convicts: 676
  - Male: 577
  - Female: 99
- Undertrials: 2,772
  - Male: 2,304
  - Female: 468
- Detenues: 110
  - Male: 110
  - Female: 0

❖ No Borstal school exists in any of the UTs

❖ The highest number of 66,669 inmates (64,722 male : 1,947 female) were reported from Uttar Pradesh (17.9%) followed by Bihar 44,281 (42,863 male : 1,418 female) at the end of the year 2006.

❖ Delhi reported the highest overcrowding of prisons (214.4%) followed by Gujarat (206.9%) and Chhattisgarh (195.5%) while no occupancy was reported from Lakshadweep.

❖ 339 Women Convicts with their 374 children and 1,031 Women undertrials with their 1,197 children were reported to be in prisons in the country at the end of 2006.

❖ Maximum number of 16,289 (15,812 male : 477 female) Convicts were reported from Uttar Pradesh (14.0% of total convicts in the Country) followed by Madhya Pradesh 15,215 (14,866 male : 349 female) accounting for 13.0% of the total convicts in the country at the end of the year 2006.

❖ Murder alone accounted for 58.0% of the total Convicts under IPC Crimes. The highest percentage of Murder Convicts was reported from Madhya Pradesh (15.6%) followed by Uttar Pradesh (9.7%) of the total Murder convicts at the end of the year 2006.

❖ The highest number of Graduate (972) and Post Graduate (344) Convicts were reported from Uttar Pradesh at the end of the year 2006.
The highest percentage (28.0%) of undertrials were charged with Murder. Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of (9,936) such Undertrials (18.5%) followed by Bihar 8,102 (15.1%).

1,569 Undertrials (0.6% of total undertrials) were detained in jails for more than 5 years at the end of the year 2006. Punjab had the highest number of such undertrials (377) followed by Bihar (356).

347 Convicts including 8 females lodged in different jails of the country at the end of 2006 were awarded capital punishment.

62,180 Convicts accounting for 53.3% of total Convicts in the country were undergoing sentences for Life Imprisonment at the end of the year 2006.

13,084 Convicts were repeat/recidivists which accounted for 5.1% of total convicts admitted during the year.

Number of convicts and undertrial prisoners in different age-groups

64 convicted prisoners were in the age group of 16-18 years, 44,371 in the age group of 18 to 30 years, 56,479 convicts were in the age-group of 30 to 50 years and 15,761 convicts were 50 years or more.

567 undertrial prisoners were in the age group of 16-18 years, 1,06,335 in the age group of above 18 to 30 years, 1,09,039 undertrials were in the age-group of above 30 to 50 years and 29,303 undertrials were 50 years or more.

Rate of change in number of Convicts

Number of persons convicted under Murder charges increased by 4.9 percent in 2005 and 10.2 percent in 2006 over respective previous year.

Number of persons convicted under Attempt to Murder increased by 25.8 percent in 2005 and 8.6 percent in 2006 over respective previous year.

Number of persons convicted under Rape charges increased by 10.3 percent in 2005 and 20.0 percent in 2006 over respective previous year.

Number of persons convicted under Dacoity decreased by 9.1 percent in 2005 and increased by 11.9 percent over respective previous year.

Number of persons convicted under Robbery increased by 2.5 percent in 2005 and 9.9 percent in 2006 over respective previous years.

Rate of change in number of Undertrial prisoners

Number of undertrial prisoners under Murder charges increased by 7.0 percent in 2005 and 8.6 percent in 2006 over respective previous year.
- Number of undertrial prisoners under Attempt to Murder charge decreased by 6.3 percent in 2005 and increased by 17.5 percent in 2006 over respective previous year.

- Number of undertrial prisoners under Rape charge increased by 6.6 percent in 2005 and 6.0 percent in 2006 over respective previous year.

- Number of undertrial prisoners under Dacoity charge increased by 6.0 percent in 2005 and 1.3 percent in 2006 over respective previous year.

- Number of undertrial prisoners under Robbery charge increased by 17.6 percent in 2005 and 0.2 percent in 2006 over respective previous years.

**Prison Administration and Earning by Prison Inmates**

- The highest earning by inmates trained in various vocational programmes was reported from Maharashtra (Rs.1,092.0 lakh) followed by Uttar Pradesh (Rs.1,030.0 lakh) during the year 2006.

- The highest earning per inmate was reported from Gujarat (Rs.5,649) followed by Maharashtra (Rs.4,234) as against All-India average of Rs.1,500 during the year 2006.

- 2,982 (i.e.6.1%) staff members were women out of the total 48,602 staff managing jails in the country during the year 2006.

- The highest expenditure per inmate was reported from Nagaland (Rs.31,157) followed by Chandigarh (Rs.23,973) as against All-India average of Rs.11,320 during the year 2006-07.

**Inmate Population and Strength of Jail Official**

- The prisons had a strength of 39,687 Jail Officials to take care of 3,73,271 inmates which amounts to 1 Jail Official per 9 inmates.

- The highest number of inmates per jail official was reported from Bihar (25) followed by Jharkhand (24) and Gujarat (17).

**Literacy among the prisoners**

- 36,337 of total convicted prisoners were illiterate, 52,932 had education upto Xth class, 19,368 had education above Class X but below graduation, 5,680 were graduates, 1,639 were post graduates and 719 were holding some technical degree.

- 93,313 of total undertrial prisoners were illiterate, 1,03,548 had education upto Xth class, 35,313 had education above Class X but below graduation, 9,559 were graduates, 2,479 were post graduates and 1,032 were holding some technical degree.