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JAIL

The problems associated with Indian prisons are not less grave. Overcrowding, lack of healthcare facilities are causes of concern. There are sixteen Prisons (nine in Tihar Complex; one in District Jail, Rohini and six in Mandoli Jail) at present some of which are highly overcrowded. The total sanctioned capacity is of 10026 (6250 of Tihar & Rohini + 3776 of Mandoli) prisoners but about 16,600 prisoners are presently lodged. Around 300 to 350 prisoners are admitted and an equal number of prisoners are released daily. It leads to about 1,00,000 - 1,25,000 prisoners visiting the Delhi Prisons yearly.

With a view to reforming the prisoners and enabling them to start a normal and financially rewarding life after release, the prison administration has started several reform and correctional measures. The prisons are undertaking various activities including adult education, formal education, games, counseling, law, health, vocational, meditation, reformation, factories production. The prison administration has provided facilities for education of inmates by getting affiliated with the Indira Gandhi National Open University and the National Open School.

As a part of community participation in the reformation and social integration of prisoners after release, a large number of respectable members of non-governmental organizations, retired Major Generals, Professors of I.I.T. Delhi, Eminent Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Principals and Teachers of various educational institutions have been conducting various activities in the jail. These programmes have very sobering and positive impact on the psyche of the prisoners, who have been shown the positive and constructive approach to life after interaction with them. Some of the NGOs have trained selected prisoners on various trades and have been bringing job for them against payment of remuneration. They also rehabilitate these prisoners after their release. It shows that force is always not necessary to control and correct the prison inmates. The manner in which the Tihar administration has taken up the system of rehabilitation, it becomes important for other prisons of the nation to follow suit.

Various trades are taught to convicts in the Jail Factory itself. Taking this objective a step forward, there is a Jail Factory with state-of-the-art machinery. A diverse range of products are manufactured in the factory with the use of best quality ingredients. The items are produced in the most hygienic conditions. This gives products a touch of excellence. TJ is a unique brand with a wide range of products which are manufactured by the prison inmates in Tihar Jail Factory. TJ's has a variety of products such as Bakery products, Handloom & Textile, Apparel, Furniture, Pure Mustard Oil, Recycled hand-made paper products, paintings, designer candles & lamps, Jute bags, herbal products and many more.

The space congestion has created unprecedented problems of health, hygiene, sewerage, management control, discipline etc. This has serious adverse effect on human rights of persons. All efforts are, therefore, being to construct new jails. National Human Rights Commission, High Courts and Supreme Court are

taking keen interest in decongesting of jails in Delhi. In order to decongest the existing prisons there is a plan to construct new jails at Narela and Baprola. The Mandoli Jail complex has been inaugurated on 05 March 2019.

Major Project / Program / Scheme details and their Budget Provision for financial year 2019-20 is as under:

1. Construction of District Jail at Mandoli, Shahdara

Annual Outlay : ₹ 500 lakh (Capital)

Aims and Objectives of the Scheme	:	To decongest the existing jails and to accommodate more prisoners (3776).
Cost of Scheme/Project	:	Initial cost ₹ 168.51 crore dt. 23.02.2005 Revised cost ₹ 340.56 crore dt. 14.12.2012 Cost for newly proposed addition/modification works in connection of extra security reasons in Mandoli Prison Complex - ₹ 35.55 crore approved by Cabinet on 30-08-2016. Out of which total expenditure of around ₹ 23 crore incurred upto 31-03-2019.
Year of commencement/target date of completion	:	For Mandoli Jail, possession of 78.62 acres of land was taken over from DDA on payment of ₹ 2.36 crore on 9.1.1981. C/o Boundary wall work completed in Feb 2008 with the cost of ₹ 7.08 crore. Work for C/o Regulatory Environment Buildings was awarded in May 2008. Physical achievement - about 100% of the work completed.
Physical Target	:	To complete 100% of the work.

2. Motor Vehicle

Annual Outlay : ₹ 100 lakh (Capital)

Provision of ₹100 lakh has been made available for fulfilling the need of motor vehicle for new jails and existing jails.

3. Machinery and Equipments

Annual Outlay : ₹ 200 lakh (Capital)

Aims and Objectives of the Scheme	:	The basic objective of the scheme is to purchase security equipments like CCTV / Cellular Jammer System, Scanners to strengthen the security arrangements.
Physical Target	:	CCTV / Cellular jammer System, Scanner, Computers, Camera and various other office items to be purchased and installed in all Prisons for smooth functioning.

Proposed Activities under the scheme:-

Security Systems: To improve and strengthen the security system in Tihar Jail Complex (Houses 9 Jails), Distt. Jail Rohini and Mandoli Jail Complex (Houses 6 Jails) so that the smuggling of prohibited items like surgical blades, tobacco, narcotics, knives, mobile phones etc. can be stopped. Various security equipments are needed. The details of such security equipments are as under:

- Cell Phone Jammers: For security measure, there is requirement of installation of jammers in each jails.
- X-Ray Baggage Scanner Machines: For security purpose of screening the articles brought into the jails by the prisoners, there is proposal for purchase of X-Ray baggage scanners.
- X-Ray based Full Human Body Scanners: The Prisons authorities are facing security problem as number of inmates are indulging in smuggling of prohibited items like Cell Phone, Blades, knife, narcotics etc, in their body cavities. For the purpose there is a proposal of installation of X-Ray based Human Body Scanners.
- Multizone Door Frame Metal Detector (MzDFMD): Each person is required to be searched thoroughly at the time of entry in the jail. For the purpose MzDFMDs are required to be installed for detecting smuggling of prohibited items.
- Deep Search Metal Detector: For search of prohibited items concealed under the earth and in wall, there is need for Deep Search Metal Detector. There is proposal of procurement of Deep Search Metal Detector.
- Hand Held Metal Detectors (HHMD): At the time of physical checking of inmates, HHMDs are required for the purpose.

4. Implementation of e-Prisons projects (CSS) Annual Outlay : ₹ 100 lakh (Revenue)

A new CSS scheme "Implementation of E-prisons project" aimed at computerization of the functioning of all prisons in the NCT of Delhi including digitization and availability of prisoner data in an electronic platform.

As per MHA letter dated 26.3.2018, GOI and prisons of several States/UTs have taken steps towards computerization of prison management processes. The M/o Home Affairs, GOI has decided to implement the E-prisons project which aims at computerization of the functioning of all prisons in the country, including digitization and availability of prisoner data (convicts, undertrials, detenues etc.) in an electronic platform which will be accessible to designated authorities of Central and State Govts. The objective of this project is to create end-to-end IT solution for automation of prison operations. The Central Govt. will provide financial assistance and technical support to States and UTs for implementation of the project in the form of software application, IT hardware, connectivity, customisation etc. As per the sanction letter of MHA, the funds allocated will be used by the NCT of Delhi for creation of ICT set up in all Prisons of the NCT of Delhi in consultation with NIC. The NCT of Delhi will transfer the above amount to the concerned Department / implementing agency

responsible for implementation of E-prisons project in all prisons of the NCT of Delhi. The automation Delhi Prison system needs the up-gradation of present hardware and software infrastructure.

5. Installation/O&M of CCTV Surveillance System in all Jails
Annual Outlay : ₹ 7500 lakh (Capital)

Proposal/scheme for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System at Tihar, Mandoli and Rohini Prison Complex through PWD at an preliminary estimated (PE) cost of ₹ 119.69 crore approx. was submitted by Home Department. Time required for completion of this project is 10 months.

As per Administrative Department the project is being taken up in compliance of directions issued by Hon'ble High Court order dated 15.10.2018 regarding installations of 5692 CCTV cameras in Tihar, Mandoli and Rohini prison complex, recruitment of jail staff and staffing of technical wing.

6. Developmental Works in Central Jail Tihar & Distt. Jail Rohini
Annual Outlay : ₹ 1500 lakh (Capital)

The objective of the scheme is to carry out various developmental works like construction of roads, accommodation, electricity, drinking water, sewer lines, construction of barracks, sanitation services etc. in the Tihar and Rohini Jail Complex.