Covid-19 Response in Prisons

Description

1. In an attempt to reduce/thinning the prison population, the government allowed two months reduction in sentence in less heinous crimes. Prison staff was trained for good hygiene practices and minimal physical contact.

2. All inmates were provided with carbolic soap to wash their hands. They were also instructed to apply carbolic soap in ablution before prayers (obligatory for five times a day for Muslims). Prison Officers were told to keep as much as possible distance with inmates.

3. All visits were restricted but the prison service provided online visits.

4. Medical desks have been established for repeated screening of staff.

5. New arrivals and returnees from parole are kept in isolation for 14 days and COVID tests are conducted.

6. No positive case has been reported in prisons up till now, however, in case of a positive test, the infected inmates/prison staff will be shifted immediately to the hospital for treatment.

7. Movement of under trial prisoners (UTP) for court appearances are being checked and controlled.

8. Courts are requested to carry out the proceedings through a web portal.

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