

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	<u>03.03.2021</u>		<p>WPPIL No. 136 of 2020 With WPPIL No. 91 of 2019 <u>Hon'ble Raghvendra Singh Chauhan, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Alok Kumar Verma, J.</u></p> <p>Mr. Kishore Kumar, learned Advocate for the petitioners. Mr. K.N. Joshi, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State/respondent nos. 1 and 2.</p> <p>The petitioners have raised a limited issue before this Court, namely that the State has failed to enact any policy or rules with regard to premature release of convicting prisoners, after they have completed 14 years of sentence.</p> <p>However, the conditions of the jails in the State is a cause of concern as the entire jail population, whether under trial or convicted prisoners, are under</p>

			<p>judicial custody. Therefore, this Court would like to know not only about the physical condition of the jails throughout the State, but also about the reformative techniques being used to reform the prisoners. Furthermore, this Court would also like to know the sanctioned strength of the jail department, the working strength of the department and the vacancies that continued to exist, if any, in the jail department. This Court would also like to know the budgetary allocation for the jail department. Repeatedly the Hon'ble Supreme Court has prescribed guidelines and has made recommendations for the improvement of the prison system in India. Unfortunately, the prisons in India continued to be rather</p>
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			<p>medieval in their functioning. It is high time that they are transported from the Middle Ages to the Modern Age. Moreover, it is imperative that the under-trials are weaned away from the criminal way of life, and the convicted prisoners are reformed to the extent that they can be brought back to the society as contributory members of the society. Thus, the entire set up of the prison department needs to be reformed and resurrected.</p>
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Hence, this Court directs the Director General of Prison, to submit a complete report, on the points mentioned hereinabove. The said report shall be submitted on or before 23.03.2021.

List this case on 24.03.2021.

(Alok Kumar Verma, J.) (Raghvendra Singh Chauhan, C.J.)

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