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To
Ld. Registrar General,
Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta,
Kolkata -700001

Sub: Submission of Action taken report of Directorate of Correctional Services, West Bengal in view of out Break of COVID – 19 Virus.

Ref: Order dated 15/04/2020 passed by Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta in connection with W.P no 8573(w) of 2018.

Ld. Sir,

With reference to above and pursuant to same it is submitted that *in addition to the steps mentioned* in this office report vide memo no 64/ ADG & IG /2020 dated 08/04/2020 submitted before the Hon'ble Court *the following follow-up actions have been initiated* from the end of Directorate of Correctional Services, West Bengal.

1. Sanitisation by spraying disinfectant in and around the premises of all Correctional Homes situated within West Bengal, in the following manner.
 - a. Spraying of disinfectant is done on a regular basis (minimum once a week) by West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services and / or Local Municipality.
 - b. In addition to above the Correctional Home authority is also Spraying disinfectant / detergent every 3/4 days.
2. Regular monitoring by visits of Senior Officers of Directorate of Correctional Services, West Bengal.

ADG & IG Correctional Services West Bengal has personally visited 22 Correctional Homes in the past 15 days (post the hearing of the Hon'ble Court on 15.04.2020).

Additional IGs and Deputy IGs have visited the Correctional Homes at least once a week.

The purpose of these visits has been to personally supervise the arrangements made, and that implementation of instructions circulated is adhered to. It also ensures proper decimation of information to the Staff & Inmates and to hear their apprehension and grievances and clear the same.

3. This Directorate is also playing active role in reducing the Correctional Home population by sending suggestive list(s) of inmates from time to time to the State Legal Service Authority,

West Bengal for placement and consideration by the High Powered Committee formed in terms of order dated 23.03.2020 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in connection with W.P. CrI no 1 / 2020 with an ultimate objective to release the inmates on Bail / Parole.

4. Post the order dated 15.04.2020, the High Powered Committee met on 27.04.2020 and has submitted its recommendation, based on which the District Level Officials are taking further steps for interim bail / interim parole.

Till 27.04.2020 the number of inmates released on bail / interim bail stands as 1682 and the numbers released on parole is 726.

5. Any petitions / representation received by this Directorate in connection with any issue related to detention of inmates is being forwarded with the comments of this office to High Powered Committee.
6. The Directorate has commenced steps to supply a second set of masks to ALL Inmates and Staff. *PPEs have been issued by name to ALL the Medical and Paramedical Staff.*
7. Status update of Medical Screening of Prisoners on arrival and related measures are as on 27.4.2020 -

Number of Prisoners Screened on Admission	Number of Prisoners admitted in outside hospital on suspicion	Number of prisoners kept in Isolation Ward	Number of Confirmed COVID - 19 cases
12167	19	654	NIL

8. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court was pleased to visit the Dumdum Central Correctional Home and Alipore Womens' Correctional Home on 29.04.2020.

This is in favour of kind perusal.

Yours faithfully

W/P 29.4.2020

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