

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNDERTRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (URC) HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, DISTRICT JAIL, GOALPARA, ASSAM**

**P R E S E N T**

SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR BHATTACHARJEE, DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, GOALPARA-CHAIRMAN

SHRI NILKAMAL DAS, SECRETARY, DLSA, GOALPARA-MEMBER

DR. ASHRAFUL AMIN, ADC, GOALPARA (ON BEHALF OF DC)-MEMBER

SHRI ARUP KUMAR PHUKAN, SUPERINTENDENT, DISTRICT JAIL, GOALPARA (SPECIAL INVITEE)

**AGENDA**

**Item No-1:** Consideration of release of undertrial prisoners and convicts who have undergone their sentence or are entitled to release because of remission granted to them.

**Resolution:** The committee takes note that 21 UTPs (17 on 29-3-2020 and 4 on 30-3-2020) have been released in terms of resolution no.1 of the meeting dated 26-3-2020 of the High Powered Committee (constituted in terms of order dated 23-3-2020 passed in Suo Motu Writ Petition (C) No. 1/2020 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court). No other eligible UTPs are found on perusal of the list of UTPs as on 8-4-2020 (Morning).

**Item No-2:** Consideration of effective implementation of Section 436 CrPC and Section 436-A CrPC so that undertrial prisoners are released at the earliest and those who cannot furnish bail bonds due to their poverty are not subjected to incarceration only for that reason.

**Resolution:** No UTPs are found eligible for release under section 436 or 436A CrPC. The following UTP is found to have been granted bail but could not furnish bail bond till date:

1. Md. Jahidul Islam, 21 years, admitted in jail on 24-9-2019 in connection with Goalpara PS case no.580/19 u/s 457/380 IPC by Ld. CJM, Bail allowed on 23-12-2019.

As such, the learned CJM may be requested to explore the possibility of his release on PR bond.

**Item No-3:** Consideration of implementation of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958 particularly with regard to first-time offenders so that they have a chance of being restored and rehabilitated in society.

**Resolution:** All the courts may be requested to consider extension of benefit of the provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, wherever possible, to first time offenders.

**Item No-4:** Consideration of release of undertrial prisoners in compoundable offences, the effort being to effectively explore the possibility of compounding of offences rather than requiring a trial to take place.

**Resolution:** The committee takes note that the cases of 4 UTPs have already been referred to the concerned court for consideration who were found detained in connection with alleged offences which are compoundable in nature vide out resolution dated 29-3-2020. No other eligible UTPs are found for consideration.

**Item No-5:** Consideration of issues raised in the Model Prison Manual, 2016 including regular jail visits as suggested in the said Manual.

**Resolution:** The issue raised in the Model Prison Manual, 2016 including the regular jail visits shall be considered in a subsequent meeting.

**Item No-6:** Consideration of measures to be taken/already taken for prevention of spread of COVID-19 (Corona virus) among the jail inmates of District Jail, Goalpara.

**Resolution:** The committee has taken note of the measures taken by the jail authority including isolation wards, regular checkup of inmates by doctors for COVID-19 symptoms, sanitization of staff and visitors at the entrance etc. So far no inmates have shown any symptoms of the disease.

**T.K. Bhattacharjee  
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**N.K. Das**

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**A.K. Phukan**

**SP, Goalpara- For information**