

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNDER TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (UTRC) HELD ON 28TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 (THURSDAY) AT 11.30 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, ADDL. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER- MEMBER

SHRI AMITAV BASUMATARY, ADDL. SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE-MEMBER

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

AGENDA

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

Resolution: 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) one eligible UTP is found on perusal of the list of UTPs as on 28-5-2020 (Morning).

The UTP namely Md. Amzad Hussain, 28 years, is found detained in connection with Dhupdhara P.S. Case No.42/20 u/s 153 (A)/295(A) IPC, R/W Sec. 67 I.T. Act & 51 (b) of D.M. Act. 2005 since 5-5-2020. As such, the learned Addl. CJM, Goalpara may be requested to explore the possibility of release of the said UTP on bail or PR bond.

Item No-2: Consideration of effective implementation of Section 436 CrPC and Section 436-A CrPC so that under trial 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 section 436A CrPC.

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 have already been 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 under trial 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: No 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 due course.

Item No-6(With permission of the Hon'ble Chairman): 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: It is intimated to the committee that so far no inmates have shown any symptoms of having the COVID 19 disease. 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, provision of masks for inmates etc. These measures may be continued.

Item No-7(With permission of the Hon'ble Chairman): Consideration of request for a tractor to the District Agriculture Officer, Goalpara for use in District Jail, Goalpara.

Resolution: It is intimated to the committee that several bighas of cultivable land is lying unused within the campus of the District Jail, Goalpara. In order to engage the jail inmates in productive works these plots of land can be used for cultivation of vegetables etc. where inmates can be engaged. For this purpose District Agriculture Officer, Goalpara may be requested to provide for a Tractor for use in the District Jail, Goalpara for the aforesaid purpose under intimation to the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara.

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