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To : The Principal Secretary  
Correctional Services  
Govt. of West Bengal  
63, N.S. Road, "Jessop Buildings"  
Kolkata - 700 001.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a report by Shri Dipankar Bhattacharya, IPS, Superintendent of Police, W.B. Human Rights Commission who visited Berhampore Central Correctional Home on 26.05.2015. The Hon'ble Chairperson of the Commission desires to have a report on the contents of the enquiry report.

I am directed to request you to send the same within 4 (four) weeks from the date of communication. Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Yours faithfully,

  
O.S.D. & E.O. Spl. Secy.

Encl: As stated.

No. 281(2)/WBHRC/COM/193/15-16 Date: 15/06/15  
Copy along with enclosure forwarded for kind information & taking necessary action to:

1) Shri Moloy Kr. Kundu, Spl. Secretary, Home Deptt., H.R. Branch, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.

2) The A.D.G., Correctional Services, Govt. of W.B., 63, N.S. Road, Jessop Building, Kolkata-700 001.

  
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**Report of Shri Dipankar Bhattacharyya IPS SP WBHRC regarding  
visit of Behrampore Central Correctional Home, District  
Murshidabad on 26.05.2015.**

I along with Inspector Shri T.C. Pal visited Behrampore Central Correctional Home on 26.05.2015 at about 11.30 hrs. During visit, we talked to Shri Nandan Kr. Barua, Superintendent, Dr. Avijit Nun, Dr. R.S.Prasad Ravi and other officers and staff. Discussed regarding present condition of that Correctional Home. Besides we prepared a check list for Behrampore Central Correctional Home which is as follows:-

**Check List :-**

1. Availability of Model Prison Manual'2003 / Guidelines / Rules.
2. Prison Administration. Posts Sanctioned and Actual. Vacancy Position.
3. Contact details. Phone Numbers/Mobile No./E-mail Add./Postal Add.
4. Recommendation of National Seminar on Prison Reports 2011/2014 in New Delhi on 15.04.2011 and 13/14.10.2014. Whether implemented or not.
5. Number of inmates. Classification of Inmates. Whether over-crowding compared to Existing capacity.
6. Section 436 A, Cr.P.C. envisages release of U.T. Prisoners who have undergone detention for a period extending up to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment specified for the offence charged with.
7. Problems regarding production of U.Ts before court for want of escorts.
8. Facility for video-conferencing.
9. Foreign Nationals as prisoners.
10. 'Complaint Box' in every Barrack. Whether periodically opened by Inspecting Judge.
11. CCTV Cameras/Alert or Alarm System.
12. Website by every Central/District Jail. E-governance.
13. Charter of rights and duties of prisoners in multiple languages to be notified on Notice Board.



14. **Health Care & Hygiene:**

Doctors engaged. Treatment facilities. Resident Doctor round the clock. Visiting specialist doctors. Collaboration with multi-specialty hospitals. Tele-medicine system. HIV-positive prisoners guidelines by National Aid Control Organization. De-addiction programmes. Persons with mental illness. Health check-up at the time of admission of prisoner. Contagious diseases. Life style diseases. Medical equipments like X-ray, ECG etc. Well-equipped pathology lab for Central Jails/District Jails. Ambulance. Clean potable water/ Adequate number of usable toilets. Special facilities for aged or physically disabled prisoners. Western-style toilets.

15. **Motivation & Recreation:**

Yoga, Gymnasium, Library, Television. Educational/ Literary/ Cultural/ Spiritual/ Outdoor programmes. Sports & Game. Corrective and Reformative Measures. Vocational Training. Inspirational Movies. Water sports.

16. **Reformation, Rehabilitation and Re-integration** of the released prisoners.

17. NGOs and Social Workers.

18. Visits by Senior Officer of C.S./Judicial Officers/HRC/LSA etc.

**Computerized Visitors' Management System.**

19. Ideal Staff- Prisoner ratio: 1:6.

20. Women Prisoners. Female doctors / Counselors/ Crèche/ Play-School.

21. Skill Department and Capacity Building: Basic Vocational Training/PPP-model for skill in Industrial and manufacturing units/ small scale sectors.

22. **Environmental Issues:** Eco-friendly cooking gas, solar energy utilization, bio-gas Digester, rain-water harvesting, recycling waste water.

23. Easier parole process as in Kerala.

24. Computerization of Records.

25. Marketing of products prepared in C/H.



As per check list, Superintendent of Behrampore Central Correctional Home prepared answers which are as noted below:-

- 1) Model prison Manual 2003-Available
- 2) Prison administration, post sanctioned and actual vacancy position

Post	Sanctioned	Existing position	Vacant
Superintendent	01	00	01
Chief Controller	02	02	00
Security officer	01	01	00
Welfare officer	01	01	00
Chief Disp. Officer	01	01	00
Controller	03	02	01
Disp. Officer	03	02	01
Asst. Controller	03	03	00
Head Clerk	01	01	00
UDC	02	01	01
UDC(leave reserve)	01	00	01
Cashier	01	01	00
Junior Accountant	02	00	02
LDC	02	02	00
Medical Officer	03	02	01
Pharmacist	02	01	01
Chief Head Warder	02	01	01
Head Warder	12	03	09
Warder	239	179	60
Matron	01	00	01
Female Warder	20	16	04
Head Master	01	00	01
Teacher	03	00	03
Lady Teacher	02	00	02
Driver	01	01	00
Waving Master	01	01	00
Factory overseer	01	00	01
Task Taker	01	00	01
Tailor Master	01	00	01
Radiographer	01	00	01
Barbar	01	00	01
Sweeper	05	03	02
<b>Total</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>96</b>

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PRISONER WITH UT 00 00 00



There are 6+1=7 extra temporary sweeper engaged in B.C.C.Home

- 3) Contact Details : Office of the Superintendent , Behrampore Central Correctional Home, Behrampore, Murshidabad, WB Pin. 742101. Phone:- 03482-252017, Fax-03482-258228, e-mail : [supdt.bhpcch@gmail.com](mailto:supdt.bhpcch@gmail.com)
- 4) Recommendation of National Seminar on Prisons Report 2011/2014 : Implemented as per direction received from the Directorate of Correctional Services, W.B
- 5) REGISTERED CAPACITY

Male	Female	Total
1900	122	2022

PARTICULARS (As on 04.06.15)		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
CONDEMNED PRISONER(CONVICT)		02	00	02
COFEPOSA SESSIONS		01	00	01
REMANDS(UNDER TRIAL)		513	17	530
SIMPLE IMPRISONMENT		298	24	322
REGOUROUS IMPRISONMENT		92	05	97
TOTAL		890	58	948
CHILDREN		1796	104	1900
JANKHALAS TOTAL		13	15	28
GRAND TOTAL		112	14	126
1921		133	2054	
<b>DETAILS</b>				
CONDEMNED PRISONER		02	00	02
LIFE CONVICTS		453	34	487
POLITICAL PRISONER	UT	03	00	03
	CONVICT	01	00	01
NDPS	UT	318	15	323
	CONVICT	05	00	05
BANGLADESHI NATIONAL	UT	55	00	55
	CONVICT	313	21	334
	JANKHALAS	97	08	105
OTHER FOREIGN NATIONAL	UT	00	00	00
	CONVICT	04	02	06
	JANKHALAS	15	06	21
PRISONER WITH	UT	00	00	00



NATIONALCASE	CONVICT	00	00	00
ADMITTED IN OUTSIDE HOSPITAL	UT	08	00	08
	CONVICT	00	00	00
MENTALLY ILL PRISONER	UT	15	00	19(4 JK)
	CONVICT	21	00	21
GD LABOUR	CONVICT	460	28	488
MD LABOUR	CONVICT	31	00	31
COFEPOSA	CONVICT	01	00	01

- 6) Ld. Court is informed once a UT prisoners completes the one half of the maximum period specified for the offence charged with, as per the provisions laid in 436(a) Cr.P.C.
- 7) Problems regarding production of UTs before court for want of escort are not a regular one.
- 8) Video conferencing facility is under way.
- 9) Foreign Nationals as Inmates:- Mostly Bangladeshi National
10. Complaint Box available in central tower, welfare office, office, outside
11. CCTV camera was installed, not functioning at present. Alert/ Alarm system is available.
12. Website maintained by the Directorate of Correctional Services, WB. E-tender, E-Billing, E-prisons suite in trial version is working.
13. Charter of rights and duties of prisoners are notified inside Correctional Home.
14. **Health Care and Hygiene :-**
- |                                 |   |                           |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Doctors Engaged                 | : | Two                       |
| Treatment facilities            | : | Indoor, Outdoor, Referral |
| Resident Doctor Round the clock | : | Available                 |
| Visiting Specialist Doctor      | : | Not available             |



Telemedicine system	:	Not available
HIV positive prisoners' guideline by NACO	:	Yes
Person with Mental Illness	:	Treatment provided and also referred to Mental Hospital. Separate Ward for patients
Contagious Diseases	:	Treatment provided and patients segregated
Lifestyle Diseases	:	Treatment provided and also referred to Sadar Hospital
Health check-up at the time of admission	:	Yes
Medical equipments; ECG,X-ray	:	Not available
Pathology Lab	:	Not available
Ambulance	:	Two
Clean potable water	:	Supplied
Adequate number of toilet	:	Available
Special facilities for aged	:	Separate Ward
Special facilities for physically disabled	:	Not available
Western style toilets	:	Not available
<b>15. Motivation and Recreation :</b>		
Yoga	:	Will be started soon
Gymnasium	:	Not available
Library	:	Available
Television	:	Available with DTH
Educational/ Literacy programmes	:	Adult formal education for Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary inmate students. Separate Classrooms are



Cultural Programme

accommodated for primary and Higher classes. Regular High Schools are also running inside wards by educated convicts inmates.

: Regular cultural programme organized. Three Drama production has been staged so far.

Sports & Games

: Regular sports and cultural activities are taken in Berhampore Central Correctional Home. Articles for indoor games like Carom, Ludo, Card, Chess are distributed ward wise and outdoor games like Football, Volleyball and Cricket are also arranged. One football league was organized in the month of June 2014 and one volleyball tournament was organized in January 2015. Three convict inmate of BCCH has also participated in the team of prisoners of West Bengal for state level 2<sup>nd</sup> Division football.

Corrective and reformative Measures

: Regular counseling, special care provided to education and art.

Vocational Training

: Vocational training centre available for training in trades of Computer, Driving, Electric, Tailoring.

Water Sports

: Not available. Bengal Correctional Services Act.



16. **Reformation, Rehabilitation and re-integration** : Proposal forwarded to District Magistrate for grant of loan from Govt. aided scheme toward a reformed & released prisoner for self employment.
17. **NGOs and Social Workers** : Two (Don Bosco Prison Ministry and Behrampore Reparatory Theatre)
18. **Visit by senior officers** : Regular visit
19. **Ideal staff prisoner ratio (1:6)** : Not available
20. **Women prisoners-related** :
- Female Doctor : Not available
- Counselor : One Female Clinical psychologist available
- Crèche / Playschool : One ICDS centre inside.
21. **Skill development and Educational Programmes** : DON BOSCO PRISON MINISTRY has set up a **Capacity building** vocational training centre which imparts training in MOTOR DRIVING, ELECTRICAL MOTOR REPAIRING, COMPUTER TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES.
22. **Environmental Issues**
- Eco-friendly cooking Gas/  
Solar energy, Bio-gas Digester,  
Rain water harvesting,  
Recycling waste waters : Not available
23. **Easier parole process as In Kerala** : Parole rules are followed as per provision of The West Bengal Correctional Services Act.



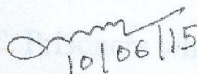
24. Computerization of Records : To some extent

25. Marketing of products Prepared in CH : As per direction received from Directorate of Correctional Services.

**Observation:-**

- i) Overall ambience is good but there is enough room for improvement.
- ii) Aspect of Prison Security needs a beef-up.
- iii) Unfinished works of PWD needs to be completed soon.
- iv) Local Police may be requested by Prison Authority for Night Patrolling along the road surrounding the Prison.
- v) CCTV Cameras need to be made functional.
- vi) Full digitalization of Data may be completed soon.
- vii) Arrangement may be made for standby electricity.
- viii) More NGOs like DON BOSCO PRISON MINISTRY may be introduced for variety of Vocational Training Courses & also for Recreational / Educational Programmes.

Dated: 10.06.15

  
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W.B. Human Rights Commission