



**DIRECTORATE OF PRISONS AND
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, ODISHA**

Letter No. 130/Con

Date 17.3.2020

To

The Senior Superintendents/Superintendents/
Jailor-cum-Superintendents of all Jails.

Sub- Regarding precautionary measures in prisons in view of Covid-2019
Corona Virus scenario.

Ref- This Office letter No. 4971 dated 16.3.2020 & No. 5092 dated 16.3.2020.

In continuation to aforesaid instructions, you are advised to take following additional precautions for all Jails to prevent spread of Corona Virus.

1. Extreme care may be taken in handling prisoners & visitors to Prisoners. You are requested to liase with CDMOs for arranging screening devices and kits to be used in prisons for screening inmates.
2. All newly admitted prisoners shall be kept in quarantine in a separate ward for a week under the supervision of the Medical Officer/Pharmacist. New incoming prisoners should be asked to sanitize themselves thoroughly during admissions to jails by sanitizers to be kept at main gates.
3. Advocate interview and general interview (Mulakat) stands suspended forthwith for safety of prisoners.
4. Video-Conferencing facility should be utilized for producing the prisoners before the Courts wherever and whenever it is possible.
5. Visitors may be encouraged not to come to Jails physically for Mulakats and instead avail e-Mulakat facility from their homes.
6. Prisoners who are having the symptoms (4 - S) i.e. sore throat, cough, fever and cold should be lodged separately i.e. isolation ward to be earmarked by Jailors. The prisoners who are having the symptoms should be immediately referred to Government Hospitals.
7. Prisoners after court production and hospital treatment should be properly screened at the main gate.
8. All the Officers, men and prisoners should wash their hands before entering into the Prison.
9. Physical contact of prisoners with visitors during interview should be avoided.
10. All type of visit i.e. education, NGO activities should be suspended for one month.
11. Face Mask should be provided to the cooks to avoid contamination.
12. Personnel on duty may be provided with masks.

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13. Prisoners after availing emergency leave / ordinary leave should be screened thoroughly at the time of admission.
14. Prisoners sent to other state court production should be thoroughly screened at the time of admission.
15. Prison hospitals, prisons premises particularly outside visitors' area should be cleaned frequently.
16. Sanitation facility should be made available at the main gate with adequate water facility.

Receipt of the circular may be acknowledged.



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Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government Home Department, Odisha for information please.



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