

**COMMITTEE  
FOR THE  
WELFARE OF  
PRISONERS**



**LEGAL AID OFFICE**

# **SINDH PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SERVICE ACT AND RULES 2019 IN LIGHT OF MANDELA RULES**

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## LEGAL AID:

### Rule 119 (Mandela Rules):

Pre-trial detainees are promptly informed about the reasons for their detention and any charges against them.



### Rule 400 (Sindh Prisons and Corrections Service Act & Rules 2019)

**No prisoner to be admitted without a proper warrant.**

## **Rule 61 (Mandela Rules):**

**Prisoners are entitled to engage a legal advisor of their own choice on any legal matter. In case they do not have sufficient means, they should benefit from the services of legal aid providers.**

## **Section 55 and Rule 863 & 865 (Sindh Prisons and Corrections Service Act & Rules 2019)**

### **“Legal Assistances/services”**

These rules mandate the establishment of Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners by the administrative department with the approval of Chief Minister to provide free legal aid, awareness and empowerment services as well as work for the welfare and well-being of prisoners.



## HEALTHCARE:

### **Rule 24, 25 (Mandela Rules):**

Prisoners have the right to healthcare free of charge, including dental care, standards of health care in prisons should be equal to those in the community.

### **Rule 745 (Sindh Prisons and Corrections Service Act & Rules 2019):**

**Adequate health services shall be provided, within available resources, based on the principles of primary health care, in order to allow every prisoner to lead a healthy life.**



## BASIC PRINCIPLES:

### Rule 19 (Mandela Rules):

Every prisoner shall, in accordance with local or national standards, be provided with a separate bed, and with separate and sufficient bedding which shall be clean when issued, kept in good order and changed often enough to ensure its cleanliness.

### Rule 42 (Sindh Prisons and Corrections Service Act & Rules 2019):

#### Rule 42, sub-section 1:

Subject to rules, the service shall provide every prisoner with clothing, bunk bed and bedding sufficient to meet the requirements of hygiene and climatic conditions and follow the standards as prescribed under the Rules.



### Rule 21 (Mandela Rules):

Every prisoner who is not employed in outdoor work shall have at least one hour of suitable exercise in the open air daily if the weather permits.



### Rule 566 (Sindh Prisons and Corrections Service Act & Rules 2019)

Prisoners are allowed to play indoor games such as carom, ludo, and chess inside the barracks. Outdoor games such as **kabbadi, wrestling, volleyball** and **football** are also allowed for an hour in the prison playground under proper supervision, if conditions permits it.

**Rule 42 (Mandela Rules):**

**Every prisoner shall be allowed to satisfy the needs of his religious life by attending the services provided in the institution and having in his possession the books of religious observance and instruction of his denomination.**



**Rule 568 (Sindh Prisons and Corrections Service Act & Rules 2019):**

**Rule 568, sub-section 2:**

**Every prisoner shall be allowed to offer his devotions in a quiet and orderly manner.**