



COMMITTEE
FOR THE
WELFARE OF
PRISONERS



Correspondence and Visits



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How can I stay in touch with my family and friends whilst being in



Every prisoner shall be allowed reasonable facilities for seeing or communicating with his relatives, friends and legal adviser with a view to the preparation of an appeal, revision or to the procuring of bail.

A prisoner shall also be allowed to receive visits or write letters to his relatives or friends including receiving or making audio or video calls if the Officer In-charge considers it necessary to enable him to arrange for the management of his property, business or other family affairs.

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What is Conjugal Visit?

Sentenced prisoners whose term of imprisonment exceeds five [5] years shall be allowed to keep their spouse with them inside the Prison premises in place specially meant for the purpose for two nights in every three months.



Provided that –

Every sentenced prisoner shall submit photocopy of his Nikahanama to officer in charge at the time or before his conviction through trial court; Such male prisoner who has more than one wife shall be allowed alternate night for each wife at a time; Children below age of six year shall be allowed to accompany their mother.

The sentenced prisoners who are convicted on the charges of terrorism or anti-state activities shall not be allowed to avail the facilities permissible under this sub rule except with the prior consent of Government.

The Officer Incharge shall maintain all relevant record i.e. date of visit and other particular of the spouse of the sentenced prisoner concerned under the supervision of Deputy Superintendent and monthly statement of such prisoners who have availed such privileges shall be sent to Inspector General.

[Prison Rule-875]

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Will I be provided writing material in the prison?



Writing materials, including service post-cards shall be supplied to any prisoner permitted to write a letter and all letters shall be written at such time and place as the Officer In-charge may appoint. Service postage stamps at Government expense shall be provided for prisoner's letters.

[Prison Rule-880]

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How much time will be provided to meet a visitor?

The time allowed for visits shall not ordinarily exceed thirty minutes, but may be extended by the Officer In-charge at his direction. [Prison Rule#889]



No visits shall be made after the prisoners have been locked up for the night, or on any public holiday or Sunday. [Prison Rule#909]

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Do I have the right to hold a secret meeting?



Every visit with a prisoner shall take place in the presence of officers detailed for the purpose who shall be responsible that no irregularity occurs, and shall so place him or her as to be able to see and hear what passes and to prevent any prohibited article being passed between the parties. The conversation shall be limited to private and domestic affairs only.

[Prison Rule-887]

06

Are there any facilities for the prisoners who are imprisoned in default of payment of fine or furnishing security?



Every prisoner committed to prison in default of payment of fine or for failure to furnish security under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, shall be allowed to communicate, by letters and to have visits at any reasonable time with his relatives and friends for the purpose of arranging for the payment of the fine or the furnishing of security.

[Prison Rule-869]

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If I am being transferred to another prison, will I get permission to write a letter to my family/friends to inform them about my new location?

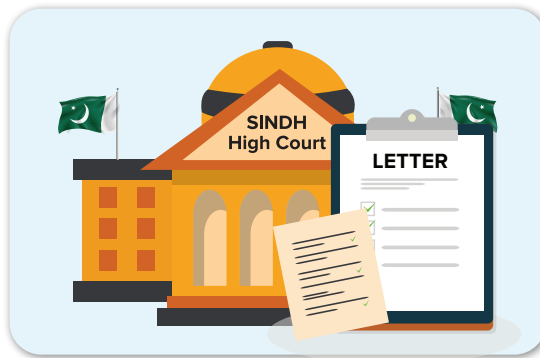


Every prisoner shall, on transfer from one prison to another, be allowed to write special letters to his friends or relatives intimating the change of address. If the prisoner is for any reason unable to inform his friends or relatives before his transfer from a prison, he shall be permitted to do so after his arrival in the other prison.

[Prison Rule-870]

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Do I have permission to communicate with government officials through letters?



Prisoners may be permitted to address communication to Government, the Inspector-General of Prisons or any other Government officers in their Official capacity with a view to the redress of a grievance. Such communications shall be to the point and not contain any offensive or irrelevant matter. Communications from one prisoner on behalf of another or joint memorials or petitions are not permitted. Anonymous or pseudonymous applications shall not be entertained.

[Prison Rule-872]

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Does the Officer-Incharge have a right to refuse any visit?



The Officer In-charge may refuse a visit to a prisoner ordinarily entitled under these rules if in his opinion it is against the public interest to allow any particular person to visit the prisoner or for some other sufficient cause. In every such case he shall record in his order book the reason for such refusal. The Officer In-charge may, in his discretion disallow ex-prisoners from visiting prisoners, unless they are related to them. [Prison Rule-909]

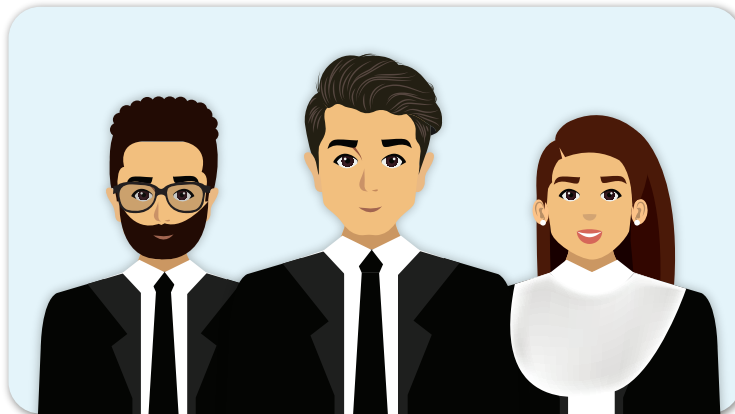
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For free legal advises or help, contact with our legal experts who visits the prison on daily basis, or contact with superintendent. CWP-LAO also train Prison Paralegals, who can provide several distinct services. These include legal literacy and information for new under trial prisoners as well as other inmates that may want information on bail, appeals, and revisions. Paralegals are also a source of information on civil matters that may arise after a person is incarcerated, such as child custody and maintenance, property or inheritance laws etc. Paralegals also connect inmates with lawyers from the legal aid office if any prisoner wants specific legal advice or requires a lawyer.

Finally, prison paralegals can help prisoners understand their rights, prison rules and can provide practical guidance on life in prison e.g. how visitations are arranged, how to obtain items of personal use and file a complaint etc.

You can also call our toll free number **0800-70806** to get free of cost advice on your legal issues.



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