



COMMITTEE
FOR THE
WELFARE OF
PRISONERS



General Rules



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Property and Personal Belongings

Every prisoner on admission into a prison shall be thoroughly searched at the main gate in a dignified manner by the gatekeeper under the supervision of the Assistant Superintendent or duty officer. All prohibited articles found on search shall be taken away from him or her. Cash, jewelry, clothing and any other articles belonging to the prisoner, shall also be taken away and entered in the admission register and stored under proper inventory. The receipt thereof shall be given to prisoner.

Should the friends or relatives visiting a prisoner wish to make over any articles or cash for the use of the prisoner either in prison or on release, they shall deposit these at the main gate with the permission of the Officer In-charge. Any article or cash deposited under this rule shall be entered in the relevant registers and the prisoner informed.



The prisoner shall be permitted, while in prison, to use only such articles as he is allowed to have under the rules. The introduction of any article or cash into the prison, except in accordance with this rule or with the written sanction of the Officer In-charge is prohibited and declared to be a breach of discipline or offence. [Prison Rule-893]

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Food

All prisoners will be provided food and drink on the government's expense. The food will be prepared in the prison's kitchen while the Officer in Charge shall conduct daily inspections of the food prepared for the prisoners. (Prison Rule#57). Special dietary food will be provided to pregnant and sick prisoners and children. (Prison Rule 109, 747(4))



Medical Check ups



There shall be a hospital for the reception of sick prisoners in every prison. (Prison Rule 186). Every prisoner complaining of illness shall be brought before the Medical Officer or any Medical Staff who shall examine him or her and determine whether he or she shall be treated as an out-patient or admitted to a hospital. (Prison Rule 187).

If a prisoner is in bad or indifferent health, the Medical Officer shall record the cause of the disability, such as enlarged spleen, anemia scurvy etc., on the history ticket and admission register. [Rule#176]

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Production in Courts

The Officer In-charge shall ensure that a Prisoner is produced at the time and place, stated in a court order. On determination or an adjournment of a court proceeding at which a Prisoner attends the Prisoner will be returned to the prison. [Prison Rule-669]

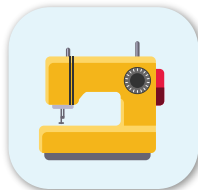
The Prison Service may if necessary provide adequate place for trial inside Prison and/or trial through video. [Prison Rule-670]



Work

The Officer In-charge shall provide suitable work for every class of prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment and such other prisoners confined in the prison who volunteer to be put to work. Such work may be industrial or non-industrial. While establishing an industry in any prison the following two main objectives shall be kept in view:

- a** Imparting vocational training to the prisoners to enable them to earn respectable livelihood after their release;
- b** The said industry is locally available in the hinterland.

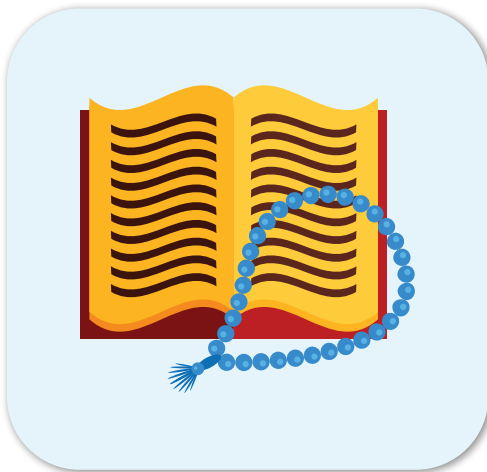


[Prison Rule 798]

Religious prayers/duties

No undue interference with the religion of prisoners shall be permitted and

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



Muslim prisoners shall be expected to observe fasts during the month of Ramzan, Sehri shall be cooked during the night and issued to prisoners fresh and hot. Stale food shall not be issued.

Classifications for Convicts



- 1** The Officer In-charge of the Prison shall classify prisoners into two categories as Better Class (b-class) prisoners and Common Class (c-class) prisoners.
- 2** The criteria for the Better Class is:
 - a** Any prisoner who holds a Bachelors or a professional degree from any institution recognized by the Higher Education Commission;
 - b** A tax payer for the last three years of his productive life (not less than fifty thousand per annum); or
 - c** A person who has been a Gazetted officer; or
 - d** A person who is or has been a member of Provincial or National Assembly or Senate of Pakistan or Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman or Vice Chairman of Metropolitan Corporation, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee, District Council or Town Committee or a person involved in the field of academia as the case may be;
 - e** Socially accustomed to a better mode of living; or
 - f** A Sentenced Prisoner involved in heinous crime shall not be entitled for a better class, irrespective of whether he meets the above criterion or requirements;
- 3** The prisoner shall be treated as common class as if he does not fall in the criteria mentioned above.

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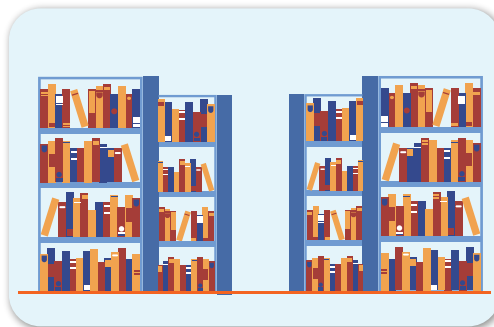
Education

Education up to the primary standard shall be imparted to all illiterate prisoners daily for at least one hour by paid teachers who may be assisted in this work by educated prisoners.



Facilities may be provided to prisoners who are desirous for higher studies.

Every prison shall have a well-stocked library. Prisoners shall be permitted to read daily newspapers to be supplied at State expense. Prisoners may also be permitted to obtain at their own expense newspapers and magazines on the approved lists.



[Prison Rule 567]

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Complaints

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No prisoner shall leave his place at any time to make any representation to the Officer In charge or Deputy Superintendent, but he may, if the representation as an urgent one, such is complaint of assault or ill-treatment or the like, represent the matter to the Officer In-charge or Deputy Superintendent when these officers are paying their visit.



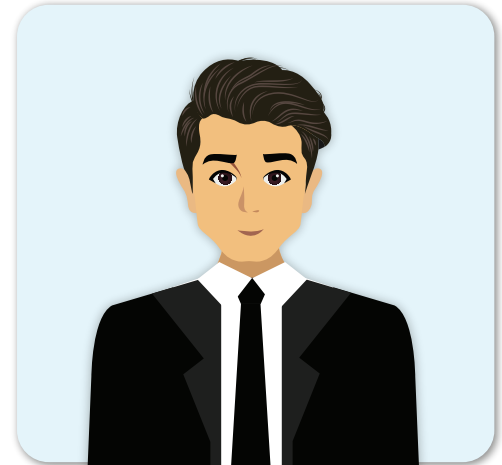
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Any prisoner wishing to make a request shall, if the matter is urgent, be brought before the Officer In-charge, but minor complaints and petitions should, as a rule, await the officer in-charge's weekly inspection.

Services of lawyers

On admission, a Prisoner shall be informed of the following rights and obligations to:

- a** Choose and consult with a legal practitioner; or
- b** There shall be a panel of legal consultants available with the Officer In-charge and the prisoner shall, as far as practicable have the right to choose any one from the panel on state expense;



Government provided defense counsel through the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners visit the prisons on a weekly basis and provide free of cost legal services to under trial prisoners implicated in petty offences. A schedule of their days and timings for visits is placed at the meeting place in the prisons.

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