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**I. INTRODUCTION**

முறைசெய்து காப்பாற்றும் மன்னவன் மக்கட்கு  
இறையென்று வைக்கப் படும். -- (திருக்குறள்-388)

**Who justice strict maintains and guards,  
That King as God the subject People regard.**

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services occupies a pivotal position in the Criminal Justice System, which is instrumental in building a peaceful society through implementing punishment and rehabilitation of offenders. While ensuring the safety and security of the Prisons, the department aims at the highest ideals of reforming and rehabilitating the prisoners, transforming them into

socially useful individuals for reintegrating them into the society. The department is paying serious attention to the rights and the basic infrastructural facilities of the inmates to bring them on par with global standards. To achieve this, the department has inducted latest technologies and has taken various innovative initiatives for skill development and attitudinal changes of the inmates.

## **II. THE HIERARCHY OF THE DEPARTMENT**

A senior I.P.S. Officer in the rank of Director General of Police, Heads the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, which functions under the control of the Home Department of the Government. He is assisted by a Deputy Inspector General of Prisons at Headquarters and five Deputy Inspector Generals at Chennai, Vellore, Trichy, Coimbatore and Madurai Ranges. The organisational structure of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services is given in **Annexure-I.**

The administration of Central Prisons, District Jails, Special Sub Jails, Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons and Borstal Schools are controlled by the Superintendents of Prisons under their respective jurisdictions. The women Superintendents of Prisons are controlling the administration of Special Prisons for Women at Puzhal, Trichy and Vellore. The women Additional Superintendents of Prisons are controlling the Administration of Special Prisons for Women at Coimbatore and Madurai. The Additional Superintendents of Prisons are in-charge of District Jails and assist the Superintendents of Prisons of Central Prisons in supervising the Special Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons, Sub Jails and Borstal Schools in their respective districts.

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services also includes personnel of Executive Staff in the cadre of Jailor/Deputy Jailor/Assistant Jailor / Chief Head Warder/Grade-I Warder/Grade-II Warder/Technical/Non-Technical/Correctional/Medical and Ministerial staff.

The total cadre strength of the Department as on 28.02.2023 is **5491**.

There are 142 Prisons under the control of Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, which includes 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women, 14 District Jails, 96 Sub Jails for Men, 8 Sub Jails for Women, 2 Special Sub Jail for Men, 2 Special Sub Jails for Women, 3 Borstal Schools and 3 Open Air Prisons.

The total authorized capacity of all the Prisons in the State is **24,342**. The prison wise authorized accommodation is given in **Annexure-II**.

### **III. PRISON ADMINISTRATIVE WINGS**

The following wings are functioning in the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services:-

#### **i) Probation Wing**

The Probation Wing is functioning as part of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services since 1946 which is headed by the Chief Probation Superintendent. He is assisted by 12 Regional Probation Officers and 64 Probation Officers.

The Probation Officers render assistance to the Courts of Judicial Magistrates in implementing the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958 and Tamil Nadu Borstal School Act, 1925 by submitting enquiry reports after making preliminary enquiries regarding the behavior pattern of the offenders and their living conditions. They also supervise the offenders released on probation and attend to their rehabilitation.

Their main function is to secure the first offenders on probation subject to certain conditions instead of committing them to Prisons. The officials of Probation Wing visit the Prisons, interview them concerning their needs and examine their specific requests such as education of their children, loan for family members for their livelihood, employment assistance for convicts after their release etc. They function as a bridge between the prisoners and their families.

They also inspect Police lockups to ensure that there is no violation of Human Rights as ordered by the Government.



## **ii) Intelligence cum Vigilance Wing**

An "Intelligence cum Vigilance Wing" is functioning in the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services under the leadership of Deputy Superintendent of Police, which consists of 20 officials deputed from Police Department and 13 officials from Department of Prisons and Correctional Services. The wing monitors the activities of the prisoners and Prison personnel and collect important and sensitive information for effective management of the Prison Administration and exchange intelligence inputs with other intelligence agencies.

## **iii) Technical Wing**

A Technical Wing is functioning in the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, in Prison Headquarters and in all Central Prisons which consists of one Inspector (Technical) and 10 Sub Inspectors (Technical) for the maintenance and upkeep of the modern gadgets provided to the Department.

#### **iv) Motor Transport Wing**

The Motor Transport Wing is functioning with one Reserve Inspector of Police (Category II). He supervises the maintenance of all vehicles used in the Department.

#### **v) Legal Cell**

A Legal Advisor in the cadre of Assistant Public Prosecutor (Grade-I) deputed from the Directorate of Prosecution is heading the "Legal Cell" functioning at the Prison Headquarters to render legal advice and assistance in dealing court cases in the Department.

### **IV. HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

#### **i) Recruitment**

Vacancies for the post of Grade II Warders (Men and Women) are being filled up through the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board. At present, recruitment of 153 men and 8 women by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board is under process. After selection, the candidates will be imparted six months basic training at Warders Training Centre, Trichy.

Assistant Jailors are being recruited through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by Direct Recruitment and by promotion from the feeder category i.e. Chief Head Warders in the ratio of 1:1. The estimate of 55 vacancies in the post of Assistant Jailor (Men) and 5 vacancies in the post of Assistant Jailor (Women) have been communicated to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for filling up of these posts and the same is under process.

Jailors are being recruited through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by Direct Recruitment and appointment by recruitment by transfer in the ratio of 1:2.

The estimates of vacancies for the six posts of Jailor (Men) and two posts of Jailor (Women) have been communicated to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for filling up of these posts through Direct Recruitment and the same is under process.

Probation Officers are being recruited through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by Direct

Recruitment and appointment by recruitment by transfer in the ratio of 2:1. Two vacancies for Direct Recruitments have been communicated to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and the selection of candidates is under process.

Psychologists are being filled up by Direct Recruitment through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and by transfer of service from the post of Probation Officer in the ratio of 1:1. Four posts of Psychologist will be filled up shortly by Direct Recruitment through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

## **ii) Training**

### **a) Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration (APCA), Vellore**

A Joint Training Centre of the five Southern States i.e., Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala namely Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration has been established at Vellore in 1979 for imparting training to the Prison officials in the field of Correctional

Methods and Prison Management. The expenditure of this institution is equally shared by the above five Southern States.

### **b) Warders Training**

Newly recruited Warders are being imparted basic training at Warders Training Centre, Vellore functioning under the control of the Superintendent of Prisons, Central Prison, Vellore who is acting as a Principal of the Institute. The capacity of the training center is 130 persons. It has all supporting staff and other facilities.

The six months basic training to the newly recruited Grade-II Warders includes drill, training in weapons and basic knowledge in Rules and Regulations of Prison Management with special emphasis on Human Rights.

Grade-II Warders, Grade-I Warders, Chief Head Warders, Assistant Jailors, Deputy Jailors also undergo general refresher courses periodically at Warders Training Centre, Vellore.

The Police Commando School at Marutham, Chennai is also utilized by this Department to impart training to Warders in martial arts such as Karate, Silambam, Unarmed Combat, Commando training and Bomb Detection and Disposal course.

### **c) Other Trainings**

The Officers in the Department attend training programmes pertaining to National Level Training Courses on Human Rights, Prison Management, etc., conducted by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (LNJN NICFS) and National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), New Delhi. Similarly, Training Institutions in other States also provide training. The Officers also participate in various training programmes conducted by the State Level Training Institutions.

## **V. CLASSIFICATIONS OF PRISONS**

Prisons are of 5 kinds namely Central Prisons, Special Prisons, District Jails, Special Sub Jails and Sub Jails.

Open Air Prisons at Singanallur, Salem and Purasadaiaudaippu and Special Prisons for Women at Vellore, Trichy, Puzhal, Coimbatore and Madurai, are the Special Prisons.

Central Prisons are meant for confinement of prisoners who are sentenced to death, life imprisonment and imprisonment for a period exceeding three months, prisoners convicted for major offences, notorious, habitual and high risk categories, civil debtors and detenus. At the same time undertrial and remand prisoners as per classification are also lodged in Central Prisons and segregated in different blocks. All foreign convict/remand/ under trial prisoners are lodged in the Prisons at the Puzhal Prison Complex in Chennai.

Remand / Under trial prisoners and those who are sentenced to less than three months imprisonment by the Courts in the Districts are lodged in the District Jails concerned while remand / under trial prisoners involved in sensitive cases are lodged in Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee. Remand

Prisoners involved in offences which are not serious in nature are lodged in Sub Jails.

Women Prisoners who are sentenced to imprisonment for a period exceeding one month or sentenced to death or habitual women prisoners who are committed by the courts are confined in the five Special Prisons for Women. Remand and Under trial women prisoners who have committed offences which are not serious in nature are lodged in Special Sub Jails and Sub Jails for Women. These Women Prisons are exclusively guarded by Women Personnel.

Prisoners in the age group between 21 and 55, having good physical and mental health, good conduct, emotional stability and agricultural background are transferred to Open Air Prisons, on their willingness.

## **VI) PRISON SECURITY**

### **i) High Security Blocks**

High Security Blocks have been constructed in all Central Prisons which are well guarded by the Prison Personnel considering the security of



prisoners as well as prevention of escape without compromising on the rights and dignity of the prisoners. The peripheral security of Central Prison, Coimbatore is handled by Central Reserve Police Force. All other Central Prisons, except Cuddalore are guarded by the Tamil Nadu Special Police.

Hard core prisoners involved in sensitive cases are confined in High Security Blocks. All such prisoners are subjected to proper search, daily and periodically by higher officers.

The visitors, who come to interview the prisoners are also subjected to thorough frisking. Regular anti-sabotage checks are being carried out to prevent any untoward incident in the Prisons.

## **ii) Cell Phone Jammers**

With a view to strengthen the security measures, Cell Phone Jammers have been provided in 12 High Security Blocks at 9 Central Prisons in the State.

### **iii) Electronic Key Management System**

On pilot basis, Electronic Key Management System has been introduced in Central Prisons-I & II, Puzhal and Special Prison for Women, Puzhal and is functioning well.

### **iv) Security Poles**

12 numbers of Security Poles for cell phone and ferrous metal detection system have been installed in 9 Central Prisons and 3 Special Prisons for Women to strengthen the security of Prisons.

### **v) X-Ray Baggage Scanners**

All the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai have been provided with X-Ray Baggage Scanners to prevent smuggling of contraband articles and prohibited materials inside the Prisons.

9 numbers of X-Ray Baggage Scanner Machine have been purchased to replace the old machines in 9 Central Prisons during the year 2022-2023.

#### **vi) Walkie-Talkies**

All Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, Puzhal, Vellore and Trichy and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai have been provided with 380 numbers of Hand held Walkie-Talkie sets with spare battery packs.

4 Repeater sets for Central Prisons-I & II, Puzhal, Trichy and Coimbatore have also been installed.

#### **vii) CCTV Cameras**

In order to monitor the movement of prisoners as well as the visitors, 556 CCTV cameras are installed at vulnerable areas of all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai. In addition, Smart Cards containing all details about the prisoners have been provided in 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai.

#### **viii) Video Conferencing Facilities**

Video Conferencing facility connecting Prisons and Courts Complex has been provided for

extension of remand period of the prisoners without producing them physically before the Courts concerned, to cut down the expenditure on Police escorts, transportation and also to prevent untoward incidents such as escape of prisoners and assault on the prisoners during their transit, etc.

At present, 117 Prisons including all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and Sub Jails have been connected with 403 Courts through Video Conferencing System. In the last 5 years, the prisoners have been produced through Video Conferencing System for extension of remand on 4,32,931 occasions. The breakup is as follows:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of occasions</b>
1.	2018	72,096
2.	2019	65,924
3.	2020	22,097
4.	2021	94,081
5.	2022	1,51,703
6.	upto Feb-2023	27,030
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,32,931</b>

It is noteworthy that the number of occasions on which prisoners have been produced through Video Conferencing for remand extension during 2022 has witnessed a significant jump of 61% compared to the previous year.

**ix) Dog Squad**

The services of Dog Squad in this Department is utilized to further fortify the security measures in the Prisons.

**x) Provision of new Computers and Photo Copier Machines**

A sum of Rs.82.91 lakh has been sanctioned for purchase of 63 Computers, 45 Dot Matrix Printers, 18 Laser Printers and 21 Xerox Machines for all Central Prisons, Office of the Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Chennai, Vellore, Madurai, Coimbatore and Special Prison for Women, Puzhal, Vellore, Madurai, Coimbatore and Chief Probation Superintendent Office. Purchase order was placed in Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal.

### **xi) Purchase of Generator**

A sum of Rs.60.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of 4 Nos. of 100 KVA Generator set for District Jail, Attur, Chengalpet, Gobichettipalayam and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai. Tender was floated in GeM Portal and purchase order was placed for supply.

### **xii) Solar Power Generation**

The Roof Top Solar Photo Voltaic System with grid connectivity at Puzhal Prison Complex was established by the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA). So far, 1,60,761 units have been generated from the year 2018 to 2022 through Roof Top Solar Photo Voltaic System and Rs.13,50,392 has been saved from electricity charges.

### **xiii) Annual Maintenance Grant**

For regular maintenance of Prison buildings and staff quarters through Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited, sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.500.00 lakh as recurring expenditure,

every year. Repairs and maintenance of Jail buildings are carried out every year from the above sanctioned amount.

## **VII. PRISON FACILITIES**

### **i) Human Rights**

Human Rights of the prisoners, is given top most priority in the Prison Administration. Accordingly, basic amenities and requirements are provided in all Prisons to ensure better living conditions of prisoners and they are adequately sensitized to handle the human rights in Prisons. The subject of human rights forms an integral part in all training courses including refresher courses imparted to the Prison personnel.

Officials of the Human Rights Commissions and the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court and other dignitaries visit Prisons in the State to ensure provision of basic requirements and treatment of the prisoners and they appreciated the Prison Administration in the State. In addition, Board of Visitors comprising official and non-official visitors

make periodical visits/surprise visits to check management.

## **ii) Food and Clothing**

Nutritious and balanced diet is provided to the prisoners in a hygienic manner as per the scale prescribed in the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983. Non-vegetarian prisoners are provided with 115 grams of Chicken and vegetarian prisoners are provided with Potato curry, Kesari and a Banana once in a week.

Food items like Milk, Bread, Egg, Chicken, etc., are given as medical diet to the sick prisoners on the recommendation of the Medical Officers.

For preparation of food for the prisoners, Sunflower Oil is used for six days from Monday to Saturday and Gingelly Oil is used on Sunday.

The cost of provision of Special diet to prisoners has been enhanced from Rs.50 to Rs.100 during the year.

In the kitchen, stainless steel cooking vessels and trolleys are used and the food items are served to the prisoners in stainless steel plates and mugs.



Further, as provided in the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983, clothing and bedding are provided to the inmates. Terry cotton pants, shirts and large sized blankets are provided to the convict prisoners. Sarees with blouses are being provided to the women convict prisoners. Remand prisoners are permitted to wear their own clothing. The Remand prisoners who do not have adequate clothes are provided with sufficient clothing at Government cost.

### **iii) Sanitation and Health Care**

In Prison Hospitals, there are 3 Civil Assistant Surgeons in each Central Prison and Special Prison for Women, District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukottai, to attend to the health needs of the Prisoners round the clock without interruption.

Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women are provided with hospitals having experienced Doctors supported by sufficient paramedical staff to render necessary treatment to the prisoners according to their requirements.

Prisoners who need specialized in-patient care are admitted in the Prison Hospital.

To transport the prisoners requiring specialized treatment in the hospitals located outside the Prisons, Ambulances are provided to all the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails, Special Sub Jails for Women, Sub Jails for Women.

In association with the NGOs, medical camps are regularly conducted in Prisons to diagnose and to provide necessary treatment to the Prisoners. Various medical camps such as Eye camp, Dental camp, General checkup etc. are being conducted in Prisons as a preventive measure to avoid major illness among inmates.

21 types of Life Saving Medical Equipments are provided in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai.

As a health care measure, smoking and use of tobacco in the Prisons are banned. Integrated Counselling and Testing Centers (ICTC) are

established in all Central Prisons for checking prevalence of AIDS among inmates. All inmates in the Central Prisons are subjected to H.I.V. test after due counselling. De-addiction centers are proposed to be set up in all Central Prisons, Special Prison for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukottai in order to provide proper treatment to prisoners addicted to alcohol, drugs, narcotic substances etc.

In order to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases among the prisoners, the usage of knife for shaving is dispensed with. Instead two disposable shaving razors are provided to the prisoners once in a month at a cost of Rs.43.68 lakh per annum.

In addition to the above measures, to protect the prisoners from any communicable disease, sanitation facilities have been improved in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women, Puzhal and Trichy at a cost of Rs.1240.10 lakh and at Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee at a cost of Rs.30.59 lakh.

#### **iv) Treatment of Women Prisoners**

Women prisoners are examined by a Woman Assistant Surgeon at the time of admission and the observations are recorded in the Medical Sheet.

Priority is given to the day to day care of pregnant women prisoners. Gynecological examination is also conducted and pre-natal and post-natal care is given to them as required. Special care is bestowed on the nursing women inmates and they are supplied with half a litre milk per day. Emergency Leave for a period of 15 days is being granted to the pregnant women prisoners for delivery. Further, Sanitary Napkins are being provided to the Female Prisoners at free of cost.

As per Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983, Children are permitted to stay with their mothers until they attain the age of six years, if they cannot be otherwise suitably taken care of.

Based on the recommendation of the Medical Officer, baby foods are provided to babies who are less than one year old accompanying the female

Prisoners, keeping in view, the nutritional requirement of growing children.

Food, clothing, shelter, medical care and recreational facilities are also provided to them. A Crèche and Nursery are also functioning in the Special Prisons for Women to look after the children.

#### **v) Installation of Reverse Osmosis Plant**

Reverse Osmosis Plants have been provided in all Central Prisons and Special Prison for Women.

Further, Reverse Osmosis Plants have been installed for all the staff quarters at a cost of Rs.18.90 lakh in the campus of Central Prisons.

#### **vi) Prisoners Canteen**

All the essential and permitted articles are being sold to the Prisoners through Prisoners canteen functioning in Prisons. Now, due to increase in prices of essential articles, the existing ceiling amount was enhanced from Rs.750 per week to Rs.1000 for "A" Class Prisoners and from Rs.450 per week to Rs.750 for 'B' Class Prisoners.

### **vii) Sewage Treatment Plant**

Sewage Treatment Plants have been established in Central Prisons for recycling of waste water for agriculture purpose.

### **viii) Provision of Industrial Heavy Duty Laundry Machines**

A sum of Rs.60.00 lakh has been sanctioned for purchase of 15 Numbers of Industrial Heavy Duty Laundry Machines for all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai. Supply effected to all prisons and installation is under progress.

### **ix) Mental Health**

.Psychologists have been appointed in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to treat and counsel the prisoners suffering from depression and exhibiting violent behavior due to prolonged confinement and exhibiting high stress level in Prisons. Counselling instills confidence in the depressed mind of the prisoners and brings forth trust in themselves and

thereby eliminates their mental issues and they look forward for better future.

Prisoners requiring psychiatric treatment are treated in the Government Institute of Mental Health, Chennai as in-patients. The services of Psychiatrists from Government Hospitals are also utilized to take care of the mentally ill Prisoners.

Two Counsellors are engaged in each Central Prison and one Counsellor is engaged in each Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to ensure better mental health of the disturbed Prisoners. Government have enhanced honorarium paid to the Counsellors from Rs.15,000 to Rs.25,000 to encourage their service activities.

To keep the ties of Prisoner's relationship with his/her family strong by arranging interviews with relatives and friends, to render help in the settlement of civil claims of every prisoner, to arrange for vocational or other activities permissible within the rules and to instill the value of dignified

living of the prisoner after release and to look after the welfare of the Prisoner, Welfare Officer post was created in all Central Prisons and at Special Prison for Women, Puzhal and Vellore. Now, Government have created 3 Women Welfare Officer posts for Special Prison for Women, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore considering the Welfare of Women Prisoners. They act as an intermediary between prisoner and their families.

**x) Interviews with relatives and family members of Prisoners**

Prisoners are facilitated to contact their relatives and friends, through interviews as per the provision of the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983. The application forms for seeking interview with prisoners are supplied at free of cost and can also be downloaded from the website of the Department. This facility helps the family members and relatives of the Prisoners to apply for interview from remote places without any difficulty. Prior appointment may also be fixed over phone to interview the prisoners.



Intercom facility has been introduced in the visitor's hall to reduce the noise so as to have a clear conversation between the prisoners and their visitors.

**xi) Special Interviews**

The Advocates are permitted to interview the prisoners on all days except Sundays. Special interviews are also organized for Advocates on Saturdays upto 1.00 pm. For the convenience of School and College going children and working spouse of the Prisoners, special interviews are arranged on the first Sunday of every month.

**xii) Telephone Facility for the use of Prisoners**

To reduce the stress level of prisoners, Telephone facility has been provided to the prisoners to contact their family members, friends and their advocates. For this purpose, 65 telephone booths were installed in all Central Prisons, 3 Special Prisons for Women, District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai, 9 District Jails and 2 Open Air Prisons at a cost of Rs.300.29 lakh.

The maximum number of calls permitted are 8 and the maximum call duration is 56 minutes per prisoner per month including 4 Sundays. Prisoners have used this facility 16,86,826 times as on 31.12.2022.

### **xiii) Visitors Management System**

Visitors Management System has been introduced to collect details of Visitors in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to streamline the interview system.

### **xiv) Aadhar Enrollment**

Aadhar enrollment camps are being conducted in prisons to generate Aadhar cards as Prisoners admitted in prisons are not having authenticated documents. This Aadhar card will enable them to apply for Employment/Financial loans after their release from prisons to lead a comfortable and dignified life.

### **xv) Free Legal Aid**

To extend Free Legal Aid facility to the Prisoners, a separate Legal Aid Cell has been

established by the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and Sub Jails. Prisoners can avail all legal assistance in connection with their cases freely through this cell.

Prisoners can approach the Hon'ble Courts concerned to prepare appeals against their sentences, seek bail and conduct trials through this Free Legal Cell. Prisoners are produced before Free Legal Cell by the Prison authorities on admission so that any appeal, can be prepared in time and effective action is also taken to watch the progress and disposal of the same by this system. Rendering of effective and speedy justice is ensured through this system.

#### **xvi) Prisoners Adalat**

To expedite the disposal of petty cases and prevent overcrowding in the Prisons, Prisoners Adalat has been established in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women. The Magistrates

regularly conduct Prisoners Adalat and dispose the cases of prisoners who plead guilty.

Through Prisoners Adalat **1478 cases** have been disposed from **01.01.2021 to 31.12.2022**.

## **VIII. REFORMATION OF PRISONERS**

### **i) Education in Prisons**

Imparting education plays an important role in rehabilitating prison inmates. In order to achieve cent percent literacy amongst the prison inmates, many programmes have been launched in co-ordination with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the Education Department of Tamil Nadu. Indira Gandhi National Open University is also conducting various courses for the benefit of the prisoners.

Education requirement is categorized based on the level of individual's attainment as (i) Primary level (ii) Elementary level (iii) Higher Secondary level (iv) Graduation and Post Graduation through Open Universities and (v) Diploma and Degree

courses in order to facilitate useful job oriented skills to the inmates. The services of the educated inmates are also utilized for teaching.

Through the Education Department under special literacy mission/scheme, basic literacy is being imparted to the illiterate prisoners in all prisons in the State. The prisoners are identified for this purpose and two days training programme was conducted for the teachers by the Education Department in Central Prison-I, Puzhal for implementing this scheme and scheme is functioning well.

Elementary Schools are functioning with qualified teachers in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai. Distance Education facility is provided to the prisoners at Government cost.

Mahatma Gandhi Community Colleges, approved by the Tamil Nadu Open University have been established in all the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai. Various educational and

vocational courses are offered to the prisoners aiming at empowering them towards gainful employment on their release.

During the year 2022-23, 109 prisoners have appeared for 12<sup>th</sup> Standard Public Examination, 163 prisoners have appeared for 11<sup>th</sup> Standard Public Examination, 231 prisoners have appeared for 10<sup>th</sup> Standard Public Examination and 386 prisoners have appeared for 8<sup>th</sup> Standard Examination.

During the year 2022-2023, a total number of 9,844 prisoners pursued various vocational courses as detailed below:-

<b>Course</b>	<b>Number of Prisoners</b>
Basic literacy education by School Education Department	1,802
Foundation Course (Preparatory Course upto 7th standard level)	3,606
Literacy Programme (Through State Resource Centre)	3,049
M.C.A.	04
M.B.A.	28
M.A/M.Sc.	26

B.A./B.Sc./ B.Com./B.Lit.	96
B.B.A.	31
8 <sup>th</sup> (386), 10 <sup>th</sup> (231), 11 <sup>th</sup> (163) and 12 <sup>th</sup> Standard (109)	889
Diploma / Certificate	313
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,844</b>

Industrial Training Institute functions inside Central Prison, Trichy. During the year 2022-2023, 176 prisoners have pursued various studies as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Trade	Duration	No. of prisoners		
			I year	II year	Total
1	Fitter	2 Years	20	4	24
2	Electrician	2 Years	20	4	24
3	COPA (Computer Operator and Programming Assistant)	1 Year	48	-	48
4	Cutting & Sewing	1 Year	40	-	40
5	Welder (Gas & Electric)	1 Year	40	-	40
<b>Total</b>			<b>168</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>176</b>

## ii) Free Education:

Government has granted administrative orders to the Tamil Nadu Open University for providing free education for prisoners to pursue Under Graduate, Post Graduate, Certificate Courses and Professional Courses. Accordingly, 113 prisoners are studying various degree courses through Tamil Nadu Open University at free of cost as detailed below:-

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the prison</b>	<b>Enrolled Prisoners</b>
1.	Central Prison –I Puzhal	18
2	Central Prison –II Puzhal	01
3.	Central Prison, Cuddalore	17
4.	Central Prison, Vellore	01
5.	Central Prison, Trichy	11
6.	Central Prison, Madurai	26
7.	Central Prison, Coimbatore	14
8.	Central Prison, Salem	07
9.	Central Prison, Palayamkottai	17
10	Special Prison for Women, Puzhal	01
<b>Total</b>		<b>113</b>



### **iii) Prison Library**

In every Central Prison a library is available where prisoners are allowed to read books, news papers and magazines. Prison Libraries play an important role in educating the prisoners, make them cultured, reduce recidivism, and instill good thoughts, imbibe values and improve family bonds through reading. Government desires to reform the prisoners through education and believes that improving the infrastructure and ambience of prison libraries will bring change in the attitude among prisoners and in pursuit of this objective for the first time, the Department had participated in the Book Fairs conducted across the State where more than 75,000 books were collected as donation from various quarters.

### **iv) Prison Industries and Skill Development**

Novel Correctional Programmes are being conducted for the convict prisoners both in the form of educational/vocational courses and practical experience in the prison industries so as to enable

the prisoners take up employment or self employment after their release.

The Convict Prisoners are imparted life-coping skills and production skills to enable them to have better employability upon their release for preventing recidivism. To inculcate work habits during their confinement in prisons and impart new skills, several Industries such as Sealing Wax Industry, Weaving Industry, Boot Industry, Book Binding Industry, Tag Industry, Soap Industry, Tailoring Unit, Carpentry Unit, Shoe Polish Unit, Bakery Unit, Handmade Paper Unit, Fly Ash Bricks Industry manufacturing cum training unit have also been established. Further, activities such as Agricultural Production, Compost Making and Nursery Development etc. are also being implemented.

The prison products such as uniform clothes, belts, caps, uniform shoes, shoe polish, rain coats, mosquito nets required for Police, Fire & Rescue Services and Prisons and Correctional Services Departments and sealing wax, tags, file

pads, postal covers, gauze and bandage cloth, soap, other textiles, fire buckets, iron cot, saline stand, barricade, trolley and bed- side lockers, etc. are supplied to various Government Departments.

Being a "Service Department", the Prisons and Correctional Services Department enjoys special privilege of supplying these articles to various Government Departments.

The value of the industrial production for the year 2022-2023 (upto February, 2023) is **Rs.44.30 Crore.**

#### **v) Prison Bazaar**

With the objective of providing an opportunity to the prisoners for reformation and rehabilitation by channelizing their energy in a positive direction, Government have established "**PRISON BAZAARS**", at the boundary of the Central Prisons, certain District Jails and Sub Jail complexes and is functioning well. A Corpus Fund of Rs.10.00 lakh was sanctioned for the development of the Prison Bazaar.

The articles made by the prisoners such as Bakery items, Leather Shoes, Wallets, Nursery Products, Detergent Soap, Sanitary Napkins, Candles, Mosquito Nets, Rain Coats, Shoe Polish, Readymade Garments, Honey, Masala Powder, Handicrafts, Envelopes, Note Books, Organic Vegetables, Cold Pressed Edible Oil, Compost Manure, Panchakavyam, Organic Pesticides, Paintings, etc. are sold in this Bazaar in the registered brand name "**FREEDOM**". Other outlets such as Beauty Saloons, Ironing, Food Courts etc., are also functioning in this Bazaar.

The profit earned from the Prison Bazaar is apportioned as follows:-

- a) 20% to the prisoners who worked to produce the goods.
- b) 20% to Government Account
- c) 20% to the Prison Staff Welfare Fund
- d) 40% to the Tamil Nadu Prison Department Manufacture of Goods Fund (TNPDMGF)

The turnover of these Bazaars for the financial year 2022-2023 (upto February, 2023) is Rs.523.08 lakh with **a net profit Rs.100.76 lakh.**

#### **vi) Wage earning Scheme**

The convict prisoners engaged in Prison Industries are being paid on the basis of their classification viz., Skilled, Semi Skilled and Unskilled, at the rate of Rs.200, Rs.180 and Rs.160 respectively as wages per day per prisoner. The Wages are being fixed by the Wage fixation committee once in 5 years.

#### **vii) Grievances Redressal Mechanism for Prisoners**

Prison administration is giving the utmost importance for redressal of the grievances of the prisoners. The Director General of Police / Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services and Range Deputy Inspector General of Prisons enquire the prisoners and take prompt action to redress their grievances during their visits and inspections. The Superintendent of Prisons conduct Inspection Parade of all prisoners every week and

hear the grievances of the prisoners and redress them.

Sealed complaint boxes have been installed in all the Central Prisons, Special Prison for Women to enable the prisoners to ventilate their grievances. These boxes are opened by the District and Sessions Judge on the first working day of every month and complaints are forwarded to the appropriate authorities for necessary action.

Apart from this, Sessions Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates make surprise visits to prisons once in a month to enquire into their grievances and check the quality of food and other facilities provided to the prisoners.

#### **viii) Employment on Release**

In order to accommodate the prisoners seeking employment on their release, details regarding the specific skills acquired by the prisoners, the date of release of the prisoners, availability of industries in their area, are collected well in advance so as to provide employment opportunities to them.

**ix) Personality and Attitude Transformation through Therapeutic Assistance and Management (PATTAM)**

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services conducts various Reformation, Rehabilitation and Reintegration programmes for the inmates. One such visionary programme "PATTAM" (a Tamil word meaning "Kite")- Personality and Attitude Transformation through Therapeutic Assistance and Management is the combined effort of Police, Judiciary, Prisons and Correctional Services Departments with the collaboration of a Non-Governmental Organization.

This project is exclusively designed for the remand prisoners who are first time petty offenders of young age (18-24 years) pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras. This program aims at a focused holistic intervention of the remand prisoners in a conducive environment, so as to reintegrate them and transform them as responsible members of the Society.

The Project initially started at Sub Jail, Saidapet and then extended to all Central Prisons in the State from 02.10.2021. So far 5104 remand prisoners were benefited in this scheme as detailed below. As a result of implementation of this scheme, the rate of recidivism has been reduced drastically in Prisons.

Sl. No.	Prison	October 2021 to December 2022	
		Participants	Re-arrested
1	Sub Jail, Saidapet	971	0
2	All Central Prisons (Except Central Prison-1, Puzhal)	4133	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>5104</b>	<b>12</b>

**x) Remission /Premature Release**

Remission is one of the motivating factors which will have positive impact on the prisoners to mend their behavior.

The Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made an announcement on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 13.09.2021 for release of the life convict prisoners on goodwill



measure and humanitarian grounds in commemoration of 113<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Dr.Peraringnar Anna on 15.09.2021, in G.O. (Ms) No.488, Home (Prison-IV) Department, Dated 15.11.2021. Government have framed detailed guidelines for the premature release of the life convict prisoners who have completed 10/20 years of actual imprisonment as on 15.09.2021. After consideration of the prisoners on case to case basis, as per Government orders, so far 318 life convict prisoners were released prematurely. Further, as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of India's Independence, 20 convict prisoners were released on 15.08.2022 and 60 convict prisoners were released on 26.01.2023 after special remission ordered by the Government.

## **IX. RECREATION**

### **i) Radios**

FM Radios along with amplifier and speakers have been installed in the Prisons to broadcast and to mitigate the loneliness of prisoners and reduce their depression to a considerable extent.

Besides, motivational speeches on the topics such as personal growth, goal setting and overcoming adversity are being broadcast to prisoners through audio books. These motivational speeches are tailored to address specific issues that prisoners may face such as addiction, anger management and mental health.

## **ii) Music and Television**

Music is another instrument which gives an opportunity for the prisoners to safely channel their anger and frustration, increase their self esteem, cope with stress and connect positively with others. Music in Prisons is enabled to create positive learning experiences that can help to raise the self-confidence and aspirations of men, women and young people in prisons. Music orchestra is functioning in every Central Prison and Prisoners are encouraged to play music instruments. For entertainment of prisoners sufficient television sets have been purchased and given to prisons. Television sets is also used to screen films of moral and educative value in the open air stadium.

### **iii) Sports**

Sports is an effective instrument for reforming prisoners by ameliorating their physical and mental health resulting in attitudinal change. Sports improves a person's sense of control, coping ability and self-esteem. It can withdraw prisoners from negative thoughts and serve as a healthy outlet for frustrations. Exercise reduces skeletal muscle tension, which helps a person relax. Each of these factors is crucial for the rehabilitation process of an inmate. Physical activities like sports help the inmates overcome the stigma associated with imprisonment and aid their integration into mainstream society upon release. Prisoners are encouraged to playing indoor games like Chess, Carrom, Tennicoit of their choice in the prescribed time allotted in the evening. Action has been taken to build one Volleyball court and one Shuttle court in every block in all prisons. Sports materials amounting to Rs.15.4 Lakh has been purchased in the financial year 2022-2023.

#### **iv) Cultural Programmes**

Cultural activities, music, yoga play an important role in the reformation of prisoners. Drama, Folk Dance, Quiz competition, Pattimandram, competitions like Singing, Oratory, Essay writing are regularly conducted in prisons. Conducting such programme on Gandhi Jayanthi Day assumes more significance as the same is celebrated as Prisoners' Welfare Day. The Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) are also permitted to conduct cultural programme in prison on special occasions like Independence Day, Republic Day and also on normal days. In addition to this, permission is being given to conduct religious discourses, programme of rehabilitation of prisoners with the help of individuals, NGO's and other institutions interested in the welfare of prisoners, after proper verification.

#### **X. STAFF WELFARE**

Various welfare measures are being implemented for the wellbeing of staff to boost their

morale and to encourage them to work in the risky environment. Various Allowances/Facilities are provided as detailed below:-

**i) Feeding Charges**

Feeding Charges are being paid for the Prison personnel employed in security duties in Central Prisons and District Jails during emergencies, on occasions of mass arrest and for undertaking search operations in prison premises. It is being paid at the rate Rs.300/- per day for 10 days in a month in Chennai city and at the rate of Rs.250/- per day for 6 days in a month in Mofussil from the rank of Grade-II Warder to Deputy Jailor.

**ii) Risk Allowance**

Risk Allowance is being paid at the rate of Rs.800/- per month from the rank of Grade-II Warder to Deputy Jailor and at the rate of Rs.900/- per month from the rank of Jailor to Superintendent of Prisons.

### **iii) Stitching Charges and Washing Allowance**

The Prison personnel from the rank of Grade-II Warder to Superintendent of Prisons are paid at the rate of Rs.1000/- per head per year towards stitching charges for two set of uniforms and Rs.500/- per month as Washing Allowance.

### **iv) Night Meal Allowance**

Night Meal Allowance of Rs.100/- per day is being paid from the Rank of Grade-II Warder to Chief Head Warder.

### **v) Extra Time Remuneration**

Extra Time Remuneration of Rs.200/- is being paid to the Grade-I and Grade-II Warders, if they work on the day of their weekly off.

### **vi) Medals**

In order to motivate and recognize those uniformed personnel who maintain a clean service record and display bravery and commendable performance in discharging their duties, the following medals are awarded by the Government:-

**a) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Prison Medal for Good Service –Pongal Medal**

Every year, on the occasion of Pongal Day, 60 Grade-I & II Warders are awarded this medal for their Good Service along with payment of medal allowance at the rate of Rs.400/- per month to them.

**b) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Prison Service Medal - Anna Medal**

Every year, on the occasion of birthday of Peraringnar Anna, 10 Prison personnel who have rendered unblemished record of service are awarded with this medal. Cash Awards are being paid by the Government to the award winning personnel as detailed below:-

1	From the rank of Jailor to Superintendent of Prisons	Rs.15,000
2	Assistant Jailor and Deputy Jailor	Rs.10,000
3	From the rank of Grade-II Warder to Chief Head Warder	Rs. 5,000

**c) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Gallantry Medal**

The Government grants cash prize of Rs.5.00 lakh to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Gallantry Medal winners irrespective of their rank.

#### **d) President's Correctional Service Medal**

Every year, on the occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day, Prison personnel who have rendered unblemished record of service are awarded with this Medal.

#### **vii) Tamil Nadu Jail Benevolent Fund**

The Tamil Nadu Jail Benevolent Fund has been created and a sum of Rs.10.00 lakh is paid by the Government as matching grant for extending Financial Assistance to all the non-gazetted staff and their dependents.

Financial Assistance for College Education, Medical treatment for prolonged critical illness, injury in accident etc. are provided to the members of this scheme from this fund. Financial Assistance is also given for the death of the staff or eligible family members.

#### **viii) Group Insurance Scheme**

Group Insurance Scheme has been created for the benefit of the executive staff from the rank of Grade-II Warder to Deputy Inspector General of Prison.



The insurance coverage is Rs.2.00 lakh to those who die while on duty and in the case of death in accidents.

**ix) Ex-gratia payment**

In recognition of the services of the deceased Prison personnel who die in harness exhibiting heroic action, Ex-gratia payment is given to the legal heirs of the deceased. The last pay drawn is paid as family pension to the legal heir till the normal date of superannuation of the deceased Government servant. Thereafter, the eligible family pension is paid.

In addition, a lumpsum ex-gratia of Rs.2.00 lakh is also paid to the family members of the deceased. Apart from this, ex-gratia payments are also sanctioned to the following categories as mentioned below:-

1.	For permanent disability	Rs.50,000
2.	For severe injuries	Rs.10,000
3.	For simple injuries	Rs. 5,000

**x) Grievance Redressal Mechanism for Prison Personnel**

Grievances of the Prison personnel are redressed in a systematic manner. The following officers conduct Grievance Day Meetings as detailed below:-

1.	The Director General of Police / Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services	Once in a quarter
2.	The Range Deputy Inspector General of Prisons	Once in a month
3.	Superintendents of Central Prisons	Once in a week

Speedy action is taken to redress the grievances reported by the personnel during such meetings.

Apart from the scheduled Grievance Day Meetings, the Director General of Police/Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services receives grievance petitions from the personnel in the headquarters and also during his visit/inspection to Prisons.

### **xi) Articles at Subsidized Cost through Police Canteens**

Facility for purchasing articles at subsidized cost in Police Canteen has been extended to all the serving, retired Ministerial / Miscellaneous staff of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services and also to the families of the deceased staff.

### **xii) Essential Commodities at Subsidized Rates**

Rice is supplied at free of cost and Wheat, Sugar, Cooking oil and Dhall are supplied at 50% of the sale price through Public Distribution System (PDS) outlets, to the Prison personnel from the rank of Grade-II Warders to Deputy Jailors.

### **xiii) Provision of Rain Coats and Mosquito Nets for the use of Prison Personnel**

Rain Coats and Mosquito Nets are provided for use of Prison personnel in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails, Special Sub Jails, Sub Jails, Borstal Schools and Open Air Prisons once in three years.

#### **xiv) Construction of Staff Quarters**

Staff quarters have been constructed by Government to prison personnel from the rank of Grade-II Warders to Deputy Inspector General of Prisons. New staff quarters are being constructed by the Government through Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation based on the growing needs.

### **XI. NEW INITIATIVES**

#### **i) Seerthirutha Siragugal**

This Department has implemented many reformation programmes in Prisons all over Tamil Nadu. Education, Skill training, Industrial training, Yoga, Meditation etc., are a few to mention. However, most of these programmes mainly concentrate on convict prisoners whose population is nearly 30% of the total prison population. It is therefore necessary to implement correctional programmes to all types of prisoners including remand, undertrial and detenues who constitute the remaining 70% of prisons population. Hence, the Government of Tamil Nadu has

announced a scheme called "Seerthirutha Siragugal" to convert the prisons as Reform Centres with a holistic approach.

It is well known that alcohol and drug addiction is the driving force of crime indulgence. Hence, it is proposed to establish an exclusive De-addiction Centre in all the 9 Central Prisons and 5 Special Prisons for Women for the treatment of the prisoners addicted to drugs and alcohol.

It is proposed to incur an expenditure of Rs.93,72,000/- (Recurring Expenditure) towards purchase of medicines and payment of honorarium to the Project Coordinator-Cum-Vocational Counsellor and Psychiatrist/Therapist for De-addiction Centres for the financial year 2023-2024.

## **ii) Social Case Work Expert**

Social Case Work Expert posts are available in 3 Central Prisons, namely Vellore, Madurai and Coimbatore. Social Case Work Experts are called as Correctional Officers and they shall form part of the Reception Unit in a prison to attend on prisoners on

their admission. To facilitate social study through personal interview with the prisoners sentenced, to conduct individual counseling and to assist the prisoners in developing contact with their family members and for regular follow up of the prisoners, Government have sanctioned 12 Social Case Work Experts in all Central Prisons (except Vellore, Coimbatore and Madurai), Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai on honorarium basis of Rs.15,000 per month.

### **iii) Body Worn Cameras and a server set up at Prison Headquarters**

Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.49,98,055/- for the purchase of 50 Body Worn Cameras to 9 Central Prisons and Borstal School, Pudukkottai and a Server set-up at Prison Headquarters.

To improve the surveillance of Prisons, Prisoners' activities, and their movement Body worn cameras is a successful device. Wearing a Body

worn camera will also provide extra protection for the executive staff. When prisoners are aware that they and their movements/ activities are being continuously monitored, the unnecessary wandering of prisoners from one cell to another cell/ block will be controlled. The Body worn Cameras are able to record video as well as audio of the incidents that occur inside the Prisons. Its coverage is more effective than the coverage of mounted cameras. Body worn cameras help to avoid aggression and violence and also help inmates to improve their behavior. It helps in improving the safety / security of the officers and prisoners. Body worn cameras also improve the transparency in Prisons by revealing what really happens in every situation in Prisons.

**iv) Video Wall facility at Prison Head Quarters**

Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs.49,99,999/- towards the setting up of Video Wall facility at Prison Head Quarters.

A Video Wall is a special multi monitor setup that consists of multiple computer monitors, tiled together to form one large screen that runs in a 24 x 7 manner.

A 3 (Row) x 3 (Column) matrix video wall has been installed in Prison Headquarters for monitoring multiple feeds of Body worn cameras from 9 Central Prisons. With this setup at Headquarters, Senior Officers can take a quick decision by assessing the actual situation happening in the Central Prisons. Multiple applications can be run in a single Video Wall. Installation of Video Wall improves the transparency in Prisons by revealing what really happens in Prisons in every situation.

#### **v) Test Identification Parade Room**

Test Identification Parade Room with one way mirror in all the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai and in 13 District Jails have been constructed at a total cost of Rs.472.81 lakh. The Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation has been entrusted with this work and completed.



### **vi) Committee for Change of Prisoners Diet**

Government have constituted a committee with Deputy Secretaries to Government, Home and Finance Departments, Prison Officials and Nutrition Expert from Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai as members to review the change of the scale and pattern of diet given to prisoners. The Committee has considered prisoners' diet pattern by comparing the existing diet of the prisoners with the other State prisons i.e., Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala and submitted its recommendations to the Director General of Police/Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services.

### **vii) Provision of Drones with Colour Cameras**

A sum of Rs.21.85 lakh has been sanctioned for purchase of 9 Drones with colour cameras for 9 Central Prisons.

### **viii) Establishment of Petrol Retail Outlets in Central Prisons**

Petrol Retail Outlets have been established already in association with M/s Indian Oil

Corporation Ltd. and functioning as part of the Phase-I as pilot project in Central Prisons, Puzhal-I, Vellore, Coimbatore, Palayamkottai and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai for the benefit of the general public and reformation and rehabilitation of the prisoners.

The turnover of the five Petrol Retail Outlets (Phase-I) for the financial years 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 upto November, 2022 is Rs.751.71 crore, **with a net profit of Rs.21.56 crore.**

The Government have issued orders for the establishment of similar Petrol Retail Outlets in 6 more locations at Central Prison-I, Puzhal on Ambattur Road, at Trichy on Airport Road, at Coimbatore on Bharathiar Road, at Salem and Madurai and at Special Prison for Women, Trichy on Gandhi Market in phase-II.

## **XII. CONCLUSION**

In order to bring about reformation and rehabilitation of the prisoners and upgradation of the Prison infrastructure to meet the international

standards, the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, Tamil Nadu has been making rapid strides, due to the strong and benevolent support received from the Government.

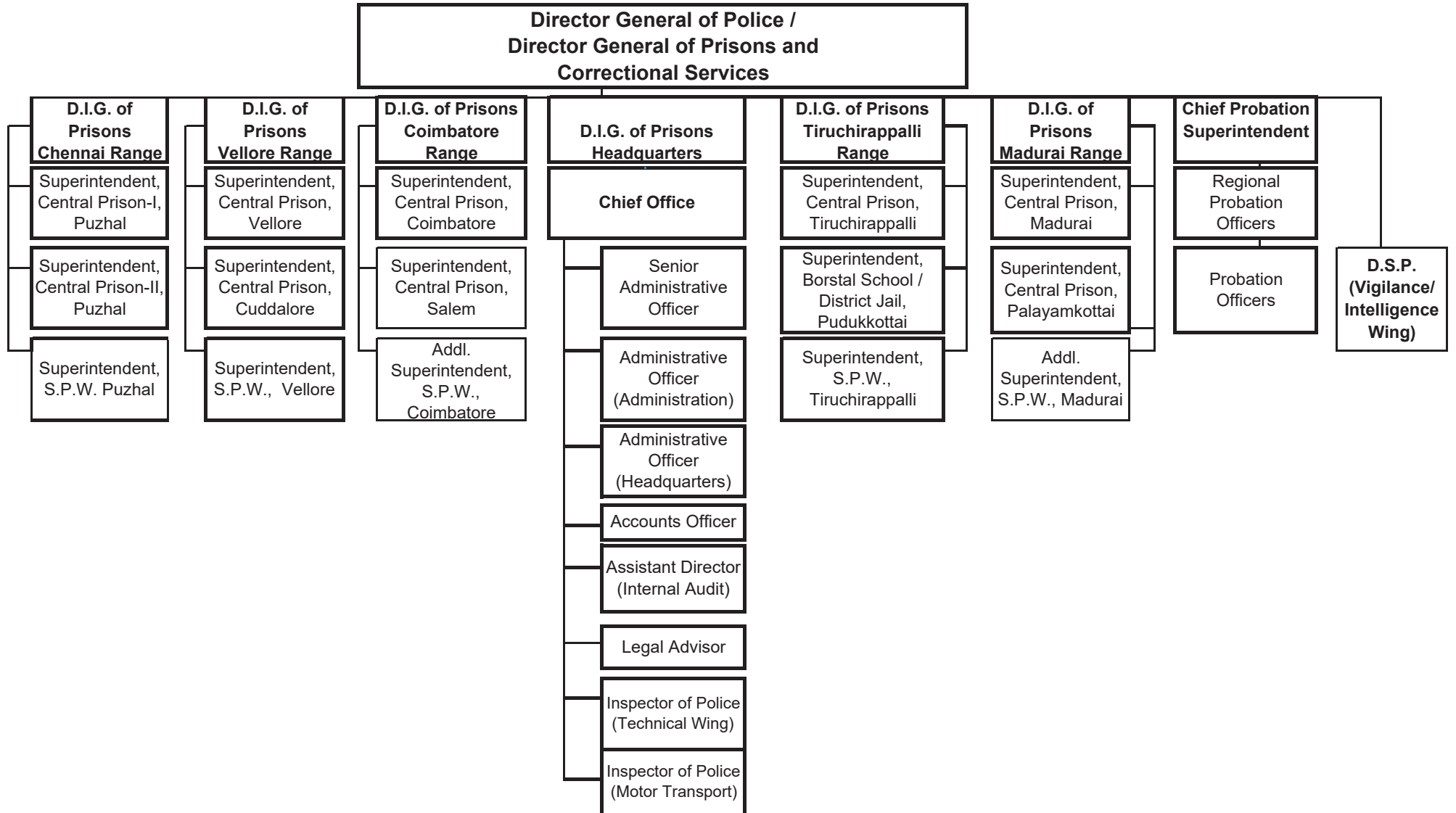
In order to boost the morale of personnel of the Department, various welfare measures such as monitory assistance for the education of the wards of the Prison personnel, installation of Reverse Osmosis Plants at residential complexes for providing clean drinking water and medical reimbursement etc. are being implemented.

Undivided attention is paid to safety and security of the Prisons along with strict maintenance of human rights. Several measures are being undertaken for reformation, rehabilitation and reintegration of the prisoners through various Correctional Programmes.

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# ANNEXURE-I

## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES



Note : The Superintendents of Central Prisons (except Central Prison-II, Puzhal) have jurisdiction over their respective Districts Jails, Special Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons, Borstal Schools and Sub Jails under their control.

**Annexure – II**  
**Details of authorized accommodation of**  
**Prisoners**

Sl. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
<b>Chennai District</b>		
1	Central Prison-I, Puzhal	1250
2	Central Prison-II, Puzhal	2000
3	Special Prison for Women, Puzhal	500
4	Borstal School, Puzhal (Transit Yard)	100
5	Sub Jail, Saidapet	175
<b>Kancheepuram District</b>		
6	Sub Jail, Kancheepuram	34
<b>Chengalpattu District</b>		
7	District Jail, Chengalpattu	200
8	Sub Jail, Maduranthagam	62
<b>Thiruvallur District</b>		
9	Sub Jail, Thiruvallur	36
10	Sub Jail, Ponneri	42
11	Sub Jail, Tiruttani	36
12	Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee	152

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Prisons</b>	<b>Authorised Accommodation</b>
<b>Vellore District</b>		
13	Central Prison, Vellore	2130
14	Special Prison for Women, Vellore	469
15	Borstal School, Vellore (Annex)	54
16	Sub Jail, Gudiyatham	54
<b>Thirupattur District</b>		
17	Sub Jail, Ambur	20
18	Sub Jail, Thirupattur	74
19	Sub Jail, Vaniyambadi	30
<b>Ranipet District</b>		
20	Sub Jail, Arakkonam	36
21	Sub Jail, Walaja	19
<b>Thiruvannamalai District</b>		
22	Sub Jail, Cheyyar (Handed over to Revenue Department)	48
23	Sub Jail, Thiruvannamalai	49
24	Sub Jail, Arani (Temporarily Closed)	17

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Prisons</b>	<b>Authorised Accommodation</b>
25	Sub Jail, Chengam	9
26	Sub Jail, Polur	36
27	Sub Jail, Vandavasi	19
<b>Cuddalore District</b>		
28	Central Prison, Cuddalore	723
29	Sub Jail, Cuddalore (Women)	100
30	Sub Jail, Cuddalore	143
31	Sub Jail, Virudhachalam	30
32	Sub Jail, Portnova	24
33	Borstal School, Panruti	15
34	Sub Jail, Chidambaram	28
<b>Villupuram District</b>		
35	District Jail, Villupuram	200
36	Sub Jail, Villupuram	42
37	Sub Jail, Tindivanam	29
38	Borstal School, Gingee	80
<b>Kallakurichi District</b>		
39	Sub Jail, Kallakurichi	18
40	Sub Jail, Ulundurpet	24
41	Sub Jail, Thirukovilur	24

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Prisons</b>	<b>Authorised Accommodation</b>
<b>Salem District</b>		
42	Central Prison, Salem	1431
43	District Jail, Attur	200
44	Farm Jail, Salem	10
45	Special Sub Jail, Salem (Women)	110
46	Borstal School, Sankagiri	27
47	Sub Jail, Omalur	48
<b>Namakkal District</b>		
48	Sub Jail, Namakkal	34
49	Borstal School, Paramathi	16
50	Sub Jail, Rasipuram	24
51	Sub Jail, Tiruchengode	19
<b>Dharmapuri District</b>		
52	District Jail, Dharmapuri	200
53	Sub Jail, Dharmapuri	36
54	Sub Jail, Harur	48



<b>Krishnagiri District</b>		
55	Sub Jail, Krishnagiri (Women)	73
56	Sub Jail, Uthangarai	16
57	Sub Jail, Hosur	44
<b>Coimbatore District</b>		
58	Central Prison, Coimbatore	2124
59	Special Prison for Women, Coimbatore	187
60	Open Air Jail, Singanallur	100
61	Sub Jail, Mettupalayam (Temporarily Closed)	36
62	Borstal School, Pollachi	97
<b>Erode District</b>		
63	District Jail, Gopichettipalayam	200
64	Sub Jail, Erode	35
65	Sub Jail, Sathyamangalam	16
66	Sub Jail, Bhavani	24
67	Sub Jail, Perundurai	8
<b>Nilgiris District</b>		
68	Sub Jail, Ooty	35
69	Sub Jail, Coonoor	32
70	Sub Jail, Gudalur	28

<b>Tiruppur District</b>		
71	District Jail, Tiruppur	200
72	Sub Jail, Avinashi	70
73	Sub Jail, Tiruppur	90
74	Sub Jail, Udumalapet	25
75	Sub Jail, Dharapuram	26
76	Sub Jail, Palladam (Temporarily Closed)	24
<b>Trichy District</b>		
77	Central Prison, Trichy	2517
78	Special Prison for Women – Trichy	600
79	Sub Jail, Manaparai	14
80	Sub Jail, Musiri	17
81	Sub Jail, Thuraiyur	17
82	Sub Jail, Lalgudi	23
<b>Ariyalur District</b>		
83	Borstal School, Ariyalur	21
84	Sub Jail, Jeyamkondam	19
<b>Perambalur District</b>		
85	Sub Jail, Perambalur	18

<b>Karur District</b>		
86	Sub Jail, Karur	36
87	Sub Jail, Kulithalai	26
<b>Pudukottai District</b>		
88	District Jail, Pudukottai	245
89	Borstal School, Pudukottai	200
90	Sub Jail, Aranthangi	28
91	Sub Jail, Thirumayam	14
92	Sub Jail, Keeranur (Temporarily Closed)	8
<b>Thanjavur District</b>		
93	Sub Jail, Thiruvidaimaruthur	51
94	Borstal School, Tanjore	87
95	Sub Jail, Papanasam	46
96	Sub Jail, Pattukottai	38
97	Sub Jail, Kumbakonam	44
<b>Nagapattinam District</b>		
98	District Jail, Nagapattinam	200
99	Sub Jail, Sirkali	28

100	Sub Jail, Mayiladuthurai	24
101	Sub Jail, Tharangampadi	12
<b>Thiruvarur District</b>		
102	Sub Jail, Thiruvarur (Women)	20
103	Sub Jail, Thiruthuraipoondi	28
104	Sub Jail, Nannilam	24
105	Sub Jail, Mannargudi	19
<b>Madurai District</b>		
106	Central Prison, Madurai	1252
107	Special Prison for Women, Madurai	262
108	Borstal School, Melur	48
109	Sub Jail, Usilampatty	18
110	Sub Jail, Thirumangalam	25
<b>Dindigul District</b>		
111	District Jail, Dindigul	200
112	Sub Jail, Vedsandur	16
113	Sub Jail, Palani	43
114	Sub Jail, Kodaikanal	9
115	Sub Jail, Nilakottai (Women)	36
<b>Theni District</b>		
116	District Jail, Theni	200
117	Sub Jail, Uthamapalayam	21
118	Sub Jail, Periyakulam	39

<b>Sivagangai District</b>		
119	Sub Jail, Sivagangai	20
120	Sub Jail, Thirupattur	22
121	Open Air Prison, Purasadaiudaippu	150
<b>Ramanathapuram District</b>		
122	District Jail, Ramanathapuram	200
123	Sub Jail, Paramakudi (Women)	18
124	Sub Jail, Mudukulathur	21
125	Sub Jail, Thiruvadanai	12
<b>Virudhunagar District</b>		
126	District Jail, Virudhunagar	200
127	Sub Jail, Arupukottai	13
128	Sub Jail, Srivilliputhur	24
129	Sub Jail, Sathur (Women) (Temporarily Closed)	29
<b>Tirunelveli District</b>		
130	Central Prison, Palayamkottai	1332
131	Special Sub Jail, Kokkirakulam (Women)	84

132	Sub Jail, Ambasamuthiram	16
133	Borstal School, Nanguneri	107
	<b>Tenkasi District</b>	
134	Sub Jail, Tenkasi	44
135	Sub Jail, Sankarankoil	12
	<b>Thoothukudi District</b>	
136	District Jail, Perurani	200
137	Sub Jail, Srivaigundam	72
138	Sub Jail, Kovilpatti	42
139	Sub Jail, Tiruchendur	37
	<b>Kanniyakumari District</b>	
140	District Jail, Nagarcoil	230
141	Sub Jail, Thucklai (Women)	24
142	Sub Jail, Kuzhithurai	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,342</b>



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has inaugurated the “Test Identification Parade Room” in 12 District Jails premises on 25.11.2022 .



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu on 18.01.2023 and Hon'ble Minister for Law on 19.01.2023 have donated books to the Prison Libraries on the event of 46th Chennai Book Fair.





5 numbers of Body Worn Cameras were issued on 08.12.2022 to the Central prison-1, Puzhal for improving the security of Prisons.

