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I. INTRODUCTION

தக்காங்கு நாடித் தலைச்செல்லா வண்ணத்தால்
ஒத்தாங் கொறுப்பது வேந்து -- (திருக்குறள்-561)

Call him a king who probes and punishes Suitably
to prevent offences.

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services plays an important role in the criminal justice system that investigates crimes impartially and provides punishment to the criminals and law breakers in order to reduce crimes and reform them. The department's role in

not only implementing the sentences given by courts, but also reforming the prisoners and providing opportunities for improving education and skills for their better future. The objective of the Department is threefold, improving the security of prisons and prisoners, welfare of prisoners and effective reintegration of prison inmates into the society as responsible individuals. This Department is also taking a lot of initiatives for modernising and upgrading infrastructural facilities to create a conducive environment for Prison staff and inmates.

II. THE HIERARCHY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services is under the administrative control of the Home Department. This department is headed by a senior I.P.S. Officer in the rank of Additional Director General of Police as Director General of

Prisons and Correctional Services and he is assisted by the Inspector General of Prisons at Headquarters and five Range Deputy Inspector Generals of Prisons at Chennai, Vellore, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Madurai. The organizational structure of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services is given in **Annexure-I.**

Superintendent of Prisons is the officer in-charge of the Central Prison. District Jails, Special Sub Jails, Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons and Borstal Schools are controlled by the Superintendents of the Central Prisons under their respective jurisdictions. The administration of Special Prisons for Women at Puzhal, Tiruchirappalli and Vellore are under the control of Women Superintendent of Prisons. The Women Additional Superintendents of Prisons are the head 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 Central Prisons in supervising the Special Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons, Sub Jails and Borstal Schools in their respective districts.

This Department also includes Executive personnel in the cadre of Jailor/ Deputy Jailor/ Assistant Jailor/ Chief Head Warder/ Grade-I Warder/ Grade-II Warder and Technical / Correctional/ Medical / Ministerial staff and basic servants.

The total cadre strength of the Department as on 01.04.2024 is **5489**.

III. CLASSIFICATIONS OF PRISONS

The prisons in the state are classified as:- Central Prisons, Special Prisons, District Jails, Special Sub Jails and Sub Jails.

There are 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special

Prisons for Women, 14 District Jails, 96 Sub Jails for Men, 8 Sub Jails for Women, 2 Special Sub Jails for Men, 2 Special Sub Jails for Women, 3 Borstal Schools and 3 Open Air Prisons. Totally 142 Prisons are functioning under the control of Department of Prisons and Correctional Services in Tamil Nadu.

Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jails are functioning in the following locations:-

List of Central Prisons

- 1 Central Prison -1, Puzhal
- 2 Central Prison-2, Puzhal
- 3 Central Prison, Vellore
- 4 Central Prison, Cuddalore
- 5 Central Prison, Salem
- 6 Central Prison, Coimbatore
- 7 Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli
- 8 Central Prison, Madurai
- 9 Central Prison, Palayamkottai

List of Special Prisons for Women

- 1 Special Prison for Women, Puzhal
- 2 Special Prison for Women, Vellore
- 3 Special Prison for Women, Coimbatore
- 4 Special Prison for Women, Tiruchirappalli
- 5 Special Prison for Women,

List of District Jails

- 1 District Jail, Chengalpattu
- 2 District Jail, Dharmapuri
- 3 District Jail, Villupuram
- 4 District Jail, Nagapattinam
- 5 District Jail, Attur
- 6 District Jail, Gopichettipalayam
- 7 District Jail, Tiruppur
- 8 District Jail, Pudukottai

- 9 District Jail, Dindigul
- 10 District Jail, Theni
- 11 District Jail, Virudhunagar
- 12 District Jail, Ramanathapuram
- 13 District Jail, Perurani
- 14 District Jail, Nagercoil

Special Prisons are categorized as two types
1) Open Air Prisons at Singanallur in Coimbatore District, Salem and Purasadaiaippu in Sivagangai District 2) Special Prisons for Women at Vellore, Tiruchirappalli, Puzhal, Coimbatore and Madurai.

Central Prisons are meant for confinement of prisoners 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 are also lodged in Central Prisons and segregated in different blocks as per classification. All categories of foreign prisoners are lodged in Puzhal Prison Complex, Chennai.

Remand/Under trial prisoners and those 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 and Special Sub Jails.

Women Prisoners sentenced to death, convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for a period exceeding one month and habitual prisoners, 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.

Adolescent offenders between the age group of 18 and 21, convicted under the Borstal School Act, 1925, are lodged in the Borstal School and District Jail, Pudukottai.

The total authorized capacity of all the prisons in the State is **24,342**.

The prison wise authorized accommodation is given in **Annexure-II**.

As on 29.05.2024, 21,470 prisoners are lodged in the prisons of the state. The age wise break up of prisoners is as follows:-

Age Group	No. of prisoners
18-20	1245
21-25	4374
26-30	3846
31-35	3039
36-40	2723
41-50	3603
51-60	1771
61-70	691
71-80	165
Above 80	13
Total	21470

IV. PRISON ADMINISTRATIVE WINGS

The Department is divided into the following wings for effective administration and functioning:-

- (i) Intelligence cum Vigilance Wing
- (ii) Probation Wing
- (iii) Technical Wing
- (iv) Motor Transport Wing
- (v) Legal Cell

(i) Intelligence cum Vigilance Wing

Intelligence cum Vigilance Wing headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police is functioning with a total strength of 33 personnel with 20 officers from the Police Department on deputation and 13 officers from the Prisons and Correctional Services Department.

The wing monitors the activities of prisoners and prison personnel and collects important and sensitive information for ensuring security of prisons and inmates. This wing also exchanges intelligence inputs with other intelligence agencies for effective administration and management of the Prisons.

(ii) Probation Wing

In 1946, the "Probation Wing" was brought under the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services and the Chief Probation Superintendent heads the wing. He is assisted by 12 Regional Probation Officers and 64 Probation Officers.

The officials of Probation Wing visit the Prisons, interview prisoners to ascertain 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 act as a bridge between the prisoners and their families. They also inspect Police lockups to ensure that there is no violation of Human Rights.

The Probation Officers also supervise the offenders released on probation, and render assistance to the Courts of Judicial Magistrates in implementing the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958 and Tamil Nadu Borstal School Act, 1925. The core function of these officers is to submit enquiry reports by making preliminary enquiries regarding the behaviour pattern of the offenders and their living conditions and secure the first offenders on probation, subject to certain conditions instead of committing them to prisons.

(iii) Technical Wing

A technical wing, comprising of one Inspector (Technical) at Prison Head Quarters, one Sub-Inspector (Technical) each in all Central

Prisons and Borstal School, Pudukkottai is functioning for better handling and proper maintenance of modern equipment in the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services.

(iv) Motor Transport Wing

A Motor Transport Wing, headed by one Reserve Inspector of Police (Category II) is entrusted with the responsibility of supervision and maintenance of all vehicles used in the Department.

(v) Legal Cell

The legal Cell, headed by a Legal Advisor in the cadre of Assistant Public Prosecutor (Grade-I) deputed from the Directorate of Prosecution, is functioning at the Prison Headquarters to render legal advice and assistance to officers in dealing with court cases.

V HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

(i) Recruitment

The post of Grade II Warders (Men and Women) in the prison department are being filled up through Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board. At present, recruitment of 83 Men and 3 Women Grade II Warders by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board is under process.

The recruitment of Assistant Jailor is by direct recruitment and by promotion from the feeder category i.e. Chief Head Warder in the ratio of 1:1. At present, 55 Male Assistant Jailors and 5 Female Assistant Jailors have been selected by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and they will be appointed soon. As per G.O.(Ms) No.70, Home (Prison-II) Department, dated

29.01.2024, the direct recruitment for the post of Assistant Jailors will be conducted by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board instead of Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, in future.

Jailors are being recruited through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by direct recruitment and appointment by transfer from the post of Deputy Jailor in the ratio of 1:2. Five Jailors selected by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission will be appointed soon.

Probation Officers are being recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by direct recruitment and appointment by transfer from the post of Assistant in the ratio of 2:1. Recently, four Probation Officers selected by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission have assumed office.

Post of Psychologists are being filled up by direct recruitment through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and by transfer of service from the post of Probation Officer in the ratio of 1:1.

From the year 2021 to till date, 255 persons were appointed in various posts and 170 vacancies notified through Tamil Nadu Uniform Services Recruitment Board and Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission are in various stages of recruitment.

(ii) Training

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

Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration has been established at Vellore in the year 1979, as a Joint Training Centre of the

five Southern States i.e., Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala for imparting training to the prison officials in the cadre of Assistant Jailor to Deputy Inspector General of Prisons in the field of Correctional methods and Prison Management. The expenditure of this institution is equally borne by all the member States.

During the year 2023-24, 121 prison personnel from Tamil Nadu have undergone various training programmes at the Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration, Vellore.

(b) Warders Training

A Warders Training Centre, is functioning at Vellore, under the control of the Principal and Superintendent of Central Prison, Vellore to impart basic training to the newly recruited Warders. The capacity of the warders training

centre is 130. In addition, a temporary Warder's Training Centre is also functioning at Tiruchirappalli, where 138 Male and 08 Female Grade II Warders had undergone training in 2023-24. The basic training to the newly recruited Grade-II Warders is for six months 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/Temporary Warders Training Centre, Tiruchirappalli.

Warders are imparted training in Martial Arts such as Karate, Silambam, Unarmed Combat, Commando training and Bomb Detection

and Disposal course at the Police Commando School at Chennai.

(c) Other Trainings

The officers of this department participate in various training programmes conducted by National and other State Level Training Institutions. During the year 2023-24, 60 Officers attended training programme 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.

The Department conducts refresher training programmes for other ranks and subordinate officers. During 2023-24, 1065 personnel undergone Refresher training.

VI PRISON SECURITY

(i) High Security Blocks

In all Central Prisons, there are High Security Blocks to lodge hard core prisoners involved in sensitive cases. These blocks are well guarded by the Prison Personnel considering the security of prisoners and also prevent their escape. All high security prisoners are subjected to daily search and search by higher officers periodically.

The outer periphery of the Central Prison, Coimbatore is managed by Central Reserve Police Force. All other Central Prisons, except Cuddalore are guarded by the Tamil Nadu Special Police.

Regular combing operations are being carried out to prevent any untoward incident in the Prisons as well as security drill is being conducted jointly with local police. The visitors

who come to interview/meet the prisoners are also subjected to thorough frisking.

(ii) Dog Squad

A sniffer dog unit with 18 sniffer dogs is available to further strengthen the security measures and detect contraband articles gaining entering the Prisons.

(iii) Electronic Key Management System

On a Pilot basis, Electronic Key Management System was introduced in Central Prisons-I & II, Puzhal and Special Prison for Women, Puzhal by replacing the existing conventional lock and key system with a modern Key Management System in the year 2019.

(iv) Security Poles

In the year 2015, under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative scheme, 12 Security poles

have been installed in 9 Central Prisons and 3 Special Prisons for Women for detecting cell phones and other ferrous materials entering the prisons.

(v) Walkie-Talkies

Already 380 numbers of Walkie Talkies with spare batteries have been provided to all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, Puzhal, Vellore, Tiruchirappalli and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukottai and 4 Repeater sets have also been installed in Central Prisons-I and II, Puzhal, Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore.

During 2023-24, 450 Digital Mobile Radio Walkie Talkies and 15 Repeater sets with accessories have been sanctioned to the Central Prisons at a cost of Rs.300 lakh.

(vi) CCTV Cameras

CCTV cameras have gained importance in recent years for effective Monitoring. 556 CCTV cameras have already been installed at key locations in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to monitor the activities of inmates and visitors. During 2023-24 another batch of 1156 new CCTV cameras has been sanctioned for 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women, 14 District Jails, 105 Sub Jails and 3 Open Air Prisons. A video wall for 8 Central Prisons and Borstal School, Pudukkottai has also been sanctioned to keep a watch on the happenings in the Prisons under their control. For this, an amount of Rs 1700 lakhs has been earmarked.

(vii) Body Worn Cameras and a server set up at Prison Headquarters

To improve the surveillance in Prisons, Prisoners' activities and their movement, 50 Body Worn Cameras have been purchased at a cost of Rs.49.98 lakh for 9 Central Prisons and Borstal School, Pudukkottai with Server set-up at Prison Headquarters. When prisoners are aware that their movements / activities are being continuously monitored, unnecessary wandering of prisoners from one cell to another cell/ block will be controlled and also provide extra protection for the executive staff. Body worn cameras also aid to avoid aggression and violence and help inmates to improve their behaviour.

(viii) Video Wall facility at Prison Head Quarters

One stop monitoring of the activities in various prisons at the control room of the Prisons

Headquarters, has been made possible by installation of a video wall at a cost of Rs.50 Lakh during 2021.

(ix) Cell Phone Jammers

Cell Phone Jammers have been installed to intercept mobile phone signals. During 2015-16, 12 High Security Blocks at 9 Central Prisons in the State were provided with Cell Phone jammers to enhance the security measures.

(x) X-Ray Baggage Scanners

During 2022-2023, old Scanners were replaced with new x-ray baggage scanners in 9 central prisons to prevent the smuggling of narcotics, weapons and other prohibited items into the prison. During 2023-2024, new X-ray Baggage Scanners were procured at a cost of Rs.272.00 lakh and installed in the 13 District Jails. Two days training programme on "Handling

of X-Ray Baggage Scanner for Prison Security staff" was conducted by the Regional Director, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Chennai from 03.04.2024 to 10.04.2024 in 4 batches. Totally, 140 personnel were trained.

VII MODERNIZATION OF PRISONS

(i) Prisoner Information Management System - e-Prison:

Prisoners data in each of the Prisons is uploaded in real-time in the e- prison software developed by the National Information Centre.

Electronic touch screen kiosk in Tamil has been installed in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women so that prisoners can easily know their case status, sentence, date of release, leave, wages, visits etc.,

Electronic smart cards containing all the details of prisoners have been issued to 9 Central

Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women and the District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai in the year 2021-2022.

(ii) Video Conferencing Facilities

Video Conferencing facilities in prisons is a boon as it effectively connects prisons and court premises digitally for extending the remand of prisoners without having to appear physically in court. This system helps to prevent incidents such as prisoners escape and attacks on prisoners during escort and also reduces cost towards escorts and transport.

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, prisoners have been produced through Video Conferencing System for extension of remand on 5,26,568 occasions. The

breakup details is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Year	Number of occasions
1.	2021	94,081
2.	2022	1,51,703
3.	2023	1,81,045
4.	Upto May 2024	77,642
	Total	5,04,471

It is noteworthy that the number of occasions on which prisoners have been produced through Video Conferencing for remand extension during 2023 has witnessed a significant jump of 19 % compared to the previous year.

(iii) Solar Power Generation

The Solar Power Generation System installed by the Tamil Nadu Energy Development

Agency (TEDA) at Puzhal Prison Complex which is connected to the Grid is generating 471.93 MW of power.

(iv) Industrial Heavy-Duty Laundry Machines

15 Numbers of Industrial Heavy Duty Laundry Machines have been installed at a cost of Rs.60.00 lakh for all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai.

VIII. PRISONERS WELFARE

(i) Food

Based on the report of expert committee for welfare of prisoners, in 2023-24 the prisoner's diet and pattern was modified to include specific food items to provide a balanced diet at an additional cost of Rs.2600 lakh.

The New Diet items now include the following:

Morning	Idli, Wheat uppuma with chutney, sambar, Pongal, Ragi uppuma, tomato rice, lemon rice and pudhina rice.
Lunch	Rice, sambar, rasam, Chappathi, kaara kuzhambu, aviyal, poriyal, greens, curd.
Evening	Channa, groundnut, green gram, sundal varieties and Tea
Night	Rice, sambar, rasam, Chapathi, vegetable curry
Non-vegetarian prisoners	150 gms of chicken, egg are provided twice a week.

During 2022-2023, the cost of provision of special diet on special occasions such as Pongal festival, Republic day, Independence day and Gandhi Jayanthi to Prisoners was enhanced from Rs.50/- to Rs.100/-.

Stainless steel utensils are used for food preparation and transportation in the kitchen, and food is served to prisoners in steel plates and cups. During this year, in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women the old dry and wet flour mills were replaced with new machines and e-autos are made available for transportation of food.

(ii) Reverse Osmosis Plant

Good quality drinking water is made available through Reverse Osmosis Plants in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and staff quarters in all Central Prisons.

(iii) Clothing

The Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983, prescribes the clothing and bedding to be provided to the inmates. Terry cotton pants,

shirts and large sized blankets are provided to the convict prisoners. Blue colour sarees with white blouses are being provided to the women convict prisoners. Remand / Under trial prisoners are permitted to wear their own clothing. The Remand / Under trial prisoners who do not have adequate clothes are provided with sufficient clothing at the Government cost.

(iv) Health Care and Sanitation

The Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women have Prison Hospitals. There are 3 Assistant Civil Surgeons with sufficient paramedical staff in each of 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to attend to the health needs of the Prisoners round the clock. Prisoners who need specialized in-patient care are admitted in the Prison Hospital. Life Saving medical equipment such as Multichannel monitor,

Endotracheal tubes, Ambubags, Oxygen cylinder etc., are also provided to these hospitals.

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

With the support of NGOs, medical camps are regularly conducted in Prisons to diagnose and provide necessary treatment to the Prisoners. Medical camps for General checkup and special camps for Eye, Dental etc. are being conducted as a preventive measure to avoid major illness among inmates. During 2023-24, 100 medical camps were organized in all the prisons in Tamil Nadu to commemorate the centenary of former Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Dr.Kalaignar.

Integrated Counselling and Testing Centers (ICTC) are established in all Central Prisons for checking prevalence of AIDS among inmates. In the Central Prisons, all inmates are subjected to H.I.V. test after due counselling. De-addiction centers have been set up in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai in order to provide proper treatment to prisoners addicted to alcohol, drugs, narcotic substances etc.

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.

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 Tiruchirappalli at a cost of Rs.1240.10 lakh and at Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee at a cost of Rs.30.59 lakh in the year 2019-2020.

(v) Medical Treatment to 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.

Gynaecological examinations are carried out for pregnant women prisoners till delivery along with post-natal checkups. For giving birth outside the prison, emergency leave of 15 days is granted. Special care is given to lactating women prisoners, by providing half a litre of milk a day. Sanitary napkins are also provided to inmates. Currently, women prisoners are allowed to work in Open Air Prisons.

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 by the family of the women prisoner.

In view of the nutritional requirements of growing children, nutritional infant formula is provided to children up to one year of age in prisons on the recommendation of the attending physician. Creches and nursery facilities are also available to take care of the children.

(vi) Mental Health

One Psychologist has been appointed in each of the 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women, District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to treat and counsel the prisoners suffering from depression, displaying high stress levels and exhibiting violent behavior due to prolonged confinement.

Prisoners requiring mental health treatment are treated by Psychiatrists at the Government Hospitals and prisoners requiring further treatment are admitted as in-patients at the Government Institute of Mental Health, Chennai.

Two Counsellors are engaged in each of 9 Central Prisons and one Counsellor is engaged in each of 5 Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to ensure better mental health of the prisoners in need of care and support. Government have enhanced honorarium paid to the Counsellors from Rs.15,000 to Rs.25,000 during 2022-2023 to encourage their service activities.

Social Case Work Experts play an important role in preparing newly admitted inmates in adapting to the prison environment. One Social Case Work Expert working in each of the

9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to study the social background of sentenced prisoners, provide appropriate individualized guidance and counselling and improve the relationship of Prisoners with their family members.

Welfare Officers are available in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women, Puzhal and Vellore to strengthen family bonding and relationships by arranging interviews with relative and friends, to render help in the settlement of civil claims, to arrange for vocational training or other activities permissible within the rules and to instil the value of dignified living of the prisoner after release. During 2022-2023, Government have created Women Welfare Officer posts for Special Prison for Women, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore considering the Welfare of Women Prisoners. Welfare Officer act as an intermediary

between prisoners and their families.

(vii) Prisoners Canteen

All the essential and permitted articles as per Tamil Nadu Prison Manual (Volume -III) prison rules are being sold to the prisoners through Prisoners canteen functioning in Prisons. During 2022-2023, due to increase in prices of essential articles, the existing ceiling of permissible amount of expenditure was enhanced to Rs.1000 for "A" Class Prisoners and Rs.750 for 'B' Class Prisoners per week.

(viii) Interviews with relatives and family members of Prisoners

Prisoners are permitted to meet/see their relatives and friends, through interviews as per the provision of the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983. Intercom facility has been introduced in the year 2023 in the visitor's interview hall to reduce

the noise and to have a clear conversation between the prisoners and their visitors.

(ix) Special Interviews

Advocates are permitted to interview the prisoners on all days. Special interviews are also organized for Advocates on Saturdays up to 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.

(x) Visitors Management System

In order to streamline the interview system, Visitors Management System is functioning in Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai.

(xi) Telephone Facility for Prisoners

During 2023-24, the telephone (audio) call

facility provided for the use of prisoners has been increased to 12 minutes per call once in 3 days, 10 times per month, in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai and Open Air Prisons. The Government have also proposed to introduce video call facility to the Prisoners soon.

(xii) Aadhar Enrolment

Aadhar enrolment camps are being conducted in prisons to generate Aadhar cards as prisoners do not have required authenticated documents. This Aadhar card will enable them to apply for Employment/ Financial loans after their release from prison.

(xiii) Free Legal Aid

The Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority has established a separate Legal Aid

Cell in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and Sub Jails to extend Free Legal Aid facility to the prisoners. 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 Aid cell. 40 Para legal volunteers, among the prisoners are trained by the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority to help other prisoners to know the details of their cases and assist them in other case related tasks.

(xiv) 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.

During 2023-24, 1950 cases have been disposed off through Prisoners Adalat.

(xv) Test Identification Parade Room

Safeguarding the identity of witness is paramount, Test Identification Parade Room with one way mirror have been installed in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jails at a total cost of Rs.472.81 lakh to protect the identity of witnesses.

(xvi) Ensuring Dignity and Human Rights

Dignity and human rights of imprisoned persons is ensured through equipping all prisons with basic facilities along with creation of awareness among prison personnel on importance of upholding human rights of the prisoners through trainings and visits by Hon'ble

High Court Judges, Human Rights Commission officials and other dignitaries. Also, District level Officers of other departments/Courts, appointed as Official visitors and multi-disciplinary experts from the general public are appointed as Non-official visitors to carry out regular and surprise inspections of prisons.

(xvii) Grievance Redressal Mechanism for Prisoners

The prison administration places a high priority on resolving inmate complaints. Sealed complaint boxes have been installed in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women to facilitate the inmates to ventilate their grievances. These complaint boxes are opened by the District and Sessions Judge on every first working day of the month and complaints are forwarded to the appropriate authorities for necessary action.

During the weekly inspection, the Superintendent of Prisons listens to the grievances of the prisoners and redresses them. The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services and the Range Deputy Inspector General of Prisons during their visits/inspections hear the grievances of the prisoners and take appropriate steps for their redressal.

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 inmates.

IX. REFORMATION OF PRISONERS

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services implements various programmes for Reformation, Rehabilitation and Social integration of prison inmates.

(i) Prison Library

Prison Libraries have played an important role in inculcating the reading habit among the prisoners, which improves their knowledge, instil good thoughts, imbibe values, improve family bonds and reduce recidivism. In every Central Prison, a library is available where prisoners are allowed to read books, newspapers and magazines. During 2023-24, the Government allocated Rs 208.74 lakh for purchase of furniture and computers required for the prison libraries for all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for women, District Jails, Sub jails, Special Sub Jails and Open Air Prisons.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has donated 1500 books to the prison libraries for the benefit of the Prison inmates. In the Book Fairs conducted across the State, more than 1,00,000 books were collected as donation.

(ii) Education in Prisons

Education plays an important role in the rehabilitation of prison inmates. With the aim of providing education to all the prisoners (100%), the Department of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Union Government have jointly implemented many programmes.

Under special literacy Scheme, the Department of School education, is offering basic literacy to the illiterate prisoners in all prisons in the State. During the year 2023-24, the Government have sanctioned Rs.25.00 lakh for the basic education of 1249 prisoners.

Based on the educational qualification already acquired by the inmates, the following educational programmes are being offered:-

a) Basic level

- b) Elementary School level
- c) High / Higher Secondary level
- d) Diploma/Certificate courses and
- e) Graduation and Post Graduation through
Open Universities.

Primary schools with qualified teachers are functioning in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai. During the year 2023-24, out of 125 prisoners who appeared for 12th Standard Public Examination, 116 prisoners have passed. Out of 191 prisoners who appeared for 11th Standard Public Examination, 178 prisoners have passed. Out of 260 prisoners appeared for the 10th Standard Public Examination, 228 prisoners have passed and 311 prisoners have appeared for 8th Standard Examination and results are awaited.

During the year 2023-2024, a total number of 9,457 prisoners pursued various courses as detailed below:-

Course	Number of Prisoners
Basic literacy Education by School Education Department	1,781
Foundation Course (Preparatory Course upto 7th standard level)	3,454
Literacy Programme (Through State Resource Centre)	2,893
M.C.A.	3
M.B.A.	19
M.A/M.Sc.	31
B.A./B.Sc./ B.Com./B.Lit.	86
B.B.A.	26
8 th (311), 10 th (260), 11 th (191) and 12 th Standard (125)	887
Diploma / Certificate	277
Total	9,457

Free Higher Education:

Government have issued administrative orders to the Tamil Nadu Open University for providing free education to prisoners to pursue Under

Graduate, Post Graduate, Certificate Courses and Professional Courses. Mahatma Gandhi Community Colleges, approved by the Tamil Nadu Open University is functioning in all the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai. Educated prisoners are utilized to conduct classes in the prison.

Industrial Training Institute

Industrial Training Institute functions inside Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli. During the year 2023-2024, 192 prisoners have pursued various courses as detailed below:-

Ind	Name of the Trade	Duration	No. of prisoners		
			I year	II year	Total
1.	Fitter	2 Years	20	10	30
2.	Electrician	2 Years	20	14	34
3.	COPA (Computer Operator and Programming)	1 Year	48	-	48
4.	Cutting & Sewing	1 Year	40	-	40

5.	Welder (Gas & Electric)	1 Year	40	-	40
Total			168	24	192

(iii) Prison Industries and Skill Development

Correctional Programmes are being conducted for the convict prisoners both in the form of vocational courses and practical experience in the prison industries so as to enable the prisoners to take up employment or self-employment after their release.

The convict prisoners are imparted industrial training and life skills training to enable them to have better employability upon their release for preventing recidivism. To inculcate discipline, acquire new skills and work ethics during their confinement in prisons, several industries such as Sealing Wax Industry, Weaving Industry, Foot wear Industry,

Book Binding Industry, Tag Industry, Soap Industry, Tailoring Unit, Carpentry Unit, Shoe Polish Unit, Bakery Unit, Handmade Paper Unit, Fly Ash Bricks manufacturing cum training units have been established. Further, rural income generating activities like Crop Production, Compost Making, Nursery Development etc., are also being taken up.

The products produced in the Prisons; such as uniform clothes, belts, caps, uniform shoes, shoe polish, rain coats, mosquito nets are being supplied to Police, Fire & Rescue Services and Prison and Correctional Services Department. Further, 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 Department of Prisons and Correctional Services enjoys special privilege of supplying these articles to various Government Departments.

The value of industrial products produced for the year 2023-2024 is Rs.65.20 Crore.

(iv) Wage earning Scheme

Convict prisoners engaged in Prison Industries are being paid on the basis of their Skill levels. The Skilled, Semi-Skilled and Un Skilled, category of persons are paid an enhanced rate of Rs.300, Rs.270 and Rs.240 respectively as wages per day from 2023. The Wages are being fixed by the Wage fixation committee once in 5 years.

(v) Prison Bazaar

The Government established "**PRISON**

BAZAARS", with the objective of providing an opportunity to the prisoners for channelizing their energy in a positive direction paving the way for reformation and rehabilitation. 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 through the Prison Bazaar in the registered brand name "**FREEDOM**". Service sector 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 the 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 2023-2024 is Rs.734.57 lakh with **a net profit Rs.161.74 lakh.**

The Government have ordered to sell the goods manufactured by the prisoners and currently sold in Prison bazaar in the Tamil Nadu Police Canteen.

(vi) Petrol Retail Outlets

Petrol Retail Outlets have been

established and operated by eligible prisoners in association with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., is functioning in Central Prison-I Puzhal, Vellore, Coimbatore, Palayamkottai and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai in Phase-I for the benefit of the general public.

The turnover of the five Petrol Retail Outlets (Phase-I) for the financial years 2018-2019 to 2023-2024 (upto March 2024) is Rs. **1202.59** crore, with a net profit of Rs.32.37 crore.

Further, petrol outlets in Phase-II are currently operational at Central Prison-1, Puzhal in Ambattur Road, Central Prison, Coimbatore in Bharathiyar Road and Central Prison, Madurai. At Puzhal, the petrol retail outlet in Ambattur Road is exclusively managed by women inmates. Steps are being taken to launch similar petrol outlets at the premises of Central Prisons,

Salem, Tiruchirappalli and Special Prison for Women, Tiruchirappalli.

(vii) Personality and Attitude Transformation through Therapeutic Assistance and Management (PATTAM)

As per the order of the Hon'ble Madras High Court, PATTAM (a Tamil word meaning "Kite") a visionary programme specially designed for first time young offenders (18-24 years) who are involved in petty crimes is being conducted in all Central Prisons. This term is an abbreviation of the English phrase Personality & Attitude Transformation through Therapeutic Assistance and Management. This is a reformation programme implemented jointly by the Departments of Police and Prisons and Correctional Services along with Judiciary and supported by NGOs.

This programme aims through holistic intervention of inmates in a conducive environment, so as to reintegrate them and transform them as responsible members of the Society. The Project was initially started at Sub Jail, Saidapet and then extended to all Central Prisons in the State from 02.10.2021. The data shows that only 18 out of 9,370 inmates who had participated in the program have been rearrested. The implementation of this scheme, has significantly brought down the rate of recidivism in prisons.

(viii) Seerthirutha Siragugal

This Department is implementing several reformation programmes in prisons all over Tamil Nadu. Among them education, Skill training, vocational training, yoga, meditation etc., are a few to mention. In addition to this, the Government have announced a programme

called " Seerthirutha Siragugal " with a holistic approach to all types of prison inmates by setting up an exclusive De-addiction Centres in each of the 9 Central Prisons and 5 Special Prisons for Women to treat the inmates addicted to drugs and alcohol.

An amount of Rs.93.72 lakh has been allocated by the Government in the financial year 2023-2024, for payment of honorarium to the Project Coordinator-Cum-Vocational Counsellor and Psychiatrist / Therapist for De-addiction Centres and purchase of medicines and being utilized.

(ix) Remission / Premature Release

Remission is the prime driving force that creates a positive impact on the prisoners to mend their behaviour.

Government have framed detailed

guidelines for premature release of life convict prisoners who have been convicted under certain sections of IPC and completed 14 years of sentence in commemoration of 115th Birthday of Dr.Peraringar Anna as on 15.09.2023. On the basis of above guidelines, eligible life convict prisoners were considered by the Government. So far, 186 prisoners have been released as per the above scheme.

Apart from the above, in the year 2023–2024, 26 prisoners with life sentence have been released under Advisory Board Scheme.

(x) Providing financial assistance to released prisoners

Tamil Nadu Discharged Prisoners Aid Society provides financial assistance to released convicts without any discrimination. Remarkably, this Society operates only in Tamil Nadu. The Chief

Secretary to the Government is Ex-officio President in Chief, the Home Secretary is Ex-officio President and the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services is Vice president of the Society.

The Tamil Nadu Discharged Prisoners Aid Society, identified 660 ex- prisoners who require financial assistance to start self-employment. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented cheques to the tune of Rs.330 lakh at the rate of 50,000/- each to beneficiaries selected by the Society.

(xi) Employment on Release

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services implements various industry oriented skilling programmes, which provides practical skill training for prisoners to engage in a decent livelihood after their release. The details such

as skills acquired by prisoners, date of release of prisoners, industry related skills acquired by prisoners and avenues for the placement of prisoners are collected well in advance in order to create employment opportunities for released prisoners and also provide assistance in obtaining employment.

X. RECREATION

(i) Radio/ Television:

FM Radios along with amplifier and speakers have been installed in the Prisons to broadcast News and other entertainment programmes to mitigate the loneliness of prisoners. Besides, motivational speeches on the topics such as personal development, goal setting and overcoming adversity are being broadcast to prisoners through audio books. These motivational speeches are customised to

address specific issues that prisoners may face such as addiction, anger management and mental health.

Television sets have been installed in the prisons for entertainment of prisoners and also used to screen films of Moral and educative value.

(ii) Music

Music is a medium which gives an opportunity for the prisoners to safely channelize their anger and frustration, increase their self-esteem, cope up with the stress and connect positively with others. Music in Prison creates positive learning experiences that can help to raise the self-confidence and aspirations of men, women and young prisoners. Music orchestra is functioning in every Central Prison and Prisoners are trained to play music instruments.

(iii) Reformation through Sports

Sports is a great way to improve the physical and mental health of prisoners and to imbibe self-control, self-esteem and coping ability. Inmates are encouraged to play indoor games like Chess, Carrom, Tennikoit and outdoor games like Volleyball and Badminton in the evening. Volleyball and Badminton courts have been built in each block in all prisons. Inmates can also get rid of their negative thoughts and stress in a healthy way. In addition, exercise reduces muscle stiffness and gives a healthy body.

(iv) Yoga and meditation

Yoga and meditation plays an important role in the reformation of prisoners. Yoga and meditation classes are being imparted through Non- Governmental Organizations.

(v) Cultural Programmes

Cultural activities play a pivotal role in the reformation of prisoners. Drama, Folk Dance, Quiz competition, debates/Pattimandram and other competitions like Singing, Oratory, Essay writing are regularly conducted in prisons. In addition to this, permission is being given to conduct moral discourses, and programmes of rehabilitation of prisoners with the help of individuals, NGO's and other institutions interested in the welfare of prisoners, after proper verification. Conducting such programmes 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 programmes in prisons on special occasions like Independence Day, Republic Day and other days.

XI. STAFF WELFARE

Various welfare measures are being implemented for the wellbeing of staff to boost their morale and to encourage them to work confidently and professionally in a risky environment. Various Medals /Allowances/ Facilities are extended as detailed below:-

(i) Medals

Uniformed service personnel who maintain a clean service record and display bravery and commendable performance in discharging their duties, are recognized and awarded with the following medals by the Government: -

(a) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Prison Service Medal (Anna 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.

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

On the occasion of birthday of Peraringnar Anna, every year 10 Prison personnel who have rendered unblemished service and have a clean record 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
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**(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 Medal for
Distinguished Service and
Medal for Meritorious Service**

On the occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day, Prison personnel who have rendered unblemished record of service are awarded with this medal every year.

(ii) Ex-gratia payment

In recognition of the services of the Prison personnel, who lay down their lives 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 due 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:-

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

(iii) 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.

(iv) Feeding charges

Feeding charges are being paid to the Prison personnel employed in security duties, in Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jails during emergencies, on occasions of mass arrest and for undertaking search operations in prison premises, at the rate of 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 from the year 2023.

(v) 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.

(vi) Risk Allowance

The Risk Allowance paid has been enhanced from Rs.800/- to Rs.1000/- per month and paid from the rank of Grade-II Warder to Superintendent of Prisons from 2023-2024.

(vii) 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 sets of uniform and Rs.500/-per month as Washing Allowance.

(viii) Extra Time Remuneration

Extra Time Remuneration was enhanced to Rs.500/- and paid to the Grade-I and Grade-II Warders, if they work on the day of their weekly off from this year.

(ix) 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 Prisons.

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

(x) Construction of Staff Quarters

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

(xi) Building Maintenance Grant

For regular maintenance of Prison buildings and staff quarters through Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Limited, Government have sanctioned sum of Rs.500.00 lakh as recurring expenditure, annually. With this amount, repairs and maintenance of prison buildings are carried out every year.

(xii) Provision of Raincoats and Mosquito Nets for Prison Personnel

Rain Coats and Mosquito Nets are provided for use of all Prison personnel once in three years.

(xiii) 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.

(xiv) Essential Commodities at Subsidized Rates

15 kgs of 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 Warder to Deputy Jailor.

(xv) 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 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

Apart from the scheduled Grievance day meetings, the Director General of Prisons and

Correctional Services receives grievance petitions from the personnel in the Prison headquarters and also during his visit/inspection to Prisons and redresses the same. Speedy action is taken to redress the grievances reported by the personnel during visits and such meetings.

XII. NEW INITIATIVES

(i) High Security Prison:

A High Security Prison is being constructed at Tiruchirappalli at a cost of Rs.104.17 crore with assistance of Union Government to manage Fundamentalists, Extremists, Terrorists and High-Risk prisoners.

(ii) Gym at Prison Head quarters

For the welfare of the employees and to increase their physical and mental strength and encourage them to work in an extraordinary / emergency circumstance, a gym has been set up

at the Prison Headquarters at a cost of Rs.14.30 lakh.

(iii) Non Linear Junction Detectors:

For detecting equipment operated with Semiconductors, the Government have sanctioned Rs.325.00 lakh for purchasing 13 numbers of Non Linear Junction Detectors and the same were purchased and installed at all Central Prisons and Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee.

(iv) Local Area Network and Fire Wall:

In order to protect the data stored in Prison Headquarters, the Government have sanctioned Rs.59.00 Lakh for setting up of Local Area Network and Fire Wall and setting up of the same is under process.

XIII. CONCLUSION

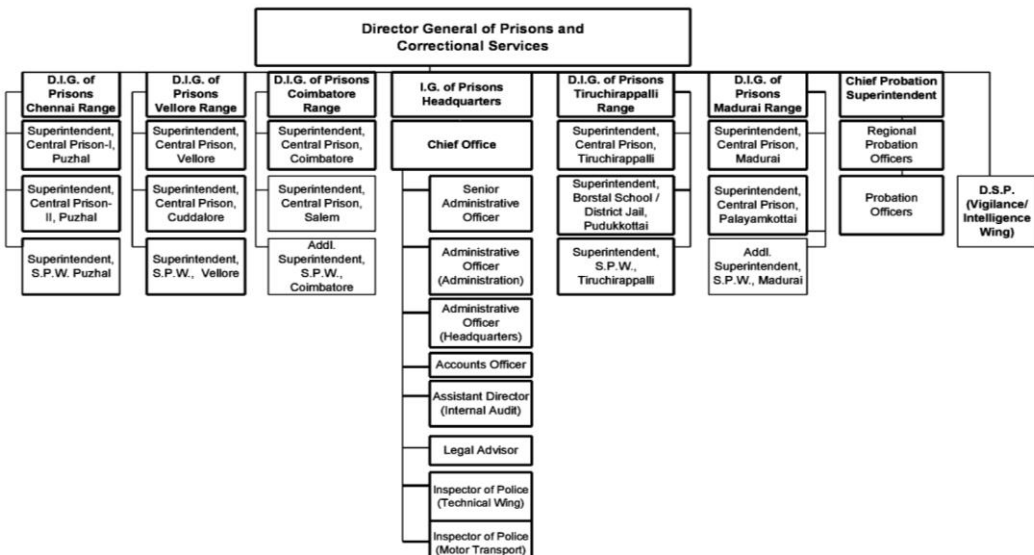
The Government lays due emphasis on the smooth running of the Department of Prisons

and Correctional Services, which is the main pillar of the Criminal Justice System. Efforts are constantly being made to modernize Prison Administration by incorporating advantages of current Technological developments, while working diligently to improve Prison Security, Prison Reform, Rehabilitation and Social Integration. In order to improve the capacity of the Prison Staff and create an encouraging work atmosphere, various staff oriented welfare programs were designed and implemented. The Tamil Nadu Prisons and Correctional Services Department is committed to make every effort to achieve the best possible position in India and globally with the benevolence of the Government.

S. REGUPATHY

Minister for Law

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

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
	Chennai District	
1	Central Prison.I, Puzhal	1250
2	Central Prison.II, Puzhal	2000
3	Special Prison for Women, Puzhal	500
4	Transit Yard Puzhal Yard)	100
5	Sub Jail, Saidapet	175
	Kancheepuram District	
6	Sub Jail, Kancheepuram	34
	Chengalpattu District	
7	District Jail, Chengalpattu	200
8	Sub Jail, Maduranthagam	62

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
	Thiruvallur District	
9	Sub Jail, Thiruvallur	36
10	Sub Jail, Ponneri	42
11	Sub Jail, Tiruttani	36
12	Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee	152
	Vellore District	
13	Central Prison, Vellore	2130
14	Special Prison for Women, Vellore	469
15	Central Prison Vellore (Annex)	54
16	Sub Jail, Gudiyatham	54
	Thirupattur District	
17	Sub Jail, Ambur	20
18	Sub Jail, Thirupattur	74
19	Sub Jail, Vaniyambadi	30

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
	Ranipet District	
20	Sub Jail, Arakkonam	36
21	Sub Jail, Walaja	19
	Thiruvannamalai District	
22	Sub Jail, Cheyyar (Handed over to Revenue Department)	48
23	Sub Jail, Thiruvannamalai	49
24	Sub Jail, Arani (Temporarily Closed)	17
25	Sub Jail, Chengam	9
26	Sub Jail, Polur	36
27	Sub Jail, Vandavasi	19
	Cuddalore District	
28	Central Prison, Cuddalore	723
29	Sub Jail, Cuddalore (Women)	100
30	Sub Jail, Cuddalore	143

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
31	Sub Jail, Virudhachalam	30
32	Sub Jail, Portnova (Temporarily Closed)	24
33	Sub Jail, Panruti	15
34	Sub Jail, Chidambaram	28
	Villupuram District	
35	District Jail, Villupuram	200
36	Sub Jail, Villupuram	42
37	Sub Jail, Tindivanam	29
38	Sub Jail, Gingee	80
	Kallakurichi District	
39	Sub Jail, Kallakurichi	18
40	Sub Jail, Ulundurpet	24
41	Sub Jail, Thirukovilur	24
	Salem District	
42	Central Prison, Salem	1431
43	District Jail, Attur	200
44	Farm Jail, Salem	10

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
45	Special Sub Jail, Salem (Women)	110
46	Sub Jail Sankagiri	27
47	Sub Jail, Omalur	48
	Namakkal District	
48	Sub Jail, Namakkal	34
49	Sub Jail, Paramathi	16
50	Sub Jail, Rasipuram	24
51	Sub Jail, Tiruchengode	19
	Dharmapuri District	
52	District Jail, Dharmapuri	200
53	Sub Jail, Dharmapuri	36
54	Sub Jail, Harur	48
	Krishnagiri District	
55	Sub Jail, Krishnagiri (Women)	73
56	Sub Jail, Uthangarai - (Temporarily closed)	16

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
57	Sub Jail, Hosur	44
	Coimbatore District	
58	Central Prison, Coimbatore	2124
59	Special Prison for Women, Coimbatore	187
60	Open Air Prison, Singanallur	100
61	Sub Jail, Mettupalayam (Temporarily Closed)	36
62	Sub Jail, Pollachi	97
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
	Nilgiris District	

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
68	Sub Jail, Ooty	35
69	Sub Jail, Coonoor	32
70	Sub Jail, Gudalur	28
	Tiruppur District	
71	District Jail, Tiruppur	200
72	District Jail, Tiruppur (Women Annex)	90
73	Sub Jail, Avinashi	70
74	Sub Jail, Udumalapet	25
75	Sub Jail, Dharapuram	26
76	Sub Jail, Palladam	24
	Trichy District	
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

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
	Ariyalur District	
83	Sub Jail, Ariyalur	21
84	Sub Jail, Jeyamkondam	19
	Perambalur District	
85	Sub Jail, Perambalur	18
	Karur District	
86	Sub Jail, Karur	36
87	Sub Jail, Kulithalai	26
	Pudukottai District	
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
	Tanjore District	
93	Sub Jail, Thiruvudaimaruthur	51

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
94	Sub Jail, Tanjore	87
95	Sub Jail, Papanasam	46
96	Sub Jail, Pattukottai (Temporarily Closed)	38
97	Sub Jail, Kumbakonam	44
	Nagapattinam District	
98	District Jail, Nagapattinam	200
99	Sub Jail, Sirkali	28
100	Sub Jail, Mayiladuthurai	24
101	Sub Jail, Tharangampadi	12
	Thiruvarur District	
102	Sub Jail, Thiruvarur (Women)	20
103	Sub Jail, Thiruthuraiipoondi	28
104	Sub Jail, Nannilam	24
105	Sub Jail, Mannargudi	19

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
	Madurai District	
106	Central Prison, Madurai	1252
107	Special Prison for Women, Madurai	262
108	Sub Jail, Melur	48
109	Sub Jail, Usilampatty	18
110	Sub Jail, Thirumangalam	25
	Dindigul District	
111	District Jail, Dindigul	200
112	Sub Jail, Vedasandur	16
113	Sub Jail, Palani	43
114	Sub Jail, Kodaikanal (Temporarily Closed)	9
115	Sub Jail, Nilakottai (Women)	36
	Theni District	
116	District Jail, Theni	200
117	Sub Jail, Uthamapalayam	21
118	Sub Jail, Periyakulam	39

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
	Sivagangai District	
119	Sub Jail, Sivagangai	20
120	Sub Jail, Thirupattur	22
121	Open Air Prison, Purasadaiudaippu	150
	Ramanathapuram District	
122	District Jail, Ramanathapuram	200
123	Sub Jail, Paramakudi (Women)	18
124	Sub Jail, Mudukulathur	21
125	Sub Jail, Thiruvadanai (Temporarily Closed)	12
	Virudhunagar District	
126	District Jail, Virudhunagar	200
127	Sub Jail, Arupukottai	13
128	Sub Jail, Srivilliputhur	24

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
129	Sub Jail, Sathur (Women) (Temporarily Closed)	29
	Tirunelveli District	
130	Central Prison, Palayamkottai	1332
131	Special Sub Jail, Kokkirakulam (Women)	84
132	Sub Jail, Ambasamuthiram	16
133	Special Sub Jail, Nanguneri	107
	Tenkasi District	
134	Sub Jail, Tenkasi	44
135	Sub Jail, Sankarankoil	12
	Tuticorin District	
136	District Jail, Perurani	200
137	Sub Jail, Srivaigundam	72
138	Sub Jail, Kovilpatti	42
139	Sub Jail, Tiruchendur (Temporarily Closed)	37

S. No.	Prisons	Authorised Accommodation
	Kanniyakumari District	
140	District Jail, Nagarcoil	230
141	Sub Jail, Thucklai (Women)	24
142	Sub Jail, Kulithurai	16
	Total	24,342



Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin donated 1500 books to the libraries in all Central Prisons on 28.10.2023.



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin provided e-cycle to the staff of Central Prison, Puzhal



Hon'ble Minister for Law, Thiru. S. Regupathy participated on the completion Ceremony of Training held on 29.01.2024 at the Parade Ground of Warders Training Centre, Trichy.



Hon'ble Supreme Court Judge Justice Thiru. Sanjivkhanna on 29.04.2024 viewed the functioning of KIOSK in Prison.

