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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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India Gate Circle, New Delhi-110001

June 23, 2022

To

1. **The Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs**
2. **The DG/IG (Prisons) of all States/UTs**

Sub: Transformation@75 - Celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with Jail Inmates.

Sir,

As you are aware, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

2. The Hon'ble Home Minister vide his DO letter dated 21st April, 2022 addressed to the Chief Ministers/LGs/Administrators of all States and UTs have informed them that as part of these celebrations, it is proposed to give special remission to certain categories of prisoners and release them in three phases – 15th August, 2022 (75th anniversary of Independence), 26th January 2023 (Republic Day) and again on 15th August, 2023. Appropriate guidelines have also been issued to the States and UTs. MHA has separately issued a letter on June 10, 2022 informing that a special module has been added to the ePrisons software which will facilitate the State Prison authorities in processing the cases of eligible prisoners in a speedy and accurate manner. A User Manual has also been issued with this letter.

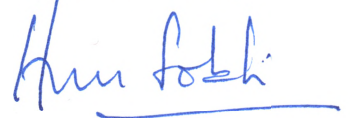
3. As part of the celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Committee has now approved the event "Transformation@75 - Celebrating AKAM with Jail Inmates" to be conducted in **July, 2022**. The events which may be organized across the jails of the country are as follows:

- (i) Cultural programs – Desh Bhakti songs, dance, rangoli, wall art, drama etc.
- (ii) Wellness weekday/weekend programs - yoga, meditation etc.
- (iii) Counselling sessions - Focus on job search, rehabilitation etc.
- (iv) Patriotic movie nights to be organized for the inmates.
- (v) Extended outreach via NGOs, religious organizations and others.
- (vi) Prisoners with good conduct and minor offences considered for release.

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4. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are requested to issue suitable instructions for taking necessary steps to get the above events curated and have the programme celebrated in all jails of the country with full fervor and maximum outreach so as to make the event a grand success.

Yours sincerely,



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