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Ministry of Home Affairs

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India Gate, New Delhi – 110001
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To

The ACS/Pr. Secretary (Home/Jails) of all States/UTs

The Director General of Police and DG/IG (Prisons) of all States/UTs

Sub: Training of State Police and Prison officers and staff of all States and UTs on new aspects of the three new criminal laws – Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Parliament of India has replaced the three existing laws, namely the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 by three new progressive and modern pieces of legislation, namely the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 respectively. The new laws aim at providing speedy justice to the citizens of the country and will strengthen the judicial and court management system. **The new criminal laws will come into force with effect from 1st July, 2024.**

2. The new laws are a transition from the colonial legacies towards a system of justice, based on the principle of access to justice by all. They have several new provisions, synchronized with modern-day times and contemporary technologies. As the new laws aim at bringing in an era of ease of policing and ease of justice, **it is the endeavour of the Government of India to reach out to all ranks of Police and Prison Officers** in the country and make them aware of the positive and advanced changes so as to equip them with the basic knowledge and understanding of various new provisions, which will help them in implementing the same in right earnest and with confidence.

3. To fulfill this objective, the Government of India has been striving to educate the police and prison officers about the new laws. The Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), which is the premier training and research arm of the Ministry of Home Affairs, has developed the 'Training of Trainers' module and various other training programmes for different levels of police/prison personnel on the new criminal laws. Integration has also been completed with 'Integrated Government Online Training' (iGOT) portal to make these courses available to police/prison personnel. These training modules have been shared by BPR&D with all States/ Union Territories, enabling them to conduct training programmes in their Police Training Institutes. Informative Flyers for capacity building of police/prison

personnel and other stakeholders have also been uploaded on the website of BPR&D (<https://bprd.nic.in/>).

4. To further augment and strengthen the exercise of educating our Police and Prison Officers (of all ranks – aiming at reaching the last person in the hierarchical ladder) about the new laws, **we seek your active indulgence and involvement in this endeavour** and request you to make appropriate arrangements in your State/UT for providing intensive training to all Police and Prison personnel **without leaving anyone behind**. You will appreciate that unless we equip all our officials with relevant information and knowledge, we will not be able to effectively implement the new laws.

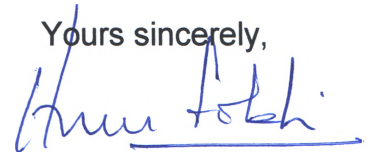
5. **You are, therefore, requested to personally review the training schedule** of all ranks of Police and Prison personnel about the new laws and ensure that everyone receives adequate briefing about the same. All available resources in your State/UT, namely Police Training Institutes, Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Central Academy for Police Training (CAPT), Jail Training Schools, Institutes of Prison and Correctional Administration and the three Regional Institutes of Correctional Administration (RICA) at Vellore, Kolkata and Chandigarh may be utilized to provide training to the police and prison personnel, both through virtual and physical modes. The Ministry of Home Affairs is separately writing to these Institutes to hold special training sessions for various ranks of officers and staff.

6. **You are requested to spare your officers for undergoing the training sessions** on new criminal laws and approach BPR&D, New Delhi and other Institutes in your State/UT, mentioned in para 5 above, for providing training to your police and prison personnel. BPR&D will facilitate in providing resource persons and relevant literature for holding the training programmes.

7. Besides this, **the National Informatics Centre (NIC) is also holding online training/ briefing sessions on 'technical aspects'** of implementation of new criminal laws on ICJS. Mapping of new offences and Sections have been completed by NIC on e-Prisons, e-Forensics and e-Prosecution. You are requested to spare your officers for the training by NIC too.

8. In case you need any assistance with regards to the training of your personnel in the new Criminal laws, you may approach BPR&D, New Delhi and also this Ministry, who will facilitate you in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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