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Ministry of Home Affairs
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To

1. ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Home & Jails) of all States and UTs.
2. DG/IG Prisons of all States and UTs.

Sub: Report of the National Commission for Women for improving the condition of women inmates in prisons.

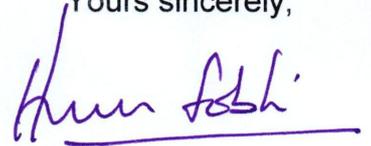
Sir/Madam,

The National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi conducts inspection of Prisons and Custodial Homes as part of their mandate under Section 10(1)(k) of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990. These inspections seek to create a better, safe and gender sensitive environment for inmates of custodial homes. NCW has devised a comprehensive proforma for inspection of jails and obtains information from Superintendent of Prisons of all States which is used to analyse and identify deficiencies in women wards. NCW has informed that they had conducted inspection of 20 jails in 2018 and had also examined information obtained from 96 jails. Based on this, they have prepared a Report which contains observations and recommendations for improving the condition of women inmates. A copy of the 'Report on Inspection of Prisons/jails/Custodial Homes housing Women' prepared by NCW is attached for your perusal.

2. NCW has also shared their observations in respect of 20 jails visited by them and has made recommendations to address relevant issues. The report also highlights the positive action taken by some State authorities for the welfare of inmates. It has also made some general recommendations which can prove useful to States and UTs in improving the living condition of inmates.

3. While the States whose prisons were visited by NCW **may take appropriate action to overcome the deficiencies** pointed out in NCW's report, at the same time, **good practices followed in some States, as highlighted in the report, can be replicated by others** and they can use the guidance provided in the report for the welfare of prison inmates. The Home Departments and DG/IG Prisons of all States and UTs are therefore requested to carefully go through the attached report and make best use of the recommendations made therein for welfare of prison inmates, particularly women inmates. The States and UTs may also provide its feedback and inputs, if any, to the Ministry of Home Affairs on the suggestions/observations made in NCW's report.

Yours sincerely,



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