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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

Women Safety Division, 2nd Floor
Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
India Gate Circle, New Delhi-110001
July 1, 2025

To,

- 1. The Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs**
- 2. The DG/IG of Prisons and Correctional Services of all States and UTs**

Sub: - Special attention to the needs of Elderly Prisoners in Prisons and Correctional Institutions.

Sir/ Madam,

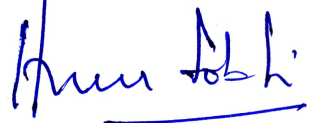
Prison institutions in the country house several vulnerable inmates, including elderly individuals who often require special assistance and support to manage their daily activities in a custodial environment.

2. As you are aware, the Government of India is committed towards creating an ecosystem for protecting, caring and providing for the wellbeing of its elderly citizens. Keeping this general objective in mind, the States and UTs are requested to make suitable provisions for special/ accessible accommodation in Prisons and Correctional Institutions for the elderly prisoners, keeping in view their physical limitations.

3. Special attention may also be given to the dietary requirement of such elderly inmates, with meal plans curated in accordance with the challenges of advanced age. It may also be ensured that adequate healthcare facilities—including mental health services—are made available in prisons to address the special needs of elderly inmates. Prison staff may also be suitably sensitised/ briefed about this aspect.

4. It is expected that the States and UTs will take appropriate measures to implement the above recommendations for the welfare of elderly prisoners.

Yours sincerely,



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