



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
General Administration Department  
Civil Secretariat, J&K.**

**Subject:** Constitution of District Level Committee(s) in compliance to Order dated 03.02.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 406/2013 Re-Inhuman Conditions in 1382 Prisons.

**Ref.:** HOME-Jail/143/2023-10 of Home Department.

**Government Order No.: 964-JK(GAD) of 2024  
Dated: 22.04.2024**

In compliance to Order dated 03.02.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 406/2013 Re-Inhuman Conditions in 1382 Prisons, sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of District Level Committee(s), comprising the following, for taking various measures for improving the conditions of prisons in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir:

1	Principal/District Judge (Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority)	Chairman
2	District Magistrate concerned	Member
3	Senior Superintendent/Superintendent of Police	Member
4	Secretary, District Legal Services Authority	Convener
5	Superintendent of Jail	Member

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**Terms of Reference:**

- i. To assess the available infrastructure and current capacity of existing jails and assess the requirement of constructing more jails in the district, or enhancing the capacity of existing jails to meet the standards laid down in the Model Prison Manual, 2016;
- ii. To consider the implementation of steps required for incorporating Artificial Intelligence and introducing video conferencing for conducting *Mulakaats* and telemedicine facilities, for the ease of the inmates.
- iii. To initiate steps to examine the requirement of expanding the existing jails and acquiring land to set up new jails within the district, depending on the current capacity, occupancy and future demands of the district and come up with firm proposals.

- iv. To seek and monitor the status of all the ongoing projects/proposals that are pending in the district(s) and ensure that milestones are set down for completing the ongoing projects; Wherever a project has yet to take off for want of land, to take steps to identify land for acquisition and to table the report before the Chief Secretary for obtaining necessary approvals, and fast-tracking the process.
- v. To examine the needs of the district(s) and formulate proposals over and above those laid down in the Model Prison Manual. However, the minimum requirements prescribed under the said Manual shall not be compromised. Future projections shall span for at least 50 years for implementation.

**By Order of the Lieutenant Governor.**

**Sd/-**

**(Sanjeev Verma) IAS**

Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

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9. Secretary, Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs.
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**(Shakeeb Arsalan) JKAS**

Under Secretary to the Government