

Background, Introduction and the organizational set-up, functions and duties:

The Department of Prisons & Correctional Services is headed by the Director General of Prisons, who, subject to the orders of the State Government, exercises the general control and superintendence over all prisons in the State.

At present the State of Himachal Pradesh has the following prisons:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Jail and Place		Existing Numbers of Jails
1.	Model Central Jails (with one barrack each as Open Air Jail)	-2	One at Nahan & another at Kanda (Shimla).
2.	District Jails (with one barrack each as Open Air Jail at Dharmshala, Chamba, Mandi and Solan)	-9	One each at Dharmshala, Chamba, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu, Hamirpur, Solan, Shimla (Kaithu) and Una.
3.	Open Air Jail	-1	At Bilaspur
4.	Borstal Jail	-1	At Mandi
5.	Sub Jails	-3	Nurpur, Nalagarh & Rampur
	Total	16	

The Government has approved the proposal of the Department for opening of two new Sub Jails at Rampur and Nalagarh (Dherowal). The land for Sub Jail, Rampur has been identified. Further, the land for Sub Jail Nalagarh (Dherowal) has been identified and transferred in the name of Department of Prisons & Correctional Services, H.P. The drawing and layout plans in this regard are under process. Once the buildings came up, these prisons will also become functional.

The authorized capacity of all Jails in Himachal Pradesh is 1732 including 138 female prisoners. However, there are 1962 number of prisoners including 67 women prisoners. The overall overcrowding is 113.28%. The Prisons-wise detail of Capacity and population as on 31/03/2015 are as under:-

JAIL WISE CAPACITY AND POPULATION OF PRISONERS AS ON 01/04/2017																
Sr.No	Name of Jail	Authorized Capacity			Prisoner Population									Parole		
					Convict			Under trial			Total					
		M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
1.	M. C. Jail, Kanda	343	30	373	270	11	281	233	8	241	503	19	503	8	0	8
	Open Air Jail, Kanda	25	0	25	13	0	13	0	0	0	13	0	13	0	0	0
	Total	368	30	398	283	11	294	233	8	241	516	19	516	8	0	8
2.	M.C. Jail, Nahan	390	8	398	318	6	324	105	2	107	423	8	431	9	0	9
	Open Air Jail, Nahan	25	0	25	15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0
	Total	415	8	423	333	6	339	105	2	107	438	8	446	9	0	9
3.	District Jail, Dharamshala	207	8	215	76	4	80	124	4	128	200	8	208	0	0	0
	Open Air Jail, D/shala	50	0	50	34	0	34	0	0	0	34	0	34	3	0	3
	Total	257	8	265	110	4	114	124	4	128	234	8	242	3	0	3
4.	District Jail, Chamba	61	19	80	53	2	55	69	5	74	122	7	129	0	0	0
	Open Air Jail, Chamba	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0
	Total	64	19	83	56	2	58	69	5	74	125	7	132	0	0	0
5.	Open Air Jail, Bilaspur	80	0	80	39	-	39	0	0	0	39	0	39	5	0	5
	District Jail, Bilaspur	74	10	84	9	1	10	80	4	84	89	5	94	1	0	1
	Total	154	10	164	48	1	49	80	4	84	128	5	133	6	0	6
6.	District Jail, Hamirpur	38	9	47	3	2	5	42	1	43	45	3	48	1	0	1
7.	District Jail, Mandi	68	12	80	9	2	11	149	5	154	158	7	165	0	0	0
	Borstal Jail, Mandi	15	15	30	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
	Open Air Jail, Mandi	15	0	15	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	8	2	0	2
	Total	98	27	125	19	2	21	149	5	154	168	7	175	2	0	2
8.	District Jail, Kullu	28	5	33	0	0	0	45	8	53	45	8	53	0	0	0
9.	District Jail, Solan	60	12	72	8	1	9	97	7	104	105	8	113	0	0	0
	Open Air, Jail Solan	10	0	10	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	5	3	0	3
	Total	70	12	82	13	1	14	97	7	104	110	8	118	3	0	3
10.	District Jail, Shimla (Kaithu)	50	5	55	20	0	20	76	4	80	96	4	100	1	0	1
11.	District Jail, Una	166	8	174	6	0	6	127	1	128	133	1	134	0	0	0
12.	Sub Jail, Nurpur	26	3	29	5	0	5	29	3	32	34	3	37	0	0	0
G. Total		1734	144	1878	896	29	925	1176	52	1228	2072	81	2134	33	0	33

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(b) Staff position of the Department:

Category wise detail of total sanctioned and filled posts/staff in the H.P. Prisons Department is as under:-

S. No	Name of Category	Number of sanctioned posts	Filled posts	Vacant posts
1	Director General of Prisons	01	01	--
2	DIG Prisons	01	00	01
2	Sr. A.I.G. (Prisons)/SP (Prisons)	01	01	--
3	Chief Welfare Officer (Prisons)	01	00	01
4	Deputy/Assistant District. Attorney	01	01	--
5	Superintendent Jail Model Central Jail	02	02	--
6	Superintendent Jail (Part Time)	07	07	--
7	Superintendent District. Jail	01	01	--
8	Superintendent Open Air Jail (in the rank of Deputy Supdt. Jail)	01	01	--
9	Superintendent Borstal Jail (in the rank of Deputy Supdt. Jail)	01	01	--
10	Deputy Superintendent Jail	06	03	03
11	Medical Officer	04	01	03
12	Medical Officer (Part Time)	01	01	--
13	Personal Assistant	01	--	01
14	Superintendent Grade-II	02	02	--
15	Assistant Superintendent Jails	16	11	05
16	Welfare Officer cum-Assistant Superintendent Jail	03	03	--
17	Welfare Officer (Prisons)	01	--	01
18	Senior Assistant	04	02	02
19	Senior Assistant (Accounts)	04	02	02
20	Dispenser/Pharmacist	13	13	--
21	Steno Typist	01	01	--

22	Clerk	22	15	07
23	Head Warder (Male)	60	31	29
24	Female Head Warder	04	01	03
25	Warder (Male)	324	269	55
26	Female Warder	20	20	--
27	Driver	06	02	04
28	Factory Supervisor	01	01	--
29	Store-keeper	01	--	01
30	Male Social Worker	01	--	01
31	Female Social Worker	01	--	01
32	Multipurpose Health Worker	01	01	--
33	Junior Technician (Tailor Master)	01	--	01
34	Junior Technician (Carpenter Master)	02	02	--
35	Junior Technician (Weaving Master)	03	01	02
36	T.G.T.	01	--	01
37	J.B.T.	01	--	01
38	Peon	07	06	01
39	Chowkidar	01	01	--
40	Mali	01	01	--
41	Turnkey	15	06	09
42	Cook	01	01	--
43	Sweeper	13	07	06
	Total	559	419	140