

## **Other important information related to the Department:**

Prisons Department is an integral part of Criminal Justice System. The aims and objectives of Prisons department have undergone change from retribution and deterrence to correction and rehabilitation and now moving for reforms. To realize these goals a “Wage Earning Scheme” is in existence in the Prisons department under which prisoners are paid wages for the work done by them in the Prisons Industries at the rates as fixed by the Govt. under the Minimum Wages Act for unskilled workers. Under this Scheme, the prisoners are encouraged and imparted skills and given employment in various trades like cloth/blankets/shawls/weaving/carpentry and tailoring in Central Jail Nahan and Kanda (Shimla) and in Carpentry at Central Jail Nahan and District Jail Dharmshala so that the prisoners may be rehabilitated in the society after their release from jail.

The present dispensation of the Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services is taking effecting steps for the skill development and rehabilitation of the inmates. The handloom fabrics produced by the prison inmates are in large demand. The inmate have produced 2492 meters of different types of cloth in the prisons besides weaving 373 Durries and stitched more than 523 uniforms for the inmates.

The Prison Bakery is giving good competition to reputed brands in the state by providing hygienic and wholesome bakery items.

The Prisons run Industries like handloom, bakeries, stitching units etc. for the prisoners. The State Government advances a loan of approximate Rs. 7.00 Lakhs for the industry. The capital is returned by the Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services and the marginal profit is retained for the prisoners welfare.

The Carpentry Workshop and other trades like Laundry and Car Washing are also quite liked by the citizens of the Pradesh. All these efforts are part of the Wage Earning Scheme aiming at the motto of the Directorate, i.e. Care, Custody and Rehabilitation. During the current year wages to the tune of Rs. 60,06,871/- were given to 2362 prisoners.

The Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services is promoting education elementary, middle and higher to the prisoners. 19 prisoners are pursuing BA Courses and 26 are studying in 10+2. It is reassuring that with education and awareness these prisoners will abjure the path of crime.

To ensure efficiency and safe custody, the Government has released Rs. 33.98 Lakhs for generator sets to ensure alternate power in case of blackouts in all the prisons. Generator Sets have been installed in all the jails of Himachal Pradesh. 15 lakhs has been sanctioned by the State Government for the purchase of Wireless Communication Equipments for all the Jails and the matter for allotment of frequencies and license is under consideration with the Government of India.

Alive to the vacancy situation in the Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services, the Government has also provided sanction to fill up 64 vacancies at various ranks.

The Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services is rendering yeomen service in the Custody, Care and Rehabilitation of prisoners, both convicts and undertrials. Crowding of prisoners has often come in for adverse comment from NHRC, Judiciary and the Civil Society. The Government is committed to create additional facilities for prisoners in the existing prisons and sanction new prisons wherever feasible.

The watch and ward jawans of the Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services are providing very efficient services in prison administration. There has been no provision of any welfare grant to address the welfare needs of this watch & ward staff who like the police perform 24x7 duties. The Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services has requested the Government to provide an annual grant of Rs. 3.00 Lakh.

Any enforcement job leads to stress, sports are necessary to destress. To provide a fillip to sporting activities for the staff and the prisoners, the government has been requested to provide an annual grant of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs to the Directorate of Prisons and Correctional services.

**Detail of Income and Expenditure on Jail Industries in the year 2015-16:**

Sr. No.	Name of Jail	Expenditure of Raw-Material	Wear & Tear Expenditure	Wages given to prisoners	Production	Profit
1.	Central Jail Nahan	9,05,525/-	--	2,93,384/-	12,75,639/-	31,453/-
2.	Central Jail Kanda (Shimla).	4,58,513/-	--	1,09,367/-	6,79,379/-	92,900/-
3.	District Jail Dharmshala	2,05,116/-	5,984/-	83,520/-	3,23,637/-	35,001/-