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CENTRAL JAIL TIHAR, NEW DELHI-110064**

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To,

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**Sub: Lok Sabha unstarred question Dy. No.7843 for reply on 10.12.2019
regarding "audit the expenses on jails."**

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith reply to above-mentioned Lok Sabha unstarred question Diary no.7843 in connection to Delhi Prisons, GNCT of Delhi for kind information and further necessary action at your end please.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As above.


6/12/19
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**LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION DY. NO.7843 FOR REPLY ON 10.12.2019
REGARDING "AUDIT THE EXPENSES ON JAILS."**

S.No.	Question	S.No.	Answer
(a)	Whether the Government has audited the expenses incurred on jail inmates by various State Governments and if so, the details of the audit conducted during each of last three years and the current year	(a)	Yes, Directorate of Audit, GNCTD has audited the expenses incurred on jail inmates upto Financial Year 2018-19 and report of the same is still awaited.
(b)	Whether huge discrepancy in expenses incurred on jail inmates has been observed during the audit, if so, the details thereof and the action by the Government thereon	(b)	No.
(c)	Whether the Government has decided to get the accounts audited through the Controlled and Auditor General of India and if so, the details thereof	(c)	CAG has conducted Audit upto March 2018.
(d)	The other steps taken by the Government to expedite the jail reforms so as to provide better facility in jails?	(d)	<p>Various measures have been taken by Delhi Prisons for prison reforms.</p> <p>1. LEGAL AID FACILITIES -</p> <p>A Legal Aid and Counseling Centre is functioning from the Jail Complex. Delhi High Court Legal Service Committee has drawn up a panel of lawyers to argue the appeals of poor convicts who have not engaged their private counsels before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The following are the features of Legal Aid Activities in the Jails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Free Legal Aid Cell in each jail in which stationery items, typing material, books etc. are provided by the Jail department. • Delhi State Legal Services Authority has deployed advocates who are visiting the Legal Aid Cells and giving legal aid. • Regular drafting of application/petitions/appeals of prisoners by advocates and Para Legal Aid is done. • The matters of seriously

			<p>sick/terminally ill inmates are taken up with Courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular sharing of data for undertrial and convicts in reference to their bail orders and appeal pending with Session Court & High Court. • Implementation of Section 436 and 436A of Cr.P.C. and sharing the information with Delhi State Legal Services Authority to place the cases before Undertrial Review Committee. • Sharing of data/list containing relevant particulars like CrI. Appeal No./Case particulars, date of admission etc. of undertrial prisoners and convict prisoners with the Courts. • Sharing of list of those prisoners who have secured bail but still languishing in prison for want of surety. <p>2. Special Courts are organized on monthly basis at Tihar Court Complex for the minor offenders languishing in jail. Till date 217 Special Courts have been organized and cases of 6285 prisoners have been settled.</p> <p>3. Under Trial Review Committee: UTRC have been constituted in all 11 districts of Delhi state in compliance of direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 24 April 2015. These committees review the cases of under trials who are unable to furnish surety after being granted bail by the court and of those accused of compoundable offences, UTPs covered under Section 107, 108, 109, 151, 436, 436A, 437 & 437(6) Cr.P.C and UTPs who are sick or infirm and require specialized medical treatment, UTPs who are imprisoned for offences which carry a maximum punishment of 2 years, Women under trial prisoners who are not accused of serious offences may be considered for release on bail under S.437, CrPC and UTPs who are first time offenders between the ages 19 and 21 years</p>
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