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**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL (PRISONS)
PRISON HEADQUARTERS: TIHAR: NEW DELHI**

STANDING ORDER NO.53

Sub:- Legal Interview of the prisoners.

It is provided in various provisions of the Delhi Jail Manual that a prisoner whether unconvicted or convicted should be allowed reasonable facilities of interview with his legal adviser (Advocate). The relevant provision in this regard are reproduced below :-

Rule 42 & 43 of Delhi Prison (Prisoner' Welfare Fund, Appeals, Petitions, Interview and Communication) Rule, 1988.

"42. Every interview between an unconvicted prisoner and his legal adviser shall take place within sight, but out of hearing, of a jail official.

43 When any person desires an interview with an unconvicted criminal prisoner in the capacity of the prisoner's advocate he shall apply in writing, giving his name and address and stating to what branch of the legal profession he belongs and he must satisfy the Superintendent that he is the bonafide legal adviser of the prisoner with whom he seeks an interview and that he has legitimate business with him."

Keeping in view the above provisions and also to ensure that above Rules are not misused it is directed as under:-

1. Normally, an advocate should be allowed one interview per week with his/her client prisoner in the jail as per routine practice. Legal interview in exceptional circumstances can be allowed for the second time in a week with the prior approval of the Law Officer, PHQ.
2. A family member, who is an advocate can not come for legal interview during evening hours. Such members can conduct interview during family interview timings.
3. Only such legal interview should be allowed where the Advocate is holding the Power of Attorney executed by the prisoner and attested by either the jail Superintendent/Dy. Supdt. or Court.


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