IMPACT OF PRE-TRIAL DETENTION ON WOMEN IN INDIA

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Statistics on Women Prisoners in India

Source: NCRB Prison Statistics India 2015

- 1401 Prisons
- 18 Women Prisons
- Total Prison Population = 4,19,623
  Women Prisoner = 17,834 (4.3%)
- 11,916 women undertrial prisoners
- 1149 women prisoners with 1310 children
- 10 Women Death Row Prisoners
Period of Detention of Women Undertrial Prisoners

- Upto 3 months: 4579
- 3-6 months: 2664
- 6-12 months: 2022
- 1-2 years: 1448
- 2-3 years: 668
- 3-5 years: 440
- Above 5 years: 95

Legend:
- Blue: Upto 3 months
- Yellow: 3-6 months
- Purple: 6-12 months
- Green: 1-2 years
- Brown: 2-3 years
- Grey: 3-5 years
- Light Blue: Above 5 years
Age Wise Distribution of Female Inmates – Under-trials

- 18-30 years: 5503
- 30-50 years: 4086
- Above 50: 1805
Features Distinguishing Female From Male Prisons

- Smaller
- Less Security
- Inmate-staff Relations Less Structured
- Less Physical Violence
- Shorter Sentences
- Community Living/Extended Family
- Children Permitted To Stay Till Age 6
OTHER ISSUES

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IMPACTS - SOCIAL

- SOLE CARE-GIVERS FOR CHILDREN & HOMES
- STIGMA OF INCARCERATION
- SEVERANCE OF TIES WITH FAMILY
  - FAMILY ASHAMED TO VISIT IN PRISON
  - HUSBANDS REMARRY
  - CHILDREN ARE KEPT AWAY BY IN LAWS
  - NON ACCEPTANCE BY CHILDREN POST RELEASE
IMPACTS - ECONOMIC

- LOSS OF INCOME
- LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT & CHANCES OF RE-EMPLOYMENT
- FAMILIES AVOID PAYING FOR LEGAL DEFENSE ALTOGETHER AND ABANDON THE WOMEN
- STOP VISITING IN PRISON TO SAVE MONEY
IMPACTS - HEALTH

- Subjected to unhygienic conditions leading to diseases
- Lack of special provisions during menstruation period often results in severe infections
- Lack of segregation from prisoners with contagious diseases increases vulnerabilities
- Improper health care especially for pregnant women
IMPACTS - DIGNITY

- Subject to strip searches & cavity searches
- Subject to humiliation by police & prison authorities
- Vulnerable to sexual abuse, rape and other violations – easy prey
- Forced to give sexual favours for preferential treatment
IMPACTS - PSYCHOLOGICAL

- CAN LEAD TO SEVERE MENTAL TRAUMA
- SEVERANCE OF FAMILY TIES CAN CAUSE IRREPARABLE HARM
- DIFFICULTY IN REHABILITATION & REINTEGRATION
IMPACTS - CHILDREN

- FORCED TO BE IN PRISON WITHOUT COMMITTING ANY OFFENCE
- INADEQUATE PROVISIONS FOR DIET AND EDUCATION
- INTERACTION WITH HARDENED CRIMINALS CAN BE BAD INFLUENCE
- INCREASED VULNERABILITY TO CHILD ABUSE
- DEPRIVATION FROM BEING WITH FATHER & OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
STOP – CONSIDER – ACT

ALL THIS WHEN THEIR GUILT HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN

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THANK YOU

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