

A CRITIQUE ON PRISON IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

With the increase in the knowledge of the human right and criminal justice the system become conscious about the issue that the prisoner tolerate inside the prisons. In the past there were many attempts were made in order to improve the condition of the prison in India at many occasions but nothing had made any specific change in the scenario.

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INTRODUCTION

If people get sick, we take them to the hospital and give them the right medicine to get better. If people's behaviour is sick, we bring them to the prison, but we forget the medicines." – Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

It's being the intense topic for the debate and discussion in India from decades but even today no major change has been seen in the condition of the prison. There are continues attempts were being made still there is significant change happens which pose like a big hurdle in the criminal justice system .Even having several legislation since ages like Transfer Of Prisoners Act 1950, Delhi Prison Act 2000, The Prison Act 1894 and The Prisoners Act 1955 nothing major took place in improving the Detroit condition of the prison.[1]

PRESENT STATUS OF PRISON IN INDIA

If we see the ground reality of the prison it is far away from our imagination. The condition inside the prison is that pathetic that nobody can survive for the longer time in it. There are thousands of prisoners are residing in the single prison for example Tihar Jail there are around 2,3464 prisoners residing all together. Overcrowding is considered as a major problem where the occupancy rate is very higher than that of the size of the jail. So it is not possible to reside and survive in it for so long. There are many other problem too that there are differential treatment is being done to the

person to person, there are groups were being made by the inmates of the prisons. There are also issue of custodial death which reflects the severe bad condition of the prisons .The police officers are doing fake encounters of the inmates and very inhuman and barbaric treatment by the police to the inmates they are mistreated and ill behaved. These issues are increasing day by day because there is no adequate knowledge of the legal rights and the education, there are no sufficient legal aid programs are being conducted. Delay in the judicial pronouncement also make inmates exhausted and due to the reason they do not coordinate with the police authority and the department.[2]

COPE UP WITH THE PROBLEM

As recommended by the court that there should be establishment of under trail Review Committee [3]in all the district of the country and also there should be formation of new and separate jails for both the juveniles and for the adults prisons. As being the citizen of the India it should be the matter of concern that whether the inmates are given the proper sanitation and proper facility inside the jail other than that whether they are aware about the their legal rights or not . If they are not than proper committee should be established in order to make them aware about the legal right which are available to them.

CONCLUSION

So at last in a nutshell it is concluded that the prisoner are also human being and there should be good and adequate condition in the prison so that they can live easily. Even being they had did wrong does not means that they should not be provide the adequate condition to live because for the wrong that they had done they are being punished for the same that's by they are in the prison.

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