

## HUMAN RIGHTS OF PRISONERS/DETAINEES

### TOPICS

(Food For Thought)

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- 1) No discrimination on grounds of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.  
Reliance on
  - i) The constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
  - ii) First UN congress on Minimum Rules for Treatment of Prisoners and Offences (1957).
- 2) To respect religious beliefs and moral precepts of a prisoner.
- 3) A prisoner should be given opportunity of being heard before punishment by the jailors.
- 4) Importance of Developing Professional/Technical Skills as a step towards **financial autonomy of prisoners.**
- 5) Physical punishment in Educational Institutions has become illegal --- Reasons? The same applies to Jails.
- 6) Jails should be managed on Self Governance Basis. There may a Board of Directors elected by the prisoners from amongst the prisoners, however, the Chairman and CEO may be appointed by the Government from non-prisoners.
- 7) Industrialization of Jails.
- 8) Religious education to prisoners coupled with psychological/spiritual treatment.

- 9) Inspired from Dr.Ayesha Siddiqia's book, "Pak.Army Inc.", Jails may be incorporated too i.e. given to corporate sector to develop industrialization in jails. Joint ventures between the jail department and corporate sector can be considered as a possibility.
- 10) Different private and public education/school systems can be required to render specified services in jails as a pre-requisite for permission to run schools. Tax holidays/concessions may be given as incentives.
- 11) Transformation From "Penal Institutions" to "Reformatory Schools".
- 12) Grouping of same kind and nature of prisoners into the same category of jails will help in ascertaining and utilizing them the best.
- 13) The concept of "**Open Institutions/Jails**" requiring minimum physical security against escape may be worked upon.
- 14) Prisoners should be put or transfer to "Closed Institutions/Jails" only on the orders of the competent court upon the petition of the jailor who must have plausible reasons.
- 15) Children And Human Rights – Child Soldiers

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