

**MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE FOR THE
RELEASE OF PRISONERS ON BAIL/ PAROLE CHAIRED BY HIS LORDSHIP HON'BLE
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, MASLSA HELD ON 1ST MARCH, 2021 AT 3.00 PM THROUGH
JITSI MEET**

In pursuance of the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the High Powered Committee constituted to oversee the release of prisoners on bail/ parole as a measure to avoid congestion/ overcrowding in jails in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic have held nine meetings till date, i.e. on 31.03.2020, 09.04.2020, 24.04.2020, 07.07.2020, 15.09.2020, 06.10.2020, 04.12.2020, 5.01.2021 & 22.01.2021 respectively.

As requested by the Home Department & Jail Authority, the 10th Meeting of the High Powered Committee is being convened on 1st March, 2021 at 3.00 PM through video conferencing with His Lordship Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kh. Nobin Singh, Executive Chairman, Manipur State Legal Services Authority in the chair to discuss the following agendas:

1. Extension of Parole of 02(two) convicts whose parole will be completed on 03/03/2021, as recommended in the 7th Meeting of the HPC held on 7th December, 2020.
2. Misc. matters

The following are present in the meeting:

1. Shri P. DOUNGEL, Director of Police (Prisons) , Manipur
2. Smt. Golmei Gaiphulshillu, Member Secretary, MASLSA.
3. Shri H. Gyan Prakash, Special Secretary (Home), Govt. of Manipur
4. Dr. Th. Charanjeet Singh, Deputy Secretary (Home), Govt. of Manipur.
5. Shri Sorokhaibam Sadananda, Deputy Member Secretary, MASLSA.

As per the report from Home Department & Jail Authority, 2(two) convicts from Central Jail, Imphal were released on parole for 3(three) months on the recommendation of the 7th Meeting of the HPC held on 4th December, 2020 and the period of parole of two convicts will be completed on 3rd March, 2021.

The 9th Meeting of HPC held on 22nd January, 2021 resolved to extend the interim bail period of all the convicts released by HPC upto 30th April, 2021 so as to bring uniformity in the period of bail/parole of all the prisoners.

The members of the HPC discussed in its totality as to the extension of parole for the two convicts. It was also mooted that their terms may be extended till 30th April 2021 so as to bring uniformity with the other prisoners released on interim bail/parole. Further, Hon'ble Chairman, HPC suggested that the State Home Department to initiate the proceedings atleast 10 days prior to the expiration of period of interim bail and parole, i.e. atleast 10 days before 30th April, 2021, to avoid any inconveniences.

As agreed upon by all the members of the Committee, it is unanimously resolved that –

- (i) Period of parole of the 2(two) convicts as released on parole on the recommendation of 7th Meeting of HPC be extended upto 30th April, 2021 so as to maintain uniformity with other prisoners. State Home Department is directed to take appropriate steps for the same.***
- (ii) State Home Department to initiate the proceedings for the next HPC meeting by the third week of April, 2021.***

A copy of this Resolution be sent to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, for information and necessary action;
2. The Director General of Police for information and providing logistics and other assistance as may be prescribed;
3. The State Home Department for necessary action;

4. Superintendent of Central Jail, Imphal and Central Jail, Sajiwa for information and necessary action;

Next meeting of the Committee will be held tentatively on third week of April, 2021 or in case if any urgency arises in between, the State Home Department and the jail authorities can move for convening the meeting of the HPC.

The meeting thus concluded with the permission from the chair.

Sd/-
(P. DOUNGEL)
DGP (Prisons)

Sd/-
(H. Gyan Prakash)
Special Secretary (Home)
(Representing the Chief
Secretary)

Sd/-
(Justice Kh. Nobin Singh)
Executive Chairman
MASLSA