

MINUTES OF THE 6th 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 6th OCTOBER, 2020 AT 2.00 PM THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

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 five meetings till date, i.e. on 31.03.2020, 09.04.2020, 24.04.2020, 07.07.2020, 15.09.2020 respectively.

As per the resolution taken in the 4th Meeting of the High Powered Committee held on 07.07.2020, the period of interim bail/ parole for 158 UTPs and 1 convict was extended for 3(three) months by the High Powered Committee as their period of interim bail and parole was to get over by the 3rd week of July.

The Addl. Director General of Police (Prisons), Manipur has informed that terms of interim bail/ parole with respect to the convict and UTPs whose parole/interim bail was extended for 3(three) months by the High Powered Committee in its 4th Meeting held on 7th July, 2020 is to expired on 6th October, 2020.

In view of the above, an online meeting of the High Powered Committee is being held on 6th October, 2020 at 2.00 through video conferencing with His Lordship Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kh. Nobin Singh, Executive Chairman, Manipur State Legal Services Authority in the chair.

The following are present in the meeting:

1. P. Doungel, Additional Director of Police (Prisons), Manipur
2. L.N. Kashung, Joint Secretary (Home), Govt. of Manipur
3. Dr. Th. Charanjeet Singh, Deputy Secretary (Home), Govt of Manipur
4. Sorokhaibam Sadananda, Deputy Member Secretary, MASLSA.

The agenda of the Meeting is concentrated on further extension of the period of parole and interim bail in respect of 1 convict and 157 UTPs whose parole/interim bail was extended for 3(three) months by the High Powered Committee in its 4th Meeting held on 7th July, 2020.

Further, it has been suggested by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, MASLSA to nominate a Nodal Officer from Home Department not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to look after the matters of High Powered ordination and for better communication and in view of the widening scope of the functioning of the High Powered Committee.

It was also proposed from MASLSA to give discretion to the Courts for making absolute, the interim bails so granted in appropriate cases as per the terms as may be imposed by the Courts. This has been proposed in the light of the fact that most of the interim bails so granted were of less serious offences.

After detailed deliberations and upon consideration of all aspects including the situation prevailing in the state, the members of the Committee unanimously resolved the following-

- (1) It has been resolved to extend the period of interim bail in respect of the 157 UTPs for another 3(three) months subject to such other conditions as may be imposed by the concerned Court, from the date on which the period of their interim bail will expire.
- (2) It has also been resolved that in such cases as may be determined by the concerned court, the interim bail of the 157 UTPs may be made absolute on such terms and conditions as the Court may think fit.
- (3) The Committee also recommended extension of the period of parole for another 3(three) months with respect to the convict released as per the recommendation of HPC, from the date on which the interim parole period will expire. State Home Department is directed to take appropriate steps for the same.
- (4) It is also resolved that the State Home Department shall nominate a Nodal Officer/ Secretary to the HPC, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to look


after the matters of High Powered Committee, including timely meetings, in view of the widening scope of functions of HPC.

A copy of this Resolution be sent to:


1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, for information and necessary action;
2. The State Home Department for approaching the concerned courts/ magistrates and all other necessary action;
3. The Director General of Police for information and providing logistics and other assistance as may be prescribed;
4. All the District Judges for compliance and for necessary action;
5. To all the Chairpersons/ Secretaries, DLSAs for information;
6. Concerned courts/ magistrates and the Director of Prosecution, Govt of Manipur for information/ compliance and providing necessary assistance;
7. Superintendent of Central Jail, Imphal and Central Jail, Sajiwa for information and necessary action;

Next meeting of the Committee is to be convened as and when the State Home Department and the jail authorities request or when the situation changes.


The meeting thus concluded with the permission from the chair.



(P. Doungel)
ADGP (Prisons)



(L.N. Kashung)
Joint Secretary (Home)
(Representing the Chief
Secretary)



(Justice Kh. Nobin Singh)
Executive Chairman
MASLSA