

A Report

Alternative to Imprisonment in India: An Ethical Perspective

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SUMMARY OF HALF YEARLY REPORT

Of

Major Research Project of ICPR, New Delhi

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Entitled

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The Six Month work may be divided into three sections.

Section 1- Selection and appointment of the Research Assistant and his training

Section 2- Pilot study, Framing of Questioner and Tool Construction

Section 3-Data Collection

Section-1

At the initial stages of the project, advertisement for the post of Research Assistant, Interview and Appointment of the Research Assistant was conducted.

Sri Arpan Pal (M.A in Philosophy and MA in Education) has been appointed by the selection committee (Relevant document are enclosed with the hard copy of the report).

During the pilot study a paper was presented in the National Seminar on “Children of Imprisoned Mother in India: A Discourse”. The discussion and encouragement in the seminar helps me to precede my work more enthusiastically. (Certificate of the seminar is attached herewith).

Certificate of Participation



A.K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development
Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India

This is to certify that *Sri/Smt. Dr. Rekha Gaha*
of *Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, V.B.* participated / presented paper titled
Children of Imprisoned mother in India: A Discourse

in the National Seminar on "Health Care, Women Empowerment and Rural Development in India"
organized by A. K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Department of Economics &
Politics, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan on 20 -21 November, 2015

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Section-2

Based on Pilot study the following questioner was framed:

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Research Questions on Hypotheses: (if required please use extra sheet for remarks)

1. Do you consider the so called 'criminals' as human being? Yes /No

Remarks-

2. Is physical punishment is more effective or mental transformation? Yes /No

Remarks-

3. Is alternative to imprisonment may help in reducing crime from the society?

Yes /No Remarks-

4. Do you agree that imprisonment has harmful effects on women, Children, poor and mentally ill? Yes /No Remarks-

5. Suggest ways to implement the alternative at all phases of the criminal justice system in India.

Name-

Designation-

Address-

The above mentioned questioner was framed to get the opinion of the Philosopher, Lawyers especially criminal lawyers, Police Officers, Spiritual Organization, Social workers and General public.

The different set of questioner was also designed to get the opinion of the Prisoners to understand their perspective. The questioner designed for the Prisoners is as follows:

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Research Questions on Hypotheses: (if required please use extra sheet for remarks)

1. You are been Punished for which crime? (Write the name of the crime and the duration of punishment)

2. Why have you committed the crime?

3. Would you repeat the same or any other crime again?

4. Who all are there in your family?

5. Do you want any alternative to imprisonment? If yes, what alternative would you like to suggest?

Name of the Jail-

Place-

Section-3

After the approval of the questioner from the council, so far the data has been collected from the Lawyers, Police Officers and from people of different section. Data were collected from Meghalaya High Court Shillong, Session Court Shillong (Meghalaya), High Court Patna (Bihar), Session Court Patna (Bihar), Session Court Silchar (Assam) and Session Court Karimganj (Assam), Session Court Bolpur (West Bengal), Calcutta High Court, Kolkata (West Bengal).

The Raw Data is enclosed with the hard copy of the report-