

27/03/20

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE**

**Present:-Sri.C.T.Ravikumar, Judge, Executive Chairman,  
Kerala State Legal Services Authority.**

**Sri.T.K.Jose, IAS (Additional Chief Secretary, (Home & Vigilance)**

**Sri.Rishi Raj Singh IPS, Director General of Prisons & Correctional services**

Sub:-Determination of the class of prisoners who can be released on parole/interim order-reg.

- Ref:- (1) Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in suo motu W.P.(C)No.1/2020 dated 23.03.2020.  
(2) Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in W.P.(C) No.9400/2020 dated 25.03.2020 and on subsequent dates.  
(3) Letter No.WP1-8643/2020/PrHQ dated 21.08.2020 of the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services.

On the subject mentioned above letter under reference No.3 was received and thereupon, the High Powered Committee constituted as per the order under Ref.No.1 deliberated the matter in detail. The Committee was constituted to determine which class of prisoners could be released on parole or on an interim bail for such period as may be thought appropriate. Determination of the same was left to the Committee depending upon the nature of offence, the number of years to which the prisoner has been sentenced or the severity of the offence with which he/she is charged and is facing trial or any other relevant factor which the Committee considers appropriate. The underlined portion of the order of the Apex Court would reveal that besides the number of years to which a prisoner has been sentenced, the severity of the offence with which he/she is charged and is facing trial and any other factor which the committee considers appropriate could, rather, should also be taken into consideration while determining the category of prisoners who should be released. As per Ref.No.2, the Hon'ble

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