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To

1. ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Home & Jails) of all States and UTs.
2. DG/IG Prisons of all States and UTs.

**Sub: Report titled 'Women in Prisons' prepared by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) had asked the National Commission for Women (NCW) to carry out a study on the living condition of women inmates in prisons across the country. MWCD had also asked the National Law University, Delhi (NLU) to analyse the prison manuals of different States as well as the Model Prison Manual 2016 to see if there are any gaps in so far as the provisions for women inmates are concerned. The National Commission for Women did a study of 25 prisons and the National Law University did a comprehensive analysis of various issues involved. Based on the inputs of NCW and NLU, the MWCD has prepared a report titled 'Women in Prisons' and have also prepared a set of recommendations for amendment to the Model Prison Manual 2016 with a view to ensure that women inmates in prisons live with dignity.

2. In its report, the MWCD has analysed the following major issues/ documents:
  - a) Model Prison Manual 2016
  - b) Government Reports and Studies on Prisons
  - c) Review of Supreme Court judgements and orders
  - d) Qualitative as well as quantitative analysis of the statistics published by NCRB relating to women in prisons,
  - e) Lack of staff, Accommodation, Sanitation, Hygiene and Education in Prisons
  - f) Vocational Training, Legal Aid, Violence in Prisons
  - g) Children of women inmates, re-integration after release, non-custodial measures etc.

