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INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION, CHANDIGARH

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The July–December period has been both reflective and forward-looking for the Institute of Correctional Administration. A series of capacity-building programmes for prison staff has focused on evolving themes in law, correctional ethics, and modern prison management. These trainings underscore a growing recognition: that correctional institutions are not merely sites of custody, but spaces of reform, dignity, and rights.

A notable highlight has been the emphasis on “green prisons,” where sustainability meets correctional administration. Initiatives promoting waste management, water conservation, and prison-led agriculture demonstrate how ecological responsibility can align with rehabilitation goals.

The recent Supreme Court judgment in *L. Muruganantham v. State of Tamil Nadu & Others* affirming the rights of persons with disabilities in prisons marks a critical shift toward inclusivity and humane custody. It calls for infrastructural sensitivity, staff training, and a renewed commitment to equality before the law—inside prisons as much as outside. All state prison departments need to make the respective changes in their manuals as well as in infrastructure and policy in order to implement the humane custody as per directions given by the Apex Court.

The Prison Statistics Report, 2023 was released by the National Crime Records Bureau. There were total 1300 prisons having 5.82 lacs prison inmates with a sanctioned capacity of 4.25 lacs. The occupancy rate was 120%. Undertrials population continues to high at 73.5%. Video Conferencing facilities have been set up in most of the prisons.

Insights from India Justice Report 2025 further contextualise the state of prisons in the country. While progress is visible, challenges particularly staff vacancies remains, which continue to affect the operational efficiency across several states. The five southern states continue to occupy the top ranks in 2025. Tamil Nadu and Karnataka retained the top two spots. 19 states and all 8 UTs have adopted the Model Prison manual of 2016. This is a step towards much needed policy changes.

Yet, contemporary challenges persist. Overcrowding, understaffing, mental health concerns, and gaps in inter-agency coordination continue to test the system. Technology offers a pathway forward—through e-prison systems, data-driven decision-making, and improved communication networks. However, technology must complement, not replace, the human element.

Strengthening human resources remains central. Continuous training, well-being of prison personnel, and fostering coordination between judiciary, police, and correctional services are essential to meaningful reform. We at ICA, remain firmly committed to strengthening the human resources of the prison departments of various states.

As we move ahead, the focus must remain on building a correctional ecosystem that is efficient, humane, and future-ready—where reform is not an aspiration, but a measurable outcome.

“A society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable—and that includes those behind bars.”

Dr. Upneet Lalli

Details of Training Programmes/Workshops organised by the Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh from April to December, 2025

Sr. No.	Theme of the Course	Date	Course for	State Participation	Number of Participants
April 2025					
1.	Workshop on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2023'	9th April (One Day)	Prison Officers	Punjab 13 Haryana 21 ICA Chd 02	36
2.	Workshop on 'Departmental Inquiry & Disciplinary Proceedings'	28th April (One Day)	Prison Officers	Punjab 14 Haryana 18 U.P. 02 Rajasthan 01 Interns 02	37
3.	Workshop on 'The Right to Information Act, 2005'	29th April (One Day)	Prison Officers	Punjab 14 Haryana 18 U.P. 02 Rajasthan 01 Interns 02	37
MAY 2025					
4.	Course on 'Financial Investigation in Narcotics Cases'	13th-16th May (Four day)	H.P. Prison Officers	HP 16 Interns 03	19
5.	Workshop on "New Prison Manual and Prison & Correctional Services Act, 2023"	28th May (One day)	Prison Officers	Punjab 15 Haryana 19 H.P. 03 Delhi 02	39
6.	Workshop on 'Repatriation of Prisoners Act, 2003'	29th May (One day)	Prison Officers	Punjab 15 Haryana 19 H.P. 03 Delhi 02	39
JUNE 2025					
7.	Workshop on 'Temporary Release of Prisoners : Provisions under the New Criminal Laws, 2023'	16th June (One Day)	Prison Officers	Punjab 14 Haryana 19 Delhi 03	36
8.	Workshop on 'Good Governance in Prison Management'	17th June (One Day)	Prison Officers	Punjab 13 Haryana 19 Delhi 03	35
JULY 2025					
9.	Training Program on 'Human Rights & Custodial Deaths and Custody Management in respect of Undertrial / Prisoners'	1st- 5th July (05 days)	Police & Prison Officers	HP Police 18 Pb. Police 04	22
10.	Online Workshop on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013'	11th July	Prison Officers	Maharashtra	300
11.	Course on 'New Criminal Laws, 2023'BPR&D Sponsored	22nd-27th July	Prison Officers	Punjab 06 Haryana 06 J & K 03 H.P. 03 ICA 02	20
AUGUST 2025					
12.	Two days Workshop on 'Mental Health Issues in Prisons'	5th-6th August	Prison Officers	Punjab 08 Haryana 17 U.P. 03 H.P. 02 Uttarakhand 03	33

13.	One day Workshop on 'Suicide Prevention in Prisons'	7th August	Prison Officers	Punjab 08 Haryana 17 U.P. 03 Rajasthan 02 Uttarakhand 03	33
14.	Five days Course on ' Rehabilitation of Prison Inmates ' (BPR&D Sponsored)	25th-29th August	Prison Officers	Punjab 10 Haryana 05 U.P. 01 Rajasthan 02 Uttarakhand 02 Delhi 05 Chandigarh 02	27
SEPTEMBER 2025					
15.	Two Weeks Re-Orientation Training Programme	15th-16th September	Police Officers	Chandigarh	16
16.	Five days Course on ' Gender Sensitization ' (BPR&D Sponsored)	15th-19th September	Prison Officers	Punjab 07 Haryana 06 U.P. 01 Chandigarh 01 Uttarakhand 01 Others 04	20
OCTOBER 2025					
17.	Five days VIC on ' Principles of Prison Management and Constitutional Court Directions : An Update ' (BPR&D Sponsored)	27th-31st October	Prison Officers	Punjab 08 Haryana 07 H.P. 03 U.P. 02 Uttarakhand 02	22
NOVEMBER 2025					
18.	Two days Workshop on ' New Criminal Laws, 2023 '	27th-28th November	Prison Officers	Punjab 13 Haryana 18 Uttarakhand 01 Chandigarh 02 Interns 02	36
DECEMBER 2025					
19.	<i>Two days Workshop on 'Supporting Vulnerable Prisoners Inclusive Care for Differently abled Persons in Custody' and 'The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019' at ICA, Chandigarh.</i>	4th-5th December	Prison Officers	Punjab 14 Haryana 06 U.P. 02 Delhi 03 Rajasthan 02 Chandigarh 01	29
20.	One day Workshop on ' Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 ' at ICA, Chandigarh.	16th December	Prison Officers	Chandigarh 27 Interns 04	31

Total Number of Courses conducted and officers trained in the Training Programs / Workshops during the period from 01.04.2025 to 31.12.2025

Total Prison Officers Trained	:	795	Total courses/workshops for Prison Officers	:	17
Total Police Officers Trained	:	50	Total courses/workshops for Police Officers	:	02
Others / Interns trained	:	21	Joint courses/workshop for Police & Prison	:	01
Total officers trained	:	866	Total courses organised	:	20

Activities in the Institute from April 2025 to December 2025

Workshop on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2023' on 9th April, 2025 for Prison Officers.

The Institute of Correctional

Administration, Chandigarh for Prison Officers in which 37 prison officers from the



Administration, Chandigarh conducted one day workshop on '*Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2023*' on 9th April, 2025 for Prison Officers in which 36 prison officers from the States of Punjab and Haryana participated. The aim of this Workshop was to sensitize the participants about the various provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 and also Procedure & Mechanisms for dealing with cases of Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace.

Workshops on 'Departmental Inquiry and Disciplinary Proceedings' & 'Right to Information Act, 2005' for Prison Officers on 28th & 29th April, 2025.

Two Workshops of one day duration each on '*Departmental Inquiry and Disciplinary Proceedings*' & '*Right to Information Act, 2005*' on 28th & 29th April, 2025 respectively were

conducted by the Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh for Prison Officers in which 37 prison officers from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh participated. The aim of this Workshop was to make the participants aware of the different aspects of service matters related to disciplinary proceedings.

Four days Course on 'Financial Investigation in Narcotics Case' for H.P. Police Officers from 13th to 16th

May, 2025.

At the request of the H.P. Police Department, Shimla, the Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh organized four days course on '*Financial Investigation in Narcotics Cases*' exclusively for the Police Officers of Himachal Pradesh from 13th to 16th May, 2025 in the Institute. 16 Police Officers of H.P. participated in this training course. The main objective of the course was to make the participants aware of the legal provisions of NDPS Act and how to investigate the cases.

Workshops on 'New Prison Manual and Prison & Correctional Services Act, 2023' and 'Repatriation of Prisoners Act, 2003' for Prison Officers on 28th & 29th May, 2025.

The Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh organized two Workshops of one day duration each on '*New Prison Manual and Prison & Correctional Services Act, 2023*' and '*Repatriation of Prisoners Act, 2003*' for Prison Officers on 28th & 29th May, 2025 respectively for Prison Officers in



which 39 Prison Officers from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi participated. The main aim of these two Workshops was to sensitize the participants about the various provisions of the Model Prison Act and make the prison staff aware about the legal process of repatriation of prisoners. Dr. Praveen Kumari Singh, Former Addl. Secretary, CVC addressed the participants in the Repatriation Process.

Workshops on 'Temporary Release of Prisoners : Provisions under the New Criminal Laws, 2023' & Good Governance in Prison Management' for Prison Officers on 16th & 17th June, 2025.

Workshops on *'Temporary Release of Prisoners : Provisions under the New Criminal Laws, 2023' & Good Governance in Prison Management'* for Prison Officers on 16th & 17th June, 2025 respectively for Prison Officers was organized by ICA, Chandigarh. Prison Officers from the States of Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi participated. The main aim of these two Workshops was to help the participants to understand the basic philosophy and also practice of temporary release prevalent in the State which covers parole, remission and furlough and difference

between each and in Good Governance in Prison Management workshop covered aspects for making prisons management more effective.

Five days Course on 'Human Rights & Custodial Deaths and Custody Management in respect of Undertrial / Prisoners' for H.P. Police Officers and Prison Officers from 1st to 5th July, 2025.

The Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh successfully conducted five days course on *'Human Rights & Custodial Deaths and Custody Management in respect of Undertrial / Prisoners'* for the Police Officers of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab Prison Department from 1st to 5th July, 2025 in the Institute in which 18 H.P. Police Officers and 4 Punjab Prison Officers participated. The course was designed to make the participants aware about the Legal and Judicial provisions on custody management ;awareness of Human Rights Human Rights violations in custody, interrogation, and measures to avoid incidence of custodial torture, death, suicide and rape; etc.

Three days Course on "New Criminal Laws, 2023" From 22nd to 24th July, 2025 for Prison Officers/ officials at

ICA, Chandigarh.

The training programme on 'New Criminal Laws -2023' was organized by the Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh for Prison Officers /Officials from 22.07.2025 to 24.07.2025. The course was attended by 20 Prison Officers / Officials from the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Punjab. The main objective of the three days programme was to sensitize the prison officers / staff on the new provisions in the New Criminal Laws, 2023 viz. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023- (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS), Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam-2023 (BSA) with a particular focus on the provisions related to prison administration. Dr. Upneet Lalli thanked all participants for their enthusiastic involvement and the training was widely appreciated for its relevant content and the clarity with which experts delivered their sessions. Participants found the programme highly beneficial and expressed interest in similar future trainings.

Workshops on 'Mental Health Issues in Prisons' & 'Suicide Prevention in Prisons' for Prison Officers on 5-6 August, 2025 and 7th August, 2025 respectively.

The Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh organized two Workshops on *'Mental Health Issues in Prisons' & 'Suicide Prevention in Prisons'* for Prison Officers on 5-6 August, 2025 and 7th August, 2025 respectively for Prison Officers in which 33 Prison Officers from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand participated. The aim of the above Workshops was to provide introduction to mental health



problems in prisons like stress, anxiety and depression and Provisions of Mental Health Act and also to raise awareness of suicide and to promote preventative measures with the aim to reduce the number of suicides in prisons.

Five days Course on “Rehabilitation of Prison Inmates” From 25th to 29th August, 2025 for Prison Officers / officials at ICA, Chandigarh.

Five days training programme on 'Rehabilitation of Prison Inmates' for Prison Officers / Officials from 25th to 29th August, 2025 sponsored by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi was conducted by the Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh. 27 Prison Officers / Officials from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, New Delhi and Chandigarh participated in this training program. The main aim of this training programme was to equip the participants for their role in the rehabilitation and reintegration of prison inmates. Dr. K.P. Singh, IPS, Former Director General of Prisons was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural function and Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, IAS, Home Secretary Chandigarh Administration-cum-Director, Institute of Correctional Administration (ICA), Chandigarh was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural function. In his valedictory address, Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, IAS emphasized the importance of rehabilitation, skill development, and re-integration of inmates into society as crucial aspects of modern prison management. He appreciated the initiative and urged officers to adopt innovative approaches suited to their region for ensuring that prisons serve as



reformatory institutions rather than punitive spaces. The prison officers were motivated to bring more meaningful change and at least implement good practices as learnt from this course as per their local situations.

Two weeks Re-Orientation Training Program for Chandigarh Police Officers from 5th to 16th September, 2025 of the rank of Inspector of Police.

At the request of the Chandigarh Police Department to conduct two weeks re-orientation training program for Inspectors of Police, the Institute successfully conducted this training program. 16 Chandigarh Police Officers of the rank of Inspectors participated in this training program. This re-

orientation course was designed to prepare them (trainees) for their role at Deputy Superintendent level.

Five days Course on “Gender Sensitization” From 15th to 19th September, 2025 for Prison Officers / officials at ICA, Chandigarh.

The Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh has successfully conducted five days training programme on 'Gender Sensitization' for Prison Officers / Officials from 15th to 19th September, 2025 sponsored by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi. 20 participants from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Chandigarh participated in this training program. The main aim of



this training programme was to impart knowledge and skills on Gender issues and develop gender sensitivity. Sh. Jagjit Singh, Former Inspector General of Prisons, Haryana was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. He urged upon them to share their knowledge with their colleagues and hoped that the training would help them to bring change both in their personal and professional life.

Five days Vertical Interaction Course on “Principles of Prison Management and Constitutional Court Directions : An Update” from 27th to 31st October, 2025 for Prison Officers / officials at ICA, Chandigarh.

The Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh has conducted five days Vertical Interaction Course on '*Principles of Prison Management and Constitutional Court Directions : An Update*' for Prison Officers / Officials from 27th to 31st October, 2025 sponsored by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi. 22 participants from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, participated in this training program. The main aim of this training programme was to make the participants aware of prison management principles and develop necessary skills to manage prisons effectively and humanely and to implement the directions of the Supreme Court related to prison management.

Two days Workshop on New Criminal Laws, 2023' for Prison Officers from 27th to 28th November, 2025 in ICA, Chandigarh

The Workshop on 'New Criminal Laws -2023' was organized by the

Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh for Prison Officers / Officials from 27.11.2025 to 28.11.2025. The course was attended by 36 Prison Officers / Officials from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Chandigarh including two interns. The main objective of the Workshop was to sensitize the prison officers / staff on the new provisions in the New Criminal Laws, 2023 viz. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023- (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS), Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam-2023 (BSA) with a particular focus on the provisions related to prison administration.

Two days Workshop on 'Supporting Vulnerable Prisoners Inclusive Care for Differently abled Persons in Custody' and 'The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019' at ICA, Chd. from 04.12.2025 to 05.12.2025.

Workshops of one-day duration each on '*Supporting Vulnerable Prisoners Inclusive Care for Differently abled Persons in Custody*' and '*The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019*' on 4th & 5th December, 2025 respectively for Prison Officers / Officials were conducted at ICA, Chandigarh. The main of these two Workshops were

to make the participants aware about vulnerable persons in prison custody, legal and human rights framework for vulnerable persons and recognizing their special needs and challenges faced by them. The participants will also be made aware about the law and provisions on Transgender and their fundamental rights.

One day Workshop on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013' at Model Jail, Chd. on 16.12.2025 for Chandigarh Prison Officials.

The Institute of Correctional Administration (ICA), Chandigarh organized a one day Workshop on '*Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013*' on 16th December, 2025 for Chandigarh Prison Officials at Model Jail, Chandigarh. The main aim of this Workshop was to sensitize the participants about the various provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 and also Procedure & Mechanisms for dealing with cases of Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace.



BEST PRISON PRACTICES

Green Prisons :

"The impacts of climate change and environmental instability can intensify existing vulnerabilities in prisons, creating unique risks to the health and safety of those living and working within them. While prisons have a significant environmental footprint, they are often overlooked in broader sustainability discussions. At the same time, all stakeholders, including people detained in prison, can become agents of change, fostering more sustainable practices.

The capacity of prisons to contribute to environmental efforts is substantial, including through the participation of people detained in prison and via specific rehabilitation projects. Successful projects around the world range from small-scale local initiatives to major green prison construction programmes that seek to minimise the environmental impact of prisons and mobilise the potential of people detained in them

to contribute to environmental protection.

Green buildings have been defined as structures that are 'sited, designed, built, renovated and operated to energy efficient guidelines, and that they will have a positive environmental, economic and social impact over their life cycle'. The four main areas to be considered in green building design are materials, water, energy, and health. The concept of green prisons - where the overall prison infrastructure and operations are designed around principles of environmental sustainability - is being applied in some countries.

In the United Kingdom, waste management units create work for nearly 1,000 people in prison at any one time to segregate, repair, and recycle materials as part of the circular economy strategy. This work has reportedly led to nearly 4,000 tonnes of material being salvaged

between 2022 and 2024. Furthermore, between 2018 and 2022, 1,791 qualifications in the waste management sector were awarded to people in prison. The prison estate has a unique capability to repair, remanufacture, and recycle resources with plans to procure only "durable, sustainable products that are 'made to be made again' and can be repaired in prison workshops as many times as possible."

In England, four new prisons are being built using recycled materials and incorporating green energy. All four are planned to be net-zero and will feature an all-electric design, reportedly preventing release of tonnes of CO₂, cutting energy demand by half, and saving money in energy costs. All future prison designs in the country are now planned to be built to similar standards, with plans to include an orchard in every prison.

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Supreme Court Judgment

**L. Muruganantham v.
State of Tamil Nadu & Others
Citation: 2025 INSC 844
Civil Appeal No.: 9487 of 2025
(Arising out of SLP (C) No. 1785 of 2023)
Bench:
Justice R. Mahadevan &
Justice J.B. Pardiwala
Date of Judgment: 15 July 2025**

Background Facts

This case highlights the critical need for systemic reforms in Indian prisons to ensure the rights and dignity of prisoners with disabilities.

The appellant, L. Muruganantham, a physically challenged advocate with Becker Muscular Dystrophy, autism, and mental illness, was illegally arrested and incarcerated. He alleged that during his custody, he was denied proper food, medical treatment, and accessible facilities, leading to a deterioration of his health.

Aggrieved by these conditions, the appellant approached the Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) seeking compensation of ₹ 50 lakhs and accountability of the authorities; the SHRC awarded ₹ 1 lakh as compensation, directed departmental action against the concerned police officer, but dismissed the allegations against the prison authorities.

Law Points :

Articles 14 & 21 of the Constitution of India, Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983, Rules 196, 197, 198(iii), 405, 845, UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006, Nelson Mandela Rules.

Issues :

1. Whether the illegal arrest and conditions of incarceration amounted to violation of the appellant's fundamental and human rights under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.
2. What constitutes "reasonable accommodation" for prisoners with disabilities under the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act)?

3. Do infrastructural or administrative shortcomings in prisons amount to human rights violations requiring compensation?
4. What structural reforms are constitutionally necessary to safeguard dignity and equality of prisoners with disabilities?
5. Whether the compensation awarded by the High Court was just, fair, and adequate.

Judgment :

A. Compensation

The Supreme Court affirmed the compensation of ₹ 5 lakh awarded by the Madras High Court. The Court held that the appellant's illegal arrest and the failure to provide reasonable accommodation amounted to a clear violation of Article 21 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

While acknowledging that basic medical assistance was provided, the Court observed that prison authorities failed to address the appellant's special medical, dietary, and therapeutic needs. Although no deliberate malice was attributed to jail officials, the Court found serious systemic shortcomings in prison administration.

The Court issued 15 comprehensive directions, applicable to Tamil Nadu and serving as guiding principles for other States, including:-

- **Mandatory Healthcare and Assistive Devices:** The judgment reiterates that persons with disabilities in custody must receive healthcare "equivalent to that available in the general community," including physiotherapy, speech therapy, psychiatric care, and assistive devices.
- **Comprehensive Directives for Prison Reforms:** The Supreme Court has issued 15 comprehensive, "immediate and time-bound" directives covering:
 - ✦ **Identification and Information:** Prompt identification of disabled prisoners and provision of information in accessible formats.

- ✦ **Infrastructure Accessibility:** Mandating wheelchair-friendly spaces, accessible toilets, ramps, and sensory-safe environments.

- ✦ **Therapeutic Services:** Dedicated spaces for physiotherapy, psychotherapy, and other therapeutic services.

- ✦ **Audits and Compliance:** State-level access audits and compliance with accessibility guidelines (Harmonized Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India – 2021).

- ✦ **Training and Sensitization:** Comprehensive training for all prison staff and medical officers on disability rights, appropriate handling, and non-discrimination.

- ✦ **Dietary Needs:** Provision of nutritious and medically appropriate diets tailored to individual needs.

- ✦ **Manual Review and Amendment:** Review and amendment of the State Prison Manual to conform with the RPwD Act and UNCRPD, prohibiting discrimination and promoting reasonable accommodation.

- ✦ **Data Collection and Transparency:** Maintenance and public dissemination of disaggregated data on disability status, accessibility, and accommodations.

- ✦ **Consultation and Monitoring:** Periodic consultations with civil society organizations and constitution of monitoring committees.

Conclusion :

The Supreme Court struck a careful balance between individual redressal and institutional reform. While upholding compensation for the appellant, the Court emphatically re-affirmed that prisoners with disabilities are entitled to equality, dignity and humane treatment. The judgment underscores the constitutional and statutory duty of the State to ensure accessible and inclusive prisons, and

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