

PRISON REFORMS

ABSTRACT

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Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Hate the sin and not the sinner" Prisoners of a country are meant to be treated like humans .they are also entitled by law for their basic rights like the right to personal liberty which prohibits any inhuman, cruel or degrading treatment on them but it is quite unfortunate that in a country like ours we are still struggling to provide them with their basic rights and amenities. What is a prison? A prison is a place where individuals are forcibly confined and denied a variety of freedoms. It is defined in section 3 of Delhi prisons act 2000."Prison" means jail or place used permanently or temporarily under general or special orders of the State Governments for the detention of prisoners and include all lands and buildings appurtenant thereto, but does not include-any place for the confinement of prisoners who are exclusively in the custody of the police. The prisoners were treated harsher than animals in the British period. There were several suggestions given by the all India committee on jail reforms and the reformers for improvement of the prison but still the condition of the prisons has not seen any drastic change. I believe measures should be taken to improve the medical facilities in the jails, doctors should be appointed, prisoners suffering from diseases should be given regular check- ups, cleanliness and food quality should be improved, prison staff should ensure non-violence in the jails and many more. Making laws won't make a change implementation is equally important. in past governments have taken initiative to improve the conditions of prison but it never resulted in any change because rules are never

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