

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Home Department**  
Civil Secretariat

**Subject:** Order dated 23.03.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Suo Moto writ petition (C) No. 1/2020 titled IN RE: CONTAGION OF COVID-19 VIRUS IN PRISONS - Constitution of High Powered Committee- reg;

**Government Order No. 96- Home of 2020**  
**Dated 29.03.2020**

In pursuance of order dated 23.03.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Suo Moto writ petition (C) No. 1/2020 titled IN RE: CONTAGION OF COVID-19 VIRUS IN PRISONS, sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of High Powered Committee comprising of:

1	Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority	Chairman
2	Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department	Member
3	Director General of Police (Prisons), J&K	Member

2. The Committee may invite any other officer to participate in its deliberations.

3. The Committee shall determine the category/class of prisoners who may be considered for release on Parole or Interim Bail for such period as may be thought appropriate, depending upon the nature of offence, the number of years to which he or she has been sentenced or severity of the offence with which he/she is charged with and is facing trial or any other relevant factor, which the Committee may consider appropriate.

4. The Committee, while considering the cases of prisoners for parole or interim bail, shall take into account the directions contained in para-11 of the order passed in Armesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar, (2014) 8 SCC 273.

5. The Committee may devise an appropriate mechanism for fulfilling its objectives.

**By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

  
(Shakeel ur Rehman) KAS

**Special Secretary to the Government**

Dated: 29.03.2020

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1. Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, J&K.
2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Justice, J&K High Court.
3. Director General of Police (Prisons), J&K.

4. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
5. Director General of Prosecution, J&K.
6. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
7. Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court, J&K.
8. Director Information &PR, J&K.
9. Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K, Jammu.
10. PSs to all the Advisors to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
11. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
12. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government (Home).
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