

INTRODUCTION

The Collector of North Goa who is also District Magistrate, North Goa District is also functioning as Ex-Officio Inspector General of Prisons for the State of Goa. He is assisted by the Additional Inspector General of Prisons at Headquarters. The following Subordinate Offices are under the control of the Inspector General of Prisons, Panaji.

1. Office of the Superintendent of Central Jail, Aguada
2. Office of the Superintendent of Sub Jail Sada, Vasco-da-Gama
3. Office of the Superintendent of Judicial Lock Up Mapusa, Margao, and Panaji.

There is one Central Jail at Aguada, one at Sub Jail cum Judicial Lock Up at Sada, Vasco-da-Gama and three Judicial Lock Ups at Panaji, Margao, and Mapusa. The capacity of these Jails/Sub Jail and Lock Ups is given below :-

1.	Central Jail Aguada	Male :	142
		Female :	25
2.	Sub Jail cum Judicial Lock Up Sada, Vasco-da-Gama	Male :	95
		Female :	20
3.	Judicial Lock Up, Panaji	Male :	24
4.	Judicial Lock Up, Mapusa	Male :	45
5.	Judicial Lock Up, Margao	Male :	29

The Inspector General of Prisons is the highest functionary in hierarchy of the Jail Administration in the State of Goa. The Central Jail at Aguada is manned by the Superintendent of Central Jail while the Sub Jail at Sada, Vasco and three Judicial Lock Ups at Panaji, Margao, and Mapusa are manned by the Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officers who are ex-officio Superintendent of Sub Jail, Judicial Lock Ups respectively.

The Prison Administration has tuned itself towards a reformatory and rehabilitative approach. The Jail Administration is responsible to look after the reformatory needs of all prisoners in the State of Goa, safeguard and protect their rights.

The Government of Goa has amended Rule 19 (3) of the Goa Visitors of Prisons Rules, 1968 thereby enabling the NGO's to conduct various courses/schemes in the Jails such as **Yoga, Vipassana, Inter Religious Prayer Services, Counselling and Group Work** for the benefit of the prisoners.

Public Grievances

For any grievances concerning to Jail Administration in this State, the Public is advised to contact:-

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SOUTH GOA

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I. AS PER THE GOA PRISONS (FACILITIES TO PRISONERS) RULES, 1968 WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VISIT A PRISONER WHILE IN JAIL :-

Every prisoner on admission shall submit a list of persons who are likely to seek interview with him. This list shall be kept on record with the Jailor detailed for conducting interviews. Interviews are granted only to near relatives, friends and legal advisor of the prisoner.

II. ON WHICH DAYS INTERVIEWS ARE GRANTED :-

Every Tuesdays and Fridays interviews are granted to the prisoners in Jails/Sub-Jail/Lock Ups in the State of Goa.

III. WHAT IS THE DURATION OF INTERVIEWS :-

The duration of an interview shall normally not exceed twenty minutes except with the permission of the Jailor who may extend the period by no more than another ten minutes.

IV. WHAT IS THE SCALE OF INTERVIEW –

An unconvicted prisoner is entitled for interview once in a week whereas the convicted prisoner is entitled to have one interview within a period of one month.

V. WHETHER THE PRISONERS ON THE INTERVIEW DATES ARE ALLOWED TO CARRY WITH THEM ANY ARTICLES SUCH AS BOOKS, CLOTHING AND EATABLES TO PRISONERS :-

Approved books and clothing articles brought by interviewers has to be deposited in the prisons office. Any other articles like money, food, eatables, fruits, toilet articles, cigarettes or bidies shall not be allowed to be received by prisoners at the time of the interview and shall also not be received at the prison office.

VI. WHAT CAN BE DISCUSSED BY THE PRISONER AND THE INTERVIEWER AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW :-

During an interview prisoners are allowed to discuss domestic and family welfare matters and to give instructions as to how the lawful business which they were conducting prior to their conviction should be transacted. The prisoners are not allowed to use these interviews for any other purpose. If objectionable matters start getting discussed the Jailor in charge of interview can discontinue the interview forthwith.

VII. WHO IS THE AUTHORITY COMPETENT TO GRANT INTERVIEWS:-

Normally the Superintendent of Jail is the competent authority to grant interviews in the Jails.

VIII. IN WHAT LANGUAGE THE INTERVIEWS CAN BE CONDUCTED BY THE PRISONERS :-

No conversion at an interview in a language not readily understood by the Jailor present shall be permitted unless an interpreter is available to the prison staff.

IX. AS PROVIDED UNDER THE PRISONS (GOA, DAMAN AND DIU FURLOUGH AND PAROLE) RULES, 1968 PRISONERS, ARE ENTITLED FOR RELEASE ON FURLOUGH/PAROLE

A. WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR RELEASE OF A PRISONER ON FURLOUGH/PAROLE :-

Where a prisoner becomes eligible under Rule 3 *ibid.*, he shall make an application (in duplicate) to the Inspector General of Prisons through the Superintendent of Jail in Form "D" stating clearly the name, the full address of the place where he desires to spend the furlough, the full name of the relative willing to receive him on furlough and prepared to execute the surety bond etc. The Superintendent of Jail shall forward one copy of Form "D" to the Director General of Police, Panaji for enquiry and report.

The Police conduct enquiry into the genuineness of the case of the prisoner and submits report. On receipt of such report, furlough/parole is either granted or rejected within 7 days time from the receipt of Police report.

B. WHETHER THE PRISONER HAS TO ENTER INTO BOND, SURETY BEFORE RELEASE ON FURLOUGH/PAROLE :-

A prisoner whose ground are found to be genuine for release have to give a personal bond of required amount in Form "B" or cash security in Form "C". So also his relative has to enter into a surety bond in Form "A" for such amount as may be fixed by the sanctioning/competent authority. The prisoner is then released in Form "E".

C. WHO CAN APPLY FOR PAROLE :-

A prisoner may be granted parole either on his own application or an application made by his relatives or friends or legal advisor.

D. WHETHER THERE IS ANY BAR FOR GRANT OF FURLOUGH ON RETURN FROM PAROLE :-

Yes. Ordinarily furlough shall not be granted to a prisoner within a period of six months from the date of his return from parole.

E. WHEN FURLOUGH APPLICATION IS REJECTED, CAN THE PRISONER MAKE A FRESH APPLICATION FOR FURLOUGH

A prisoner may make, if he so desires, a fresh application for furlough six months after the rejection of his previous application.

X. WHAT PRIMARY ACTION THE PRISON AUTHORITIES HAVE TO TAKE ONCE A PRISONER IS ADMITTED:-

A printed post card in Form I shall be sent at Government cost to the relatives of the prisoner admitted to the prison. - *See Rule 2 of the Goa Prisons (Facilities to Prisoners) Rules, 1968*

XI. HOW TO APPLY FOR AN INTERVIEW AND ON WHAT DAYS INTERVIEWS ARE NOT ALLOWED :-

All applications for interview with prisoners shall be addressed to the Superintendent of Prison and such applications shall be entered in order of their receipt in a Register in Form II. No interviews are to be granted on Sundays and Prison Holidays, except with the permission of the Superintendent.

XII. WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE TO INTERVIEW DANGEROUS PRISONERS:-

In case of dangerous prisoners or prisoners who present disciplinary or custody risks, interviews shall necessarily be granted in a room where appropriate precautionary barriers have been installed at the discretion of the Prison authorities.

XIII. HOW MANY PERSONS CAN BE PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW AT A TIME:-

Not more than two persons shall be permitted to be present at an interview. Provided that when a prisoner has an interview with father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife and children or a joint interview with his friend and

relatives, the number of persons permitted to interview the prisoner shall not exceed five.

XIV. CAN POLITICAL MATTERS BE DISCUSSED IN THE INTERVIEWS :-

No political matters shall be discussed during an interview between convicted criminal prisoner or a civil prisoner with his interviewers who may be his relatives, friends or legal advisers. Such interviews may be terminated at any moment by the Jailor present and record the orders in the Interview Register.

XV. WHAT TYPE OF PRISONER CANNOT BE GRANTED INTERVIEWS AND OTHER FACILITIES :-

A prisoner on hunger strike shall not be granted interviews and other facilities.

XVI. BESIDES RELATIVES, FRIENDS, LEGAL ADVISERS, AND VISITORS, WHO ELSE CAN VISIT PRISONERS AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE :-

As provided under Rule (2) of the Goa, Daman and Diu Visitors of Prisoners Rules, 1968, a post graduate research student may, with the prior permission of the Government be permitted to visit a prison for re-search purposes only but no lady student shall be permitted to do research work in men's section of the prison.