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Appendix

Rules framed by the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, under section 60 of the Prisons Act 1894 to regulate the classification and treatment of convicted prisoners.

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Prisoners from Bengal and other Provinces who whilst in the Andamans are to serve their entire sentences in the Cellular Jail, Port Blair, will retain the classification which they had in their Provinces. The following rules are prescribed for the treatment of such prisoners in supersession of the rules issued on January 21st 1933.

I. B Class Prisoners.

1. *Accommodation*—Each prisoner shall be allotted a separate cell, but, except when imposed as a jail punishment, imprisonment shall in no case involve anything in the nature of separate confinement.

2. *Furniture and Equipment*.—Each prisoner shall be provided with the following furniture and equipment.

Cot	1
Thin mattress	1
Pillow	1
Chair	1
Small table or shelf	1
Mosquito net	1
Blanket	1
Sheets	2
Pillow cases	2
Towels	2
Flat-bottomed urinal	
utensil with cover	1
Earthen drinking water surai	1
Aluminium mug	1
do spoon	1
do plate	1
do cup	1
Small hand mirror	1
Comb	1

3. Each prisoner shall be provided with the following articles for his personal use.

Snowene	2	packets	Yearly.
Tooth brush	2		"
Emolin shaving stick	2		"
Shaving brush	1		"
Safety razor blades	4	packets	"
Life Buoy soap	2	cakes	Monthly.
Colgate's tooth paste	1	tube	"
Exercise books	2		"
Pencils and pens	4		"

4. *Lighting*.—Lights in the cells, if any, shall be turned off by 10 P. M., but lights in the corridors, yards and latrines, if any, shall be kept on throughout the night.

5. *Clothing*.—Each prisoner shall be provided with the following clothing yearly and shall wear a distinguishing badge 2" × 2" on the right breast.

Dhoties	4	
Trousers	2	pairs
Kurtas	4	
Shirts	4	
Socks	4	pairs
Sandals or white canvas shoes	2	pairs

Suits shall be made of plain dosuti cloth without stripes. Prisoners employed as warders shall be provided with suits of plain cotton drill instead of dosuti cloth, and shall wear a distinguishing convict warder's badge on the right arm.

6. *Cropping of hair*.—Every prisoner shall have the hair of the head closely clipped and the hair of the face and the nails of the fingers and toes closely trimmed, and the operation shall be repeated once a fortnight.

The hair of convict officers shall be trimmed only to such an extent and at such times as may be necessary for the purpose of ensuring health and cleanliness;

Provided that

- (a) the Superintendent shall at his discretion exempt prisoners to whom this proceeding would be justly offensive or degrading;
- (b) the hair of a prisoner shall not be cut without his consent at any time within 30 days of the date on which he is entitled to be released; and
- (c) if on account of vermine, dirt, or disease the Medical Officer deems it necessary to clip the hair or shave the head of any prisoner, this shall be done on his written order on the prisoner's history ticket.

7. *Cleaning of cells*.—Prisoners shall keep their cells, utensils, clothing and bedding clean and neatly arranged and shall be allowed soap for washing their persons and their clothes

8. *Opening of cells*.—All cells shall be opened daily at dawn. Twenty minutes before dawn the warder on duty shall rouse the prisoners by ringing the gong. Every prisoner shall fold up his bedding neatly and shall remain quietly by his bed until the Head Warder has ascertained if any prisoner is sick or wishes to see the Sub-Assistant Surgeon. Sick prisoners shall be seen by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the cells allotted to them.

9. *Latrine arrangements*.—After the Head Warder has completed his round of inspection, prisoners shall be allowed to go to the latrine in the yard.

10. *Bathing and washing arrangements*.—After all prisoners have been given an opportunity of visiting the latrine, they shall proceed to the bathing place.

11. *Night latrine arrangements*.—Each cell shall be provided with one flat bottomed urinal utensil with cover, but this shall not ordinarily be used except for the purpose of urination. If otherwise used the fact shall be brought to the notice of the Medical Officer.

12. *Diet*.—Prisoners shall receive diet on the following scale.

For early morning meal.

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Bread	2
Sugar	1
Butter...	3/8
Tea	1/4
Milk	1

For other meals.

Fine rice	8
Dal	2
Vegetables	4+1 1/2 for wastage
Potatoes and onions	...	...	...	2
Meat or fish or eggs (or milk-6 ch)	...	...	...	2
Condiments	...	...	...	3/16
Tamarind or lime	...	...	...	1/16
Salt ...	...	...	...	1/2
Goor ...	...	...	...	1/4
Mustard oil	...	...	...	5/16
Ghee ...	...	...	...	1/4
Dahi ...	...	...	...	2

The Superintendent should regard this scale as a guide and may vary the diet within the sanctioned scale.

13. *Cooking*—The diet of the prisoners shall as far as possible be cooked separately from that of the C. class prisoners in the kitchen provided for the purpose.

14. *Meals*.—All meals shall be distributed under the superintendence of the Head Warder, and complaints about food shall be reported at once to the Jailor. Prisoners shall wash their own utensils and will not be allowed to use other prisoners as their private servants.

15. *Tasks*.—The Superintendent shall see that the task allotted to each prisoner is assigned after due consideration on medical grounds and with careful regard to his capacity, character, previous mode of life, and antecedents.

16. *Silence during work*.—Silence shall be maintained during work except when any enquiry or instructions relating to the work is necessary. All loud talking, singing or quarrelling is prohibited, but out of working hours prisoners shall be permitted to converse quietly.

17. *Exercise*.—Prisoners shall take such exercise daily in the open air as the Medical Officer considers necessary and under such regulations as the Superintendent shall prescribe.

18. *Weightment*.—Prisoners shall be weighed once a month and their weight recorded by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon on their history tickets. They shall be weighed in their shirt, trousers or dhoti and socks.

19. *Interviews*.—Subject to his behaviour being satisfactory a prisoner shall be permitted to hold interviews in accordance with the following rules :—

- (1.) A prisoner may be allowed to see a visitor once in three months for the purpose of discussing family or domestic affairs.
- (2.) An application for an interview shall be made by letter to the Chief Commissioner who, if he sanctions it, will if necessary inform the applicant by what steamer he may come to Port Blair and by what steamer he will be required to leave Port Blair.
- (3.) An interview shall be conducted in the presence of the Superintendent or Jailor and an interpreter, if necessary, and the discussion of political questions will not be allowed.
- (4.) No person who has taken a prominent part in any political agitation, whether the prisoner was concerned in it or not, or whose object is suspected to be to obtain an opportunity of publishing accounts of alleged grievances in the press will be allowed to interview a prisoner.
- (5.) If matters discussed at interviews or the substance of letters received from prisoners are published, the privilege of interviews and communications shall be liable to be withdrawn from the prisoner concerned.

20. *Letters and communications*.—No letters or communications from or to prisoners shall be permitted, but well conducted prisoners may be allowed to write and receive one letter to or from a near relation not more frequently than once a month under the same conditions as those applicable to interviews. On urgent occasions, *e. g.*, a death, serious illness in the family, this rule may be relaxed at the discretion of the Superintendent. The subject matter of all letters must be limited to private matters, and there must be no reference to Jail administration and discipline, to other prisoners or to politics.

21. *Books and newspapers*— Each prisoner may be allowed to have a maximum of 5 books at a time either from the Jail library or from outside subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

The following newspapers shall be supplied to prisoners :—The Illustrated Times of India, the Statesman (weekly edition), the Sanjibani and the Bangabasi.

22. No prisoner shall be permitted to have money in his possession. Any money found on the person of a prisoner or remitted officially from an Indian Jail shall be taken over by the Superintendent for safe custody. With the permission of the Superintendent a prisoner may be permitted to receive from

time to time a sum not exceeding Rs. 10 for the purchase of the under mentioned articles Any sum remitted which will bring the balance at a prisoner's credit to more than Rs. 10 will be returned to the sender.

Prisoners may purchase the following articles with any money that belongs to them, or they may ask their friends to supply them.

English First Book.
Exercise books.
Foolscap paper.
Mustard oil.
Shorts.
Safety razor blades.
Shaving brush.
Tooth paste.
Tooth powder.
Vests.
White canvas shoes-Rubber soled.

23. *Complaints*.—Parades shall be held every Monday morning to hear complaints, but this does not preclude any prisoner from approaching the Superintendent at other times with a legitimate complaint

24. *Handcuffs and fetters*.—Prisoners shall not be handcuffed or fettered except when this is necessary for the purpose of safe custody, or by way of punishment, or to prevent possible escapes or attacks on any member of the Jail staff or any other official.

25. *Remission*.—Prisoners will be eligible for remission according to the following scale.

1. Ordinary Remission.—

For good conduct	2 days per mensem.
For diligence in work	2 days per „
For Jamadar Tindals & Petty Officers	8 days per „
For convict Warders	6 days per „

2. Special Remission.

One third remission of total sentence for cooks and sweepers who work on Sundays.

For all prisoners, 15 days for clean sheet for one complete year

26. *Punishment*.—Prisoners shall be subject to the ordinary rules of the Cellular Jail in regard to punishment, except that whipping shall only be inflicted with the previous sanction of the Chief Commissioner. In cases of misbehaviour the Superintendent may withdraw individual privileges subject to the sanction of the Chief Commissioner when the period exceeds one month. The Chief Commissioner has power to reduce a prisoner from the B class in the event of his misbehaviour. In such a case the prisoner will receive the ordinary C class treatment and not the special privileges granted to well behaved C class prisoners.

2. C Class Prisoners.

The rules for B. class prisoners are applicable to C. class prisoners with the following exceptions:—

Rule 2. The following furniture and equipment shall be supplied:—

Aluminium katora	1
" thali	1
Flat faced urinal utensil with cover	1
Earthen drinking water surai	1
Bed board	1
Blanket	1
Bed sheet	1
Pillow cases stuffed with coir	1
Towels	2