

## Visit Report – Delhi Prisons Tihar Jail 1.4. and 6

**Date – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **Description**

A meeting was facilitated by the PMU team with Shri Sanjay Beniwal IPS, Director General, Delhi Prisons & Shri S. R. Meena General Manager, SIDBI New Delhi RO on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to explore partnership of SIDBI with Delhi Prisons. Subsequent to the meeting, PMU team organised a visit of USHA Silai School (USS) at Tihar Jail 1,4, and 6 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for exploring scope of skill upgradation/ training and tailoring/stitching infrastructure requirement.

PMU team arranged brief meetings of USS representatives with GM sir, SIDBI New Delhi RO and DG Sir, Delhi Prison to provide a context and understanding of the activity at the beginning of the visit. Ms. Rupa, Ms. Richa represented USHA Silai School and visited Tihar jails along with SIDBI PMU team.

### **Purpose**

SIDBI is exploring a partnership with Delhi Prisons for implementation of skill training to support the inmates for restarting their livelihood post release from the prison and reintegrate them with the society. SIDBI shall cover the programme as part of welfare activities of the disadvantaged underprivileged sections of the society in the field of entrepreneurship, women empowerment, education, healthcare, hygiene, skilling, etc.

### **Visit information**

Details	Jail No. 1	Jail No. 4	Jail No. 6
Name of Superintendent	Shri. Mukesh Rajora	Shri. Gaurav Yadav	Smt. Krishna Sharma
Type of inmates met	Male (Undertrial)	Male (Undertrial)	Female (Undertrial and convicted)
No. of Inmates	2300	3635	519
Facilities	Tailoring Unit, Electric device repair centre, painting, gardening	Jute item stitching, LED repair unit, Crafts area	Tailoring training centre, production unit, beauty parlour, namkeen unit, pickle manufacturing unit, computer centre, flower making, sanitary napkin production for inmates and selling outside, library, crèche, jewellery making
Tailoring Unit	Stitching machines – 17 Interlocking machine – 1 Iron table – 1 Cutting table – 1 Almira – 1	Jute Stitching machines – 35 Interlocking machines – 2 Stools – worn out Cutting table – 1 Iron table – N/A Almira – 1	Stitching machines – 15 Interlocking machines – 2 Stools – Not comfortable Cutting table – 5 Almira – 3
Average Inmates/tailors	10-12 (Cutting, Stitching, Iron etc.)	80 – 85 (Cutting, Stitching, manual Sewing, Finishing etc.)	15-20 (Cutting, Stitching, Sewing, Iron etc.)
Products prepared by inmates	Shirt, Pant, Blazers for under trial inmates/ convicted inmates.	Jute bags, bottle holders, file covers, phone holders, tiffin covers etc for internal use as well as external orders	Ladies garments, bags, curtains, uniforms etc
Use/ orders	For internal use mainly	Turnover of last financial year – Rs. 70 Lac	Mostly for internal use, women, children, external

			orders, some products are sold through the TJ Brand.
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## Observations

1. It was observed that the existing sewing machines are for industrial use machines and are less efficient in zigzag sewing & experimental stitching.
2. The quality and variety of articles stitched in Jail no. 6 was superior to that of Jail no. 1, as the inmates of Jail 6 had access to skill training from external trainers.
3. It was observed that the Jute Manufacturing Unit in Jail no. 4 was performing as per orders from LG Office.
4. Tailoring/ Stitching space in Jail 1 is smaller than Jail 6. Jail 4 has enough space to set up tailoring/ stitching unit.

## Recommendations

1. Based on the discussion with DG Prison, PMU team recommended to set up tailoring/ stitching units having domestic and semi-industrial industrial machines which could be afforded by skilled inmates post release from the prison.
2. It is suggested to implement programme in phased manner. At the initial phase we should organise training to skilled inmates and upgrade them as trainers. Mass level training of inmates could be implemented in later phase.
3. Providing market linkages & regular orders to all possible jails for encouraging the efforts of inmates.
4. USS have to take an important role not only for providing skill training but also to provide job work at the initial phase.

## Action taken

1. USS will share a proposal for skill upgradation/ development training programme based on the visit and discussion with the DG sir, and Jail superintendents.