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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the 25th edition of "Prison Statistics in India-2019", an annual publication of National Crime Records Bureau, is being released. The report contains detailed information on various aspects related to the correctional system in the country.

- 2. This publication serves as a principal reference document for accurate and reliable information about prisons and prisoners in the country. I hope that the report will be beneficial to policy makers and other stakeholders for decision making and effective policy formulation on the subject.
- 3. I compliment Chiefs of Prison Departments of all States and Union Territories for their efforts in furnishing the required information timely, even during the difficult situation of COVID-19 pandemic. I also congratulate the Director, National Crime Records Bureau and his team for collating the data and publishing the report timely.

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