

13. Female Prisoners And Welfare of Their Children

One central jail is exclusively meant for lodging women prisoners. This jail has a sanctioned capacity to lodge 400 prisoners against which 447 prisoners which include 364 undertrials and 83 convicts women lodged as on 31.12.2009. This figure includes 41 foreign women prisoners. Female prisoners are allowed to keep their children with them in the jail till they attain the age of six year. There were 49 children (20 male and 29 female) below the age of six years lodged in the jail along with their mother prisoners. **The female jail has been awarded ISO-9001:2000 Certification for maintaining International Standards for treatment of the women prisoners by the Chief Executive Officer STQC Certification Service s, Ministry of Communication & Information Technology Govt. of India.**

No child in Delhi prisons is treated either as an under trial or convict while his stay with his/her mother. The children lodged in prisons are provided with clothes, diet, bed, medical care and education by the Prison Department.

There is a separate Crèche and a Nursery run with the assistance of an NGO. There are proper recreational and educational facilities for the children. A child who attained 6 years of age is admitted in a boarding school with assistance from NGOs if his/her mother prisoner agree.

Supreme Court guidelines given in Writ Petition (Civil) No.559/1994 in the matter R.D. Upadhyay Vs. State regarding mothers and children lodged in Jails are being followed in it its letter and spirit.



Women inmates observing the 'Karva Chauth' Festival