

REPORT OF THE VISIT OF WOMEN SECTION OF CENTRAL JAIL PESHAWAR.

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The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa MPA's / Women Parliamentary Caucus Members Ms. Ayesha Naeem and Nagina Khan visited the Women Section of the Central Jail Peshawar on 11th January, 2017, at 12:00 noon.

In this visit the following problem were observed and suggestion made.

1. **Number of female inmates and availability of facilities**

The total number of female inmates was 99. There are 36 children. Out of them 24 were below 5 years of age. They stayed in one barrack which was too small to house beds for all them therefore some of them slept on the ground.

2. **Facilities provided to infants children**

The milk provided to the infants on daily basis is only half a litre. This amount is not sufficient for infants. Mothers can not feed their infant children because they are not having proper nutritional food and fruits.



3. **Health facilities:**

There was a small dispensary having 6 beds connected to the women inmate barracks. There was one female doctor, two psychologists, one LHV, one female deputy superintendent of jail and one vocational teacher provided to the women inmates. According to the lady doctor the medical staffs was not enough for the female inmates.



In 6 beds Dispensary 4 of them were occupied by the 2 pregnant women along with 1 hepatitis C patient and 1 suffering from extreme fever. There was no special and nutritional diet available for pregnant women.

4. **Lack of Legal Aid**

Most of the women were illiterate and not aware of their legal rights. Legal Aid should be provided to the women inmates, so they can use it according to their need.

5. **Kitchen facility**



The food was basically provided to the women inmates from the main jail. Due to this there was no proper kitchen and they only had a few gas stoves that were kept in the veranda. They were used by them if they wanted to cook occasionally.

6. **Rooms of B-class**

There were two small rooms constructed on the left side of veranda called class B for inmates who were high profile people.

7. **Toilets**

There were no attached toilets for the females instead they were outside the barrack but in the same enclosure. The bathrooms were in bad condition.



8. **Education facilities for the women inmate’s children**

The children of the women inmates were not provided with any educational facilities. The SOS village asked to keep the children and provide them with care along with education. However the female inmates along with the jail administration didn’t allow them.

9. **Non-availability of day care centre**

There was no day care centre in the jail and the responsibility of the children was shouldered by the mothers.

10. **Availability of vocational training**



The female inmates were given vocational training inside the prison. Such trainings helped them to make different handmade items including sweaters, purses, tissue box covers which were sold in the main jail.

11. **Islamic Studies**

Islamic Studies should be made compulsory for the jail inmates.

The MPA/ Caucus Members appreciated the efforts made by Dost Welfare Foundation.

Following are 7 cases that were studied after interviewing various female inmates:

Case study #1

Name: Jamila

Husband name: Muhammad Rehman

Place of belonging: Rashakai, Nowshera

She was charged of attempting to kill her husband, due to which he is in coma. She has one son who is presently being taken care of by her parents.



Case study #2:

Name: Zari Zadgay

Husband name: Mewa khan

Place of belonging: Bada Bare,Peshawar

She was charged of helping the terrorists in attacking Bada Bare Air Base, initially she was in the captivity of army for two months and later on handed over to the police hence currently in jail.



Case study #3:

Name: Sabawoon

Husband name: Zahirudin

Place of belonging: Akora Khattak, Nowshera

She was charged of murdering her husband. As she is under 18 so the final decision of placing her either in jail or juvenile jail will be decided after the results of the examining of the tests/x-rays reports.



Case study #4:

Name : Sara

Husband name: Waseem

Place of belonging: Pabbi, Nowshera

She was charged of eloping with another man. However, in her defence she said that she eloped because of the impotence nature of her husband.



Case study #5:

Name: Kiran

Father name: Shir Ali

Place of belonging: Aza khail, Nowshera

Children: 2

She was charged of marrying another man despite of already being married and having kids. However, in her defence she stated she got married again after the first husband had divorced her



Case study #6:

Name: Mumtaz

Father name: Fazal Rabbi

Place of belonging: Charsadda

She was caught possessing 900grams of marijuana.

Case study #7:

Name: Zakra Sayed

Father name: Attaullah

Place of belonging: swat

Education: 3rd year medical student

She was charged with murdering her husband with the help of her boyfriend.

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