

Under Trial Review Committees  
- a **key** to end prison maladies





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“How can the state  
disown its liability as  
to the life and safety  
of a prisoner, once  
taken in custody?”

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NO  
Transparency!  
Accountability!  
Fair Trial!

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# Re-Inhuman Conditions in 1382 Prisons



## Ministry of Home Affairs Advisory, January 2013

- Use of Section 436A of the Cr.P.C to reduce overcrowding of prisons



### Four Member Committee

- District & Sessions Judge (Chairperson)
- District Magistrate
- Superintendent of Police
- Secretary, District Legal Services Authority







# **26** States & Union Territories

**357** districts responded

**155** districts provided information

**256** minutes of meetings



**What's on Paper**

**Vs**

**What's on Ground**

Were UTRC meetings held quarterly?

**60 percent** of the districts **DID NOT** comply

# Was the full mandate followed?

S.436A – 252/256 meetings

Bail no surety – 160/256 meetings

Compoundable Offences – 139/256 meetings

Only 54/357 districts complied

# How many undertrials were released?

Recommendations – Rajasthan, Delhi & Sikkim

S.436A – 126

Bail no surety – 641

Compoundable Offences – 931

Applications moved by Panel Lawyers – Mizoram, Delhi, UP  
1027

Releases – Mizoram, UP, Tamil Nadu  
515/2112

