Under Trial Review Committees - a key to end prison maladies
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- Inadequate Prison Staff
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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
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