

HOW TO READ A REPORT CARD

The report card has been presented in a simple and easy to understand manner. The relevance and meaning of each of the report card is explained as follows:

1. Top Ribbon

The green coloured top ribbon is divided into two sections. The section on the left carries the name of the state whose performance is being assessed. The section on the right presents the division of central, district and sub - jails; the total number of jail inspections made by the executive, judiciary, medical and others and the total population of undertrials and convicts in that state. The data is taken from the Prison Statistics of India - 2014.

2. 2nd Row

This row is again divided into two sections which are further divided into three sub-sections and two sub-sections each. The first section describes the mandate for non-official visitors (NOVs) under which the relevant legislation and chapter that covers the theme of prison visitors in that state, the number of NOVs in each jail and their tenure is mentioned. The second section covers the mandate for board of visitors (BOVs) under which the composition of the board and the frequency of their meetings are given. The relevant rules for all these heads are also provided.

3. 3rd Row

This row deals with the performance of the state with regards to appointment of NOVs and constitution of BOVs.

Appointment of NOVs

- Right under the mandate for NOVs, the total number of jails that have appointed NOVs is mentioned along with the total number of jails. It also covers the date of their appointment and the number of NOVs appointed in each of those jails.

Constitution of BOVs

- Right under the mandate for BOVs, the total number of jails that have constituted BOVs is mentioned along with the total number of jails. It also covers the date of their constitution and the number of meetings conducted by the boards out of the total number of meetings that should have been conducted.

4. Last Row

This row is also divided into two sections. The first section takes into account other indicators on which the state is not scored such as the appointment criteria for NOVs, composition criteria for BOVs, gender balance, remuneration of NOVs and display of names of visitors on a board. Since information was not sought on the last two heads, only the statutory findings are mentioned. It could either be 'Mandated' which would mean that the remuneration or display of names is provided or 'Mandate Required', which would mean that it is not provided. For the first three, however since the information was sought, the compliance is also mentioned, i.e. whether it was followed or not. The second section lays down the addition of scoring and finally provides the average score to that state.