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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the present rates of wages payable to the inmates of correctional homes in the State of West Bengal are Rs.18.00, Rs.21.00 and Rs.24.00 respectively for unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled labour;

And whereas the rates were last revised in the year 2007 (Department's Notification No. 244 dated 17/05/2007) after which there has been substantial increase in the cost of living;

And whereas the Government in the Department of Jails has been initiating a number of reforms measures to improve living conditions of the inmates in the correctional homes and their families back home and also for providing them with opportunities for reintegration into the mainstream society on release from custody;

And whereas there was a direction from the Apex Court of the country in "the State of Gujrat Vs. High court of Gujrat directed the States to form a "Wage Fixation Body" to determine the quantum of equitable wages to be paid to the prisoners;

Now therefore, the Governor is pleased to constitute a **Wage Review Committee** to examine the rates of labour wages paid to the inmates in different states, the scope of providing the inmates with wages in commensurate with the prevailing minimum wages and suggest suitable measures for enhancement of wages to inmate-labourers or otherwise. The Committee may also suggest the issue of contribution of wages earned by the inmates in correctional homes in "Victim Welfare Fund" to be constituted for the purpose.

The Committee will have the following members:

| SL | Designation | Status |
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| 1 | Additional Director General of Police and Inspector General of Correctional Services | Chairperson |
| 2 | Officer-on-Special Duty & Ex-officio Deputy Secretary, Department of Jails | Member-Secretary |
| 3 | A representative of the Department of Finance | Member |
| 4 | A representative of the Department of Labour | Member |
| 5 | A representative of the Judicial Department | Member |

2. No less than half of the members will form quorum in a meeting.
3. The Committee shall have powers to invite any individual or organisation to participate in any meeting as it considers necessary.
4. The Committee will deliberate on the issues identified above and submit its recommendations to the State Government in the Department of Jails within 15 January 2010.

By order of the Governor

Sd./
Additional Chief Secretary

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1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Finance
2. The Secretary, Judicial Department
3. The Secretary, Department of Labour
4. ADG (P) and IG of Correctional Services, Government of West Bengal
5. Officer-on-Special Duty & Ex-officio Deputy Secretary, Department of Jails for information and taking necessary action. Secretaries of the Departments noted will please send the names of their representatives to this Department at an early date to facilitate immediate convening of the first meeting of the Committee.

Officer on Special Duty
& Ex-officio Deputy Secretary Secretary