

## **The Sikkim Prisons Act, 2007**

### **Chapter V - CHAPTER V**

**DISCIPLINE OF PRISONER** Separation of prisoners. 24 The requisition of this Act with respect to the separation of prisoners are as follows: -(i) in a prison containing female as well as male prisoner, the females shall be imprisoned in separate building, or separate parts of the same building, in such manner as to prevent their seeing, or conversing or holding any intercourse with, the male prisoner; (ii) in a prison where male prisoners under the age of eighteen are confined, shall be separated from other prisoners and those who have already arrived at the age of puberty shall also be separated from those who have not attained puberty. (iii) un-convicted criminal prisoners shall be kept apart from convicted criminal prisoners; and (iv) civil prisoners shall be kept apart from criminal prisoners. Association and segregation of prisoners. 25. Subject to the requirement of the foregoing section, convicted criminal prisoners may be confined either in the association or individually in cells or partly in one way and partly in the other. Solitary confinement. 26 No cell shall be used for solitary confinement unless it is furnished with the means of enabling the prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, and every prisoner so confined in a cell for more than twenty four hours, whether as a punishment or otherwise, shall be visited at least once a day by a Medical Officer. Prisoners under sentence of death. 27 (1) Every prisoner under sentence of death shall immediately on his arrival in the prison be searched by, or by order of, the Jailer and all articles shall be taken from him, which the Jailer deems it dangerous or inexpedient to leave in his possession. (2) Every such prisoner shall be confined in a cell away from all other prisoners, and shall be placed under the charge of a guard by day and by night.