

The government of India awards grant to GNLU to conduct research on 'Bail Reforms in the Context of Under Trial Women Prisoners'

Gandhinagar, March 20, 2019: The Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India has approved the project proposal submitted by the Gujarat National Law University entitled '*Bail Reforms in the Context of Under Trial Women Prisoners: An action-oriented Research with Special Reference to Sabarmati Central Jail in the State of Gujarat*'.

According to the Prison Statistics India, 2015 report published by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Sixty-seven per cent (Total Number of Jail Inmates are 4,19,623 and total number of female prisoners are 17,834) of the people in Indian jails are undertrials i.e., people not convicted of any crime and currently on trial in the Court of law. In the absence of specific provision under the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 regarding grounds for granting bail, most of the undertrial prisoners are unable to avail it due to the onerous financial conditions or poverty. Moreover, there is no specific provision to deal with women undertrial prisoners. In this background, Gujarat National Law University submitted the proposal to the Department of Justice for conducting research with specific objectives of identifying the key factors and grounds for refusing to grant bail for under-trial prisoners, to understand the problems encountered by women under-trial prisoners while availing the bail in bothailable and non-ailable offences.

Further, the study will also cover the empirical research in terms of identifying the problems of women prisoners languishing in Jails in the State of Gujarat with special reference to the Sabarmati Central Jail. The study shall propose the necessary amendments in the existing bail provisions enshrined under the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and also for incorporating separate provision regarding grounds for granting bail to under trial women prisoners.

The research will be conducted by Dr Jagadeesh Chandra T.G, Assistant Professor of Law as a Principal Investigator and Dr Saurabh Anand, Assistant Professor of Sociology as a Co-Principal Investigator.

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