

DISTRICT JAIL

District Jail, Prothrapur was started in the year 1993 when prisoners were shifted from the Historic Cellular Jail complex. The sanctioned capacity of prison is 229 prisoners, whereas the present average population remains around 800--1000 prisoners and as such the jail is over crowded. The reason for sudden increase of the prisoners in the jail is due to apprehension of the Foreign Nationals by violation of MZI Act and there is no chance of the figure being reduced at any foreseeable future. The fact is that with the increase of population in the Islands there is a resulting increase of offences.

The NHRC has seriously viewed of the present overcrowding of jails. They emphasized provision of minimum requirement to the prisoners accommodated in the jails. Therefore, it is necessary to construct more jail buildings to accommodate the prisoners properly. Accordingly Administration has taken a decision to construct additional Jail in the adjoining land in the existing District Jail.

One each Judicial Lock-Up is existing at Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay. The Judicial Lock-Up at Campbell Bay will be upgraded as Sub-Jail during the Xth Five Year Plan considering the crimes of the area. Also, one Judicial Lock-Up and one Sub-Jail will be in Nicobar District. One Judicial Lock-Up is functioning at Mayabunder and the same will be upgraded to Sub-Jail during the Xth Five Year Plan. A new Sub-Jail will also be constructed at Diglipur during the Xth Five Year Plan. Also, one District Jail and two Sub-Jails will be in Andaman District. To control all the Jails and Judicial Lock-Up of both the District of this Union Territory, it is necessary to upgrade the existing District Jail as Central Jail. Moreover as per the norms of the prison, the accommodated prisoners reaches 1000, the prison shall be the grade of Central Prison.