QUESTIONNAIR FOR THE HABITUAL PRISONERS AND
EX-HABITUAL PRISONER

BIO-DATA

1) Name :
2) Father Name :
3) Address :
4) Area : Rural / Urban
5) Sex : Male / Female
6) Age :
   Age Groups; a) 18-23  b) 24-29  c) 30-35  d) 36-41
   e) 42-47  f) 48-53  g) 54-59  h) 59 & above
7) Marital status : Married / Unmarried / Engaged / Divorcee / Widow
8) Religion : Hindu / Muslim / Christian / Sikhs / Others
9) Educational Qualification
   a) illiterates  b) primary education  c) under matriculate  d) matriculate
   e) under graduate  f) graduate  g) post graduate  h) others
10) Occupation
    a) government employee  b) private employee  c) business man  d) agriculture
    e) daily wage labourers  f) transportation  g) unemployed  h) others
11) Monthly Income
    a) less than Rs.1000  b) Rs.1000-2000  c) Rs. 2000-3000  d) Rs. 3000 & above
12) Total members in the family
    a) small size below 4 members  b) middle size, 5-9  c) large size, 10 & above
13) Criminal background in the family.
    a) yes  b) no  c) not related
14) Type of the family.
    a) joint family  b) nuclear family
15) Habits
    a) smoking  b) tobacco chewing  c) alcohol consuming  d) drugs
    e) smoker alcoholic  f) gambling  g) visit to prostitutes  h) no-habits
16) Education of parents.
   a) illiterates  b) primary education  c) under matriculate  d) matriculate
   e) under graduate  f) graduate  g) post graduate  h) others

17) Occupational status of the family.
   a) government employee  b) private employee  c) business man  d) agriculture
   e) daily wage labourers  f) transportation  g) unemployed  h) others

18) Monthly income of the family.
   a) less than Rs.1000  b) Rs.1000-2000
   c) Rs. 2000-3000  d) Rs. 3000 & above

19) Nature of the offence.
   a) murder  b) rape  c) dacoit / robbery  d) kidnapping / abduction
   e) theft  f) attempt to murder  g) arm Act  h) riots  i) excise
   j) fraud  k) cheating  l) hurt  m) misc offence

20) What were the conditions of you and yours surrounding, which influenced you to go for another crime after serving first conviction?

21) In how many number of crimes you are involved?
   a) In 2 crimes  b) 3-4 crimes  c) 5-6 crimes  d) 7-8 crimes  e) 9-10 crimes
   f) 11-12 crimes  g) 13-14 crimes  h) 15-16 crimes  i) 16 & above

22) For how many times you have been convicted?
   a) 2 convictions  b) 3-4 convictions  c) 5 & above convictions

23) How much time you have spent in criminal activities?
   a) 1-2 years  b) 3-4 years  c) 5-6 years  d) 7-8 years  e) 9-10 years
   f) 11-12 years  g) 13-14 years  h) 15 & above

24) How many languages do you know other than the mother tongue?
   a) one  b) two  c) more than two  d) nil.

25) What type of family background do you have?
   a) intact family  b) broken family

26) Any one of your family members are involved in any criminal activities?
   a) yes  b) no

27) Your relationship with companion and family members before first conviction
   a) cordial  b) not good  c) occasional quarrels  d) can't say

28) How was the neighbourhood atmosphere
   a) normal  b) anti-social  c) no- response

29) Have you been motivated by any of your
30) What is the motive behind crime commission?
   a) temptation  
   b) to overcome economic stress  
   c) to fulfill their habits  
   d) no response

31) What are the reasons/causes to commit the offence?
   a) personal  
   b) family conflict  
   c) friends  
   d) due to more habits  
   e) others

III) TRIAL AND SENTENCE:

32) Did you plead 'guilty' or 'not guilty' to charge?

33) What was the duration of the trial and what difficulties you faced during such period?

34) a) Are you dissatisfied with the decision of the court?
     1) Yes  
     2) No  
   b) If No, Reasons

35) Have you appealed/not appealed to the superior court against the decision of the court?

36) If not appealed what are the reasons?

37) a) How much money have you spent while you were on trial?
     b) Are you in position to meet such expenses?
     c) Are you in position to meet such expenses?

IV LIFE IN JAIL:

38) How you felt when you entered the jail and how other prisoners received you?
   a) During first conviction  
   b) During second conviction

39) a) Whether the prison officials or prison psychiatrist interviewed you?
     i) Yes  
     ii) No  
   b) Whether they have suggested any type of treatment?
   c) Whether such treatment was given to you?
   d) If given what was the impact on you?

40) How did you feel after looking at other jail inmate's during first conviction?

41) How did you feel looking at other jail inmates during your second conviction?
42) Have you been allowed to mix up with other jail inmate?
   a) During first conviction       Yes/No
   b) During second conviction     Yes/No

43) What are the difficulties you have faced in order to adjust yourself in the prison community during your first conviction?

44) What are the difficulties you have faced in order to adjust yourself in the prison community during your second conviction?

45) What was the attitude of the other prisoners towards you, during the first conviction?
   a) By long term prisoners
   c) By short term prisoners

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   a) By long term prisoners
   b) By short term prisoners

47) What you have learnt from your fellow prisoners

48) During your first conviction
   a) With how many prisoners you were in position to make friendship?
   b) What was the basis of such friendship?
   d) Whether such friendship continued or not?
   e) What are their present engagements?

49) During your second conviction
   a) With how many prisoners you were in position to make friendship?
   b) What was the basis of such friendship?
   f) Whether such friendship continued or not?
   g) What are their present engagements?

50) a) Have you ever been involved in a breach of jail rules?
    i) Yes          ii) No
    b) If so what action was taken against you. During the first conviction?

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    i) Yes          ii) No
    b) If so what action was taken against you? During the second conviction?
52) Do you feel the jail rules are so rigorous that breach of some sort of rules are inevitable?

V FOOD AND MEDICAL FACILITIES:

53) How do you feel the quality of the food served here?
   a) Good       b) Normal   c) Bad       d) Can’t say

54) Whether food served here is sufficient to you?
   a) Sufficient b) not sufficient

55) Is there any change of food in a week?

56) a) Have you been provided with medical facility during sick in the prison?
   b) If yes did you like the medical treatment provided to you during the first conviction?
      a) satisfied b) ok c) not-satisfied

57) a) Have you been provided with medical facility during sick in the prison?
   b) If yes did you like the medical treatment provided to you during the second conviction?
      a) Satisfied b) ok c) not-satisfied

IV CLOTHING

58) a) What type of clothing provided to you during the first conviction.
   i) New       ii) old
   b) What about the condition of the clothing?
      i) Good      ii) bad    iii) normal

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   i) New       ii) old
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60) How many pairs of dresses are provided to you?
   a) One       b) two      c) three

61) What about washing facilities of cloths & dress materials.
VII RECREATION, RELIGION, YOGA & MEDITATION FACILITIES:

62) What kind of sports, being provided to you in prison?
   a) Indoor   b) outdoor   c) both indoor & outdoor   d) not at all

63) Are you taking part in any of the sports
   a) Indoor   b) outdoor   c) both   d) none of there

64) Is there any culture activities organized by the prison administration? If yes what type of activities.
   a) Yes   b) no   c) not related

65) Have you participated in any cultural activities organized by the prison administration during first conviction?
   a) Yes   b) no   c) if yes what type of activities

66) Have you participated in any cultural activities organized by the prison administration during second conviction?
   a) Yes   b) no   c) if yes what type of activities

67) Do you like attending any religious meetings held in the prison?
   a) regularly   b) rarely   c) not- interested

68) Do you like attending any religious meetings held in the prison?
   a) Once in a week   b) twice in a week

69) Do you think religious advice has any moral effects in the mind of convict?
   a) Most   b) much   c) little   d) not- related

70) How much times in a week yoga and meditation teacher visits to prison?
   a) Regularly   b) rarely   c) not at all   d) no response

71) a) Did religious preaching, Yoga and Meditation has helped you
    b) If yes in what way it helped during the first conviction

72) a) Did religious preaching, Yoga and Meditation has helped you
    b) If yes in what way it helped during the second conviction

73) Does education facility provided to you?
   a) Yes   b) No   c) No idea   d) Not related
VIII VISITORS / MAIL FACILITIES:

74) What is your opinion about visitors facility?
   a) Good        b) not good       c) no response

75) Whether the visitors face any problem by the authorities?

76) Do you receive letters from your friends & family members?
   a) Regularly   b) frequently     c) none of there

77) Does the jail authorities censor the letters from your friends and family members?
   a) Yes         b) No

78) Types of Vocational Trainings
   1. Carpentry section
   2. Weaving
   3. Dying section
   4. Tailoring
   5. Washing
   6. Detergent making
   7. Mochi or leather section
   8. Agriculture
   9. Cattle dairy
   10. Kitchen section
   11. Floor mill
   12. Gardening
   13. Barber
   14. Office duty
   15. Wall guard
   16. Medical attendant
   17. Show room section
   18. None of these

80) Whether the given training is liked by you?
   a) Yes         b) no            c) not - related

81) Have you developed any silk from nature of vocational training?
   a) Yes         b) no            c) can't say

82) To what extend you are satisfied with such trainings?

83) How much wages do you earn from the given training avg/per month during the first Conviction?

84) How much wages do you earn from the given training avg/per month during the second conviction?
85) Are you satisfied with the wages given to you?
   a) Yes   b) no   c) can't say

86) How much amount you have saved from the wages you are paid in the jail, during the first conviction?

87) How much amount you have saved from the wages you are paid in the jail, during the second conviction?

88) Have you ever got any advice from jail staff to solve any of your problems?
   a) Regularly   b) frequently   c) not regularly   d) None

89) Are you misguided by your co-prisoner to disobey prison officials?
   a) Regularly   b) not regularly   c) none of these

90) On what topic do you discuss with your co-prisoners?

91) Have you anytime reacted to your grievances due to any action by co-prisoners during the first conviction?
   a) Regularly   b) frequently   c) not frequently   d) none of these

92) Have you anytime reacted to your grievances due to any action by co-prisoners during the second conviction?
   a) Regularly   b) frequently   c) not frequently   d) none of these

93) Have you anytime reacted to your grievances due to any action by prison officials during the first conviction?
   a) Regularly   b) frequently   c) not frequently   d) none of these

94) Have you anytime reacted to your grievances due to any action by prison officials during the second conviction?

95) Do you think that your immediate release was more dependent upon your good behaviours?
   a) Yes   b) No

96) Do you think that your immediate release was more dependent upon your good behaviours, during the second conviction?
   a) Yes   b) No

97) Do you think that jail staffs were interested in the welfare of the prisoners, during the first Conviction?
   a) Much   b) more   c) little   d) none of these
98) Do you think that jail staffs were interested in the welfare of the prisoners, during the second conviction?
   a) Much  b) more  c) little  d) none of these

99) a) Is it necessary to please the jail staff to get remission?
    i) Yes  ii) No
   b) If yes, in what manner

99) Do you think your stay so far in the prison, during the first conviction was helpful for your future life?
    a) Much  b) more  c) little  d) none of these

100) Do you think your stay so far in the prison, during the second conviction was helpful for your future life?
    a) Much  b) more  c) little  d) none of these

101) Have you forgotten the previous incident for which you were sentenced?

102) How do you feel going to free society after your release?

103) Do you think the day of your release will be the happiest day in your life?

104) In all practical aspects, an offender once convicted has no freedom of his own, do you agree?
    a) Yes  b) no

106) What do you want to advice to your fellow prisoners at the time of your release?

107) Are you not confident about the skills learnt here are sufficient for your livelihood in free society?

108) What was the future plan after the release from the jail?

109) a) Do you gain any self-confidence that you will lead good life release?
    a) Yes  b) No
   b) The reformatory & rehabilitation measures given to you will be helpful after your release?

110) What are your suggestions to improve the existing conditions in the prison administration?

111) What kind of improvement should be made in treatment programs in the prisons?
Release and Re-Adjustment for Ex-Habitual Prisoners

112) How much time has elapsed since you were released from the jail?

113) What changes you have observed in the free society after your release?

114) What sort of changes if any, did you observe in the attitude of the following persons towards you, since your release from the jail?
   a) Parents   b) spouse   c) children   d) other family member
   e) friends   f) neighbor   g) employee/employer
   h) persons casually known   i) police & law enforcement agencies.

115) a) What were the future plans which were made by you in the jail?
   b) To what extent such plans have been materialized after your release?

116) Does your family suffer with a stigma of your conviction?

117) To what extent your conviction has hampered the progress of your family?

118) a) Was there any birth/new relation/death in your family during your imprisonment?
   b) What is the attitude of such persons towards you?

119) a) How long you were not in a position to perform your marital obligation?
   b) To what extent has your absence affected your family member?

120) a) Whether you are living in the same family and locality in which you used to live before conviction?
   b) Is there a change of residence, if so, why?

121) What are the various difficulties which you faced or which you are facing for the re-adjustment in the society?

122) a) Are there any facilities provided to you by the government for your readjustment?
   b) What are such facilities?

123) a) To what extent the vocation you have learnt or training you have received in the jail?
   b) It has helped you in the re-adjustment?

124) To what extent education you have received in the jail has helped you in your re-adjustment?
125) a) Whether you have adopted a new occupation/ profession?
   b) Or you continuing with your earliest one, why?

126) a) What type of cultural activities you used to participate in the jail?
   b) Whether such activities helped you in your readjustment with the family/ society?

127) To what extent 'correctional service' which was imparted to you in the jail has helped you in your readjustment?

128) What was your monthly income before conviction?

129) What is your monthly income now?

130) a) To what extent the money you have saved in the jail?
   b) The saved money has helped you in your readjustment?

131) Do you think that your readjustment would have been somewhat easier, if you would have been released earlier on parole / probation?

132) Whom do you consult whenever you feel any difficulty after release?

133) Is there any government/ private agencies, which aids and guides you in your adjustment?

134) a) What sort of assistance/ guidance is provided by such agencies/
   b) Are you satisfied with the role of such agencies?

135) a) Do you think that such agencies are necessary for providing assistance and guidance?
    i) Yes
    ii) No
   b) If yes, How?

136) What changes you would like to suggest in the prison system?

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE PRISON OFFICIALS:**

1) What are the difficulties faced by the habitual prisoners?

2) To what extent are you conscious of the difficulties which habitual prisoners face during their imprisonment?

3) What difficulties do your face while dealing with habitual prisoners?
4) What is your feeling towards habitual prisoners during their imprisonment?
   a) Criminal oriented person
   b) Misguided person
   c) Sick person
   d) Fellow human being
   e) Any other

5) Do you feel any sort of sympathy towards the habitual prisoners during their imprisonment? If yes, why?
   a) Yes
   b) No

6) While dealing with the habitual prisoners, do you consider the following factors?
   a) Nature of the offence
   b) Circumstance under which the offence was committed
   c) Past records and antecedents of the prisoner
   d) Age and status of the prisoner
   e) Family background of the prisoner

7) If your response for the proceeding question is affirmatives then please mention whether you maintain a record of such factors?
   a) Yes
   b) No

8) What are the various correctional and vocational training imported to the habitual criminals in your institution?

9) Do you feel that the vocational training imported in the institution hardly saved the vocational ends of the habitual criminal?

10) What kind of limitations is imposed upon the relative’s friends in order to meet the inmates?

11) a) Do you agree that the frequency of contact of the habitual criminals with relative friends helps in their remobilization?
      i) Yes
      ii) No

13) Do you have separate arrangements for the segregation of the following type of criminals?
   a) First offender
   b) Habitual criminals
   c) Professional criminals
   d) Long term prisoners
   e) Under Trials.
14) Do you think that lack of separate arrangements of segregation helps criminal culture to grow and there are lesser chances of reformation.

15) What are the various methods used by you inorder to maintain discipline within the four Walls?

16) Do you agree that the Reformation and Rehabilitation of the habitual criminals is frustrated, due to,

a) Delay in the disposal of the cases at the higher court Yes/No

17) Do you agree that there is some sort of relation between the re-socialization of the Ex-Prisoners and the attitude of the following agencies towards them?

a) Police Yes/No
b) Lawyer Yes/No
c) Prison officials Yes/No
d) Society Yes/No
e) Family Yes/No
f) Friends Yes/No

18) a) Do you agree that the re-socialization of the ex – prisoners is difficult, if the attitude of the above mentioned agencies is or has been hostile towards them?

i) Yes
ii) No

b) If yes, how?

19) Do you agree that introduction of the parole will help for reformation and rehabilitation of the ex-prisoners?

i) Yes
ii) No

20) Do you agree that introduction of the probation will help for reformation and the ex – prisoners?

i) Yes
ii) No

21) Do you agree that the introduction of ‘legal Aid clinics’ will help in the reformation and rehabilitation of ex-prisoners?

i) Yes
ii) No

22) Do you agree that “After care Agencies” will help in the reformation and rehabilitation of the ex-prisoners?

i) Yes
ii) No

23) What is your view, about the role of the prison officials in reformation and rehabilitation of the Habitual criminals?
24) Would you like to suggest any change in our present system of sentencing and police 
Vis-à-vis reformation and rehabilitation of the ex prisoners?

25) Would you like to suggest any change in our present jail system vis-à-vis 
reformation and rehabilitation of ex-prisoners?

26) Please mention an interesting case, which you have dealt as a prison officers and 
which has some relevance with the reformation and rehabilitation of the habitual 
criminals and of ex – prisoners?