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Highlights of Berhampur Jail

As on now, four murderers for whose crime the honorable courts have ordered for hanging till death belong to three different ethnic groups: an Oriya Brahmin, one Keralite trader, one Bangladeshi refugee of Malkangir and his daughter.

There were 752 prisoners including the under trials in Berhampur jail as on dated 15th Oct 2001. In side the Jail there are 24 cells with each cell having one toilet. There rare 17 number of rooms of different sizes with capacity to accommodate maximum 116 and minimum 15 prisoners. The prisoners distributed in different occupational categories are as follows; sewing 21, press workers for binding and making note making and bucket manufacturing 6, Agricultural work 22, medical assistants 4, kitchen associates 26, office bearers 10, watch man 16 rooms for 16, boundary watch guard 7.

One Mr. X, a Jail Warder, had stated that inside the jail things like ganja, bidi, cigarette, even infrequently, liquor are also being supplied to the prisoners as per their desire. This is done on payment of extra cash to the warders. The treatment given to the prisoners and the prisoners behavior towards the jail authorities has not changed much says the head warder to jail from south Orissa. The caste hierarchy is still reflected in the day-to-day interaction among the prisoners. However, changes at the level of maintenance of social distance between the caste prisoners for exchanges of food, smoke water were marked. In the office too the work distribution among the prisons have shown caste preference. To work at the residence of the jailor and to deal with the files in the office it was observed that mostly the lower caste members do not figure. The garden work, watchmen ship , sentry works, cleaning works are seen to be associated with the low caste members and tribal persons.
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