

Ombudsman's report shows pathetic condition of women prisoners

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The federal ombudsman Monday submitted its report in the Supreme Court (SC) regarding miserable conditions of women in jails.

In the report submitted by Secretary Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat (WMS), Dr Jamal Nasir through Hafiz Ahsan Khokhar, the WMS assured the apex court that all efforts would continue to be made to ensure action on the references made by it to this secretariat and it would keep a close liaison with the provincial ombudsmen's offices as well as the concerned agencies at federal and provincial level for this purpose.

Regular meetings with the stakeholders would be held at federal and provincial level and surprise visits to prisons would also be conducted and carried out by District Oversight Committees and the representatives from WMS for implementation of the recommendations contained in the WMS report. Quarterly implementation report would be submitted to the apex court accordingly, the report added.

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The report said arrangements for formal and vocational education and training for prisoners have been made. Similarly, welfare initiatives have been taken especially for women, juvenile and old age prisoners and these initiatives also include payment of diyat and fines to deserving prisoners who have already completed their sentences, clean drinking water in jails where it is needed, psychological lectures and medical facilities for prisoners.

University of Health Sciences will also plan and launch medical campaign in all jails and will submit its further action plan. Home and Prisons Departments of all provinces have already been asked to submit requirements for formal and vocational trainings as well as for provision of health facilities to the prisoners so that educational institutions and University of Health Sciences could be approached for the same.

The report said efforts would be made that drug users and mentally insane prisoners are provided medical treatment and kept separate from other prisoners in all jails.