

PRISON SERVICE

Overview

The Department is responsible for the safe, secure and humane custody of detainees and for providing an environment conducive to their rehabilitation, vocational training, and successful reintegration into society.

Key Challenges	Strategies
High rate of re-imprisonment	Strengthen rehabilitation by collaborating with NGOs and expand psychological and social support services based on individual needs assessments
Drug addiction and health issues among prisoners	Improve healthcare services in prisons, and implement a structured drug rehabilitation and reintegration programme
High cost of maintaining detainees in custody	Increase self-sufficiency in food production
Persistent entry of prohibited articles in the prisons	Upgrade surveillance systems and security protocols, and enhance coordination with law enforcement authorities to dismantle internal and external criminal networks

Programme Outcomes

Programmes	Outcomes	Indicators	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2028/29 Target	2029/30 Target
0240: Prison Services	Effective rehabilitation and resettlement of detainees	Percentage of detainees imprisoned more than once	73.5%	76.0%	75.8%	75.3%	75.0%

Financial Resources

Summary by Programmes

Rs 000

Programmes	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
0240: Prison Services	1,202,000	1,350,000	1,388,000	1,372,000
TOTAL	1,202,000	1,350,000	1,388,000	1,372,000

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Summary by Economic Categories

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Code	Economic Categories	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		1,133,000	1,228,000	1,269,000	1,282,000
21	Compensation of Employees	903,700	982,000	1,023,000	1,036,000
22	Goods and Services	229,000	245,700	245,700	245,700
26	Grants	100	100	100	100
28	Other Expense	200	200	200	200
Capital Expenditure		69,000	122,000	119,000	90,000
31	Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	69,000	122,000	119,000	90,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,202,000	1,350,000	1,388,000	1,372,000

Programme 0240: Prison Services

Rs 000

Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
TOTAL EXPENDITURE [Appropriation]	1,202,000	1,350,000	1,388,000	1,372,000
Recurrent Expenditure	1,133,000	1,228,000	1,269,000	1,282,000
Capital Expenditure	69,000	122,000	119,000	90,000
Sub-Programmes:				
024001: Management of Prisons	121,900	119,000	118,000	120,000
024002: Custody and Rehabilitation of Detainees	1,080,100	1,231,000	1,270,000	1,252,000
TOTAL	1,202,000	1,350,000	1,388,000	1,372,000

Sub-Programme 024001: Management of Prisons

Accounting Officer: Commissioner of Prisons						
Outcome: Effective rehabilitation and resettlement of detainees						
Main Service/ Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
Capacity building of staff <i>Office of the Commissioner of Prisons and Administration</i>	Number of officers following a minimum of 20 hours training courses	200	239	260	350	400

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Item No.	Details		2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure			106,900	107,000	113,000	115,000
21	Compensation of Employees		92,300	91,000	97,000	99,000
21110	Personal Emoluments		81,400	80,200	86,200	88,200
	<i>of which</i>					
.001	Basic Salary		60,200	67,000	72,100	73,600
.004	Allowances		3,500	4,000	4,500	4,500
.005	Extra Assistance		-	600	600	600
.006	Cash in lieu of Leave		3,500	3,200	3,300	3,400
.009	End-of-year Bonus		5,500	5,400	5,700	6,100
21111	Other Staff Costs		9,300	9,600	9,600	9,600
.002	Travelling and Transport		7,500	7,800	7,800	7,800
.100	Overtime		1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
.200	Staff Welfare		100	100	100	100
21210	Social Contributions		1,600	1,200	1,200	1,200
.001	Contribution to the National Savings Fund		1,600	1,200	1,200	1,200
22	Goods and Services		14,500	15,900	15,900	15,900
22010	Cost of Utilities		4,500	5,400	5,400	5,400
22040	Office Equipment and Furniture		470	470	470	470
22050	Office Expenses		250	250	250	250
22060	Maintenance		5,200	5,500	5,500	5,500
	<i>of which</i>					
.005	IT Equipment		3,200	3,500	3,500	3,500
22070	Cleaning Services		230	230	230	230
22100	Publications and Stationery		1,550	1,850	1,850	1,850
22120	Fees		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
22900	Other Goods and Services		300	200	200	200
26	Grants		100	100	100	100
26210	Contribution to International Organisations					
.192	International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA)		100	100	100	100
Capital Expenditure			15,000	12,000	5,000	5,000
31	Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	Project Value Rs 000	15,000	12,000	5,000	5,000
31122	Other Machinery and Equipment					
.802	Acquisition of IT Equipment		10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
31132	Intangible Fixed Assets					
.401	E-Government Projects - <i>Prison Management System</i>		5,000	7,000	-	-
TOTAL			121,900	119,000	118,000	120,000

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Human Resources

SN	Position Titles	Funded	
		2025/26	2026/27
1	Commissioner of Prisons	1	1
2	Deputy Commissioner of Prisons	4	4
3	Assistant Commissioner of Prisons	6	6
4	Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (Trades)	-	-
5	Woman Assistant Commissioner of Prisons	1	1
6	Superintendent of Prisons/Senior Superintendent of Prisons	18	18
7	Superintendent of Prisons/Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Works)	-	1
8	Superintendent of Prisons/Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Industries)	1	1
9	Woman Superintendent of Prisons/Senior Woman Superintendent of Prisons	1	1
10	Safety and Health Officer/Senior Safety and Health Officer	-	1
11	Manager, Financial Operations	1	1
12	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	2	2
13	Principal Financial Operations Officer	2	2
14	Financial Operations Officer/Senior Financial Operations Officer	3	3
15	Assistant Financial Operations Officer	6	6
16	Manager (Procurement and Supply)	2	2
17	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	2	2
18	Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	2	2
19	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	8	8
20	Manager, Internal Audit, <i>formerly Manager, Internal Control</i>	1	1
21	Principal Internal Audit Officer, <i>formerly Principal Internal Control Officer</i>	1	1
22	Internal Audit Officer/Senior Internal Audit Officer, <i>formerly Internal Control Officer/Senior Internal Control Officer</i>	1	2
23	Manager, Human Resources	1	1
24	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	1	1
25	Senior Human Resource Executive	1	1
26	Human Resource Executive	4	4
27	Office Management Executive	3	3
28	Office Management Assistant	5	5
29	Office Supervisor	2	2
30	Management Support Officer	32	32
31	Confidential Secretary	2	2
32	Word Processing Operator	3	3
33	Head Office Auxiliary	1	1
34	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	6	6
35	Prisons Driver (<i>on shift</i>)	13	13
36	Driver	1	1
37	Surveillant	5	5
TOTAL		143	146

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Sub-Programme 024002: Custody and Rehabilitation of Detainees

Accounting Officer: Commissioner of Prisons						
Outcome: Effective rehabilitation and resettlement of detainees						
Main Service/ Delivery Unit	Key Performance Indicator	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Provisional	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
Programmes delivered to detainees <i>Prison Trades Section and Welfare Unit</i>	Number of detainees having completed a Comprehensive Rehabilitation Programme	460	414	460	480	500

Rs 000

Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
Recurrent Expenditure		1,026,100	1,121,000	1,156,000	1,167,000
21	Compensation of Employees	811,400	891,000	926,000	937,000
21110	Personal Emoluments	736,400	811,000	846,000	857,000
	<i>of which</i>				
.001	Basic Salary	468,300	591,700	624,000	633,500
.004	Allowances	115,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
.006	Cash in lieu of Leave	18,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
.009	End-of-year Bonus	44,500	47,300	50,000	51,500
21111	Other Staff Costs	65,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
.002	Travelling and Transport	65,000	64,000	64,000	64,000
.100	Overtime	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
21210	Social Contributions	10,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
.001	Contribution to the National Savings Fund	10,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
22	Goods and Services	214,500	229,800	229,800	229,800
22010	Cost of Utilities	34,750	39,700	39,700	39,700
22020	Fuel and Oil	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
22030	Rent	21,800	23,300	23,300	23,300
	<i>of which</i>				
.004	Rental of Equipment	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
.007	Rental line for Network Services	4,500	6,000	6,000	6,000
22050	Office Expenses	50	50	50	50
22060	Maintenance	24,950	26,100	26,100	26,100
	<i>of which</i>				
.001	Buildings	7,500	8,000	8,000	8,000
.003	Plant and Equipment	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,500

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Item No.	Details	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Planned	2028/29 Planned
22100	Publications and Stationery	1,800	2,300	2,300	2,300
22140	Medical Supplies, Drugs and Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
22900	Other Goods and Services	124,150	130,350	130,350	130,350
	<i>of which</i>				
.005	Provision and Stores	95,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
28	Other Expense	200	200	200	200
28211	Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions				
.008	Discharged Persons' Aid Committee	100	100	100	100
28219	Other Current Expense to Non-Residents				
.002	Repatriation of Prisoners	100	100	100	100
Capital Expenditure		54,000	110,000	114,000	85,000
31	Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	54,000	110,000	114,000	85,000
		Project Value			
		Rs 000			
31112	Non-Residential Buildings				
.411	Upgrading of Prisons	22,900	24,400	44,900	23,100
	<i>(a) Beau Bassin Prison</i>	2,400	3,000	10,000	10,000
	<i>(b) Other Prisons</i>	20,500	21,400	34,900	13,100
31121	Transport Equipment				
.801	Acquisition of Vehicles	8,150	10,000	10,000	10,000
31122	Other Machinery and Equipment				
.805	Acquisition of Security Equipment	5,750	55,500	46,000	40,300
	<i>(a) Anti-Pelting Netting System</i>	27,000	-	11,000	5,000
	<i>(b) Mobile Phone Jammers</i>	30,000	-	-	-
	<i>(c) Other Security Equipment</i>	5,750	14,500	35,000	35,300
.999	Acquisition of Other Machinery and Equipment	16,600	19,500	12,500	11,000
31133	Furnitures, Fixtures and Fittings	600	600	600	600
TOTAL		1,080,100	1,231,000	1,270,000	1,252,000

Human Resources

SN	Position Titles	Funded	
		2025/26	2026/27
1	Prisons Medical and Health Officer/Senior Prisons Medical and Health Officer	-	-
2	Head, Prisons Health Service	1	1
3	Principal Prisons Health Service Officer (Male)	4	4
4	Principal Prisons Health Service Officer (Female)	1	1
5	Senior Prisons Health Service Officer (Male)	9	9
6	Senior Prisons Health Service Officer (Female)	2	2
7	Prisons Health Service Officer (Male)	22	22
8	Prisons Health Service Officer (Female)	7	7
9	Chief Prisons Welfare Officer	1	1
10	Principal Prisons Welfare Officer	2	2
11	Senior Prisons Welfare Officer	3	3

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SN	Position Titles	Funded	
		2025/26	2026/27
12	Prisons Welfare Officer	12	12
13	Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	53	53
14	Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Industries)	3	3
15	Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Works)	2	2
16	Woman Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	6	6
17	Psychologist/Senior Psychologist (Prisons), <i>formerly Prisons Psychologist/Senior Prisons Psychologist</i>	2	2
18	Pharmacist/Senior Pharmacist	-	-
19	Prisons Pharmacy Technician/Senior Prisons Pharmacy Technician	-	-
20	Prisons Catering Administrator	1	1
21	Principal Prisons Officer	112	112
22	Principal Prisons Officer (Industries)	5	6
23	Principal Prisons Officer (Works)	5	5
24	Principal Woman Prisons Officer	8	8
25	Prisons Officer/Senior Prisons Officer	1,005	1,005
26	Woman Prisons Officer/Senior Woman Prisons Officer	105	105
27	Dental Assistant	-	-
28	Receptionist/Telephone Operator	5	5
29	Senior Cook	1	1
30	Cook (<i>on roster</i>)	12	12
31	Automobile Electrician	1	-
32	Blacksmith (<i>Personal</i>)	1	-
33	Carpenter	6	6
34	Mason	7	6
35	Motor Diesel Mechanic	1	1
36	Motor Mechanic	1	1
37	Vulcaniser	1	1
38	Panel Beater (<i>Personal</i>)	1	-
39	Plumber and Pipe Fitter	2	2
40	Tinsmith	1	1
41	Stores Attendant	3	3
42	Handy Worker (Special Class)	1	3
TOTAL		1,415	1,414