

COMMITTEE FOR REFORMS IN CRIMINAL LAWS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORGANISATION OF REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide its notification ‘1-2-19 Judicial Cell (Part I)’ dated 02-03-2020, 04-05-2020, and 29-05-2020 has constituted the National Level **Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws** with the mandate to “*recommend reforms in a principled, effective, and efficient manner which ensures the safety and security of the individual, the community and the nation; and which prioritises the constitutional values of justice, dignity and the inherent worth of the individual.*”

Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan
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The Committee has, by Public Notice dated 26-06-2020 and 11-7-2020, notified the mechanism and schedule for the questionnaire based Consultations as well as Open Consultations and both exercises are now well underway. The Committee has received an encouraging response representative of the stakeholders, professionals and functionaries of our criminal justice system. Nevertheless, the Committee is well aware of the requirement of extending its regional out-reach and to develop a broad-base. The Committee is constrained by the pandemic and its task is complicated manifold as several regions in the country remain under lockdown and are physically inaccessible. To remedy the same, the Committee has requested several institutions and organisations to organise Regional Consultations on reforms in criminal laws and to share the results of such consultations with the Committee.

Mr. G.P. Thareja
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In furtherance of the same, several institutions and organisations have stepped up and have either already conducted such Regional Consultations or are planning the same. Such consultations have helped

(re)ignite the debate/deliberations on several major issues. In this regard, the efforts of several law universities such as Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar; Symbiosis Law School, Pune; Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur; and UPES, Dehradun deserves a special acknowledgement.

In light of the above, the Committee strongly urges and requests all functionaries, stakeholders and professionals as well as organisations to conduct regional consultations at their respective levels in the forms of lectures, debates, panel discussions, open forums etc. to encourage and develop public dialogue around the issues plaguing our criminal justice system.

The results of the same may be shared with the Committee at criminallawreforms@nludelhi.ac.in and any audio-visual files including documents may be shared at info-criminallawreforms@nludelhi.ac.in.

The same may also be posted to us at:

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Sincerely,

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