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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide Judgment dated February 26, 2026 in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1082 of 2020, Suhas Chakma vs. Union of India and others, has directed every State and Union Territory to constitute a Monitoring Committee for the Management of Open Correctional Institutions (OCIs).

And whereas, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority has conveyed consent of the Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority to assume the role of Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee.

Now, therefore, the State Government, in compliance of the Judgment dated February 26, 2026, is hereby pleased to constitute a Monitoring Committee for the Management of Open Correctional Institutions(OCIs), consisting of the following;

Sl. No.	Designation of the Officer	Designation
1.	The Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Gangtok	Chairperson
2.	The Secretary, Home Department, Government of Sikkim	Member
3.	The Additional Director General of Police (Prisons), State Central Prison, Rongyek	Member

The Monitoring Committee shall be responsible for: -

- undertaking an assessment of the feasibility and necessity for establishing Open Correctional Institutions in the State of Sikkim;
- Ensuring compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- Overseeing the utilisation, functioning and expansion of Open Correctional Institutions;

- (d) Facilitating the timely identification and transfer of eligible prisoners from closed prisons to Open Correctional Institutions; and
- (e) Periodically reviewing progress and addressing systemic impediments in the implementation of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (f) Submitting quarterly status reports to the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim, detailing the steps taken towards compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding utilisation and expansion of Open Correctional Institutions and any difficulties encountered in implementation of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (g) The first such status report shall be placed on record before the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim on or before 21st August, 2026.

By Order and in the name of the Governor,

**R. Telang, IAS
Chief Secretary,
Government of Sikkim
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