

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

Punishment and Sentencing in a Democratic Society – A Dialogue

The National Law University, Delhi under the auspices of Shri K.L. Arora Chair in Criminal Law is organizing a Dialogue on “Punishment and Sentencing in a Democratic Society” on 30-31 October 2015. This dialogue would elicit the views of a cross-section of the Indian society, including judges, Advocates, Legal academics, Politicians, Police, Correctional administrators, media and law students, on the above theme. This Dialogue envisages to conduct a thread-bare examination and analysis of the involved themes, both in terms of their theoretical as well as practical dimensions. Though the dialogue would touch upon the diverse forms of punishment deployed by the Courts in the day to day administration of Criminal Justice, but special focus would obviously remain on Death Sentence, Life Imprisonments and also Probation sentencing. It is hoped that the outcomes of this dialogue would not only shed scientific light and enhance the real and symbolic uses to which different forms of punishment are subjected to, but would help the sentencing administrators Judges and correctional officials to make a rational choice about sentencing at the appropriate time.

Tentative Conference Sessions

First Day(30 October, 2015) :-

Inaugural Session (10 to 11 A.M.)

Session I (11:30 to 1:30 P.M.) : Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Punishments.

Lunch

Session II (2:30 to 4:00 P.M.) : Death Sentence and Its Administration at the Appellate Court

Session III (4:15 to 6:00 P.M.) : Empirical Analysis of Administration of Death Sentence at the lower and the High Court level.

Second Day(31 October, 2015) :-

Session IV (9:30 to 11:15 A.M.) : Life imprisonment punishment and sentencing

Session V (11:30 to 1:30 A.M.) : Prerogative and Executive Bowers of Pardon, Commutation and Remission of sentences.

Lunch

Session VI (2:30 to 4:30) : Probation and other Reformative measures of sentencing.