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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION AND SCHEDULE OF OPEN CONSULTATION

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.*”

The Committee has by Public Notice dated 26-06-2020 notified the mechanism and schedule for the questionnaire based Consultations and the exercise is now well underway. The sources of the questions are based on intensive research undertaken by the team w.r.t. a large number of reports/publications/researches conducted by the Law Commissions; Ministry of Law and Justice; Universities; Non-Governmental Organisations; private organisations; and, scholars, etc. Many of these issues have immense contemporary relevance and have generated enough public dialogue and debates. However, these issues have not attracted enough attention in so far as the amendments in laws are concerned. The Committee has therefore taken up the opportunity to revisit these issues through the abovementioned Consultation.

The Committee is at an initial stage and the circulation of these questions does not in any manner or form signify that the Committee has finalised or decided on a position on any of the issues being consulted upon. The idea behind the questionnaire based Consultation is to seek a response on

specific issues from professionals, functionaries and stakeholders representing a diverse section of our society. The inclusion or non-inclusion of certain issues/questions does not necessarily limit our engagement or mandate in any form or manner. We are open and inclined to consider the other issues over and above the questionnaires so as long as they are in alignment with the mandate of the Committee (*as mentioned on the website*).

We have always been of the considered opinion that in addition to the questionnaire based Consultation, there is a need for wider consultations. In pursuance of such consideration, the Committee has developed an ‘Open Consultation’ mechanism. The participants in such Consultations may submit to the Committee any views; suggestions; advice; opinions; recommendations; knowledge; and, experience; as regards the ambit of the Committee’s exercise. The Open Consultation mechanism shall be accessible at <https://criminallawreforms.in/open-consultation/> and may be accessed between 17-07-2020 & 16-09-2020. In addition to the above, any journal articles; reports; papers; studies; books; or any other documents/material; or audio/video files related to the mandate of the Committee may be mailed to the following e-mail ID:

info-criminallawreforms@nludelhi.ac.in

The Committee therefore requests all professionals, functionaries, stakeholders of the Criminal Justice System and all interested members of the public to register and participate in the Open Consultation. The Committee shall be accommodative of all inputs and shall stand greatly benefited by your participation.

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