

CHAPTER 21 - Clothing and Equipment

Supply of clothing to prisoners

Rule 508

- (i) Every prisoner sentenced to rigorous imprisonment or imprisonment for life shall be supplied with, and wear prison clothing in accordance with the prescribed scale.
- (ii) No prisoner to whom any clothing or bedding is supplied under the above clause, shall receive, possess or use, or be permitted to receive possess or use, any article of clothing or bedding other than an article so supplied, or an article, the receipt, possession or use of which the Superintendent an may, at any time, sanction in respect of any such prisoner.

Clothing for simple imprisonment and under-trial prisoners

Rule 509

Prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment and under-trial prisoners shall be permitted to, wear their own clothing, provided: -

- (a) that such convicted or under-trial prisoners as are unable to provide themselves with the necessary clothing shall be supplied with sufficient clothing from the prison stores and.
- b) prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment who elect to labour shall be supplied with and wear the same clothing as is supplied to prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment.

Military prisoners not permitted to wear uniform

Rule 510

- (i) Prisoners belonging to Army and other formations, who wear uniforms shall on no account be allowed to wear them in prison.
- (ii) If such prisoner is entitled under the rules to wear his own clothing, but possesses nothing except his uniform, he shall be provided with the necessary clothing from the prison stores.

Prisoners not allowed to wear political symbols

Rule 511

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Habitual prisoners not to wear own clothes

Rule 512

Habitual prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment shall not be permitted to wear their own clothing.

When convicted prisoners are permitted to wear private clothing

Rule 513

All prisoners sentenced to rigorous or simple imprisonment may be permitted to wear private clothing when: -

- (a) attending Court ;and
- (b) on transfer to another prison.

Prisoners to conform to orders as to the care of the articles

Rule 514

Every prisoner to whom any articles of clothing or bedding or other equipment is at any time supplied, shall conform to all such orders as to the care, custody and use as may, from time to time, be issued by the Superintendent, subject to the directors (if any) of the Inspector General.

Power to fix scales of prison clothing and bedding

Rule 515

The Inspector-General shall, with the sanction of Government, fix the scale of clothing, bedding and other equipment, to be provided for each class of prisoners, and similarly may, from time to time:-

- (a) vary the scale of clothing and bedding generally or for prisoners of any class;
- (b) prescribe a special scale in respect of prisoners confined in any prison, or in the prisons situated within any prescribed local area;
- (c) prescribe a special scale in respect of any period or during any season of the year; and
- (d) vary the shape, size, material or quality of any article prescribed in any scale of clothing or bedding.

Standard pattern of all articles

Rule 516

The Inspector-General shall prescribe the measurements, pattern, etc., of each article of clothing and bedding for supply of prisoners. Sealed samples approved by him shall be maintained in each prison authorised to manufacture and, supply such articles. Instructions regarding the manufacture, pattern, measurements and standard weights of clothing and bedding shall be issued by the Inspector-General from time to time.

Power of Medical Officer to order extra clothing

Rule 517

The Medical Officer is authorised to direct at any time on medical grounds the issue of extra clothing to any prisoners or class of any prisoners for any specified period or during any season of the year. He may authorise the issue of extra warm clothing to prisoners who are old or infirm, whenever necessary.

Scale of clothing

Rule 518

- (i) The following scale of clothing, bedding and other equipment is prescribed for C class convicted prisoners: -

MEN	WOMEN	
2 dasuti kurtas	¹ *[1. Fine Dasuti Kamiz	2 during a year
2 dasuti shalwars	2. Fine Dasuti Shalwar	2 during a year

¹ In rule 518, substituted by No. 3/23-SO-Prs.-II-HD/81, Gazette of Punjab, Part I, 2nd Oct. 1985.

1 dasuti cap	3. Dopatta of Trivera or some other fine fabric size 2 m -10 cm x 1M CM	2 during a year
1 dasuti jangia	4. Turkish Towel 91 cm. x 61 cm.	1 during a year
1 dasuti sheet	5. Azarband weighing 20 gm.	2 during a year
1 dasuti towel	6. Bed sheet Dasuti 2m – 13 cm x 1.36m	2 during a year
1 m-52 cm. X 68 cm	7. Dasuti Chaddar during winter 2m – 10 cm x 1m – 5 cm	1 during a year
Dasuti Chaddar during Winter	8. Sanitary pads 23m –x 8 cm (Jail made)	8 per month
2 azarban	9. Durree	1
1 durrie	10. Blanket	1
1 Blanket	11. Munj Mat	1
1 munj mat	12. Mattress stuffed with cotton or foam	1
1 aluminum cup	13. Pillow	1
1 aluminum plate	14. Pillow covers	2
1 aluminum mug	15. Aluminum Cup	1
2 dasuti kurtas	16. Aluminum Plate	1
2 dasuti shalwars	17. Aluminum Mug	1
	18. Bed	1
	19. Washing powder	125 gm per week
	20. Toilet Soap (Medium Quality)	1 cake per fort night
	21. Mustard Oil	140 gm per week
	22. Hair removing powder	1 time used packed once a week
	23. Brassier	3 per year
	24. Parandas of 50 gm	2 per year
	25. Comb	2 per year
	26. Banyan made of muslin	2 per year]

Note Sikh prisoners may be issued a garah cloth turban 3 Meter-66 Cm. x 61 Cm.

During winter

Men

1 woolen jacket
2 blankets.

Women

1 woolen jersey
2 blankets.

(ii) During the coldest winter months, i.e. December, January and February, one or more extra blankets according to severity of winter, may be issued to every prisoner. It should be not, however, be necessary to issue extra blankets for more than three months. Blankets and woolen jackets shall be issued to prisoners on 15th October and withdrawn on 14th April each year.

(iii) A hand fan should be issued to each prisoner on 15th April and withdrawn on 14th October.

*²(iv) The women prisoners permitted to keep children with them in jail shall be issued the following articles per child:-

1.	Feeder Bottle	1 for six months.
2.	Feeder nipples	1 per month.
3.	Talcum powder (Medium quality)	150 gms per month.
4.	Toilet Soap (Medium quality)	1 cake per month.
5.	Toys	Costing up to Rs. 10 per year.
6.	Shoe (Medium quality)	1 pair per year.
7.	Nappies (Jail made) Dasuti measuring 30 cm.	4 per six months
8.	Clothing (Medium quality)	4 set per six months.

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5.	Toys costing upto Rs. 25 per year.	
6.	Shoe (Medium quality)	One pair per year
7.	Nappies-Dasuti (measuring 30 CM.)	4 per six months
8.	Clothings (Medium quality)	4 sets per six months

² Sub-rule (iv) added to rule 518 by No. 3/23-SO-Prs.-II-HD/81, Gazette of Punjab, Part 1, 2nd Oct. 1985.

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Note 2 Where any of the above items of clothing or bedding is made in jail, the jail made articles alone will be supplied

Clothing of convict officers

Rule 519

- (i) Convict officers shall be issued the same clothing prescribed for ordinary prisoners except that they shall be issued a red beret cap with a brass badge instead of the ordinary cap.
- (ii) Colour of kurtas and salwars shall be yellow for moqaddams and green for shinposhes.
- (iii) A leather belt shall issue to a moqaddam and shinposh.
- (iv) Convict officers on duty outside the barracks at night shall be provided with woolen great coats during winter.

Clothing of Infants

Rule 520

The Superintendent shall provide children permitted to remain with their mothers in prison with all necessary clothing in accordance with the, requirements of the season.

Certain prisoners to wear black cap

Rule 521

Convicted prisoners who had escaped or attempted to escape from prison shall wear a cap of distinctive colour and shall be issued a cap of black colour.

Clothing to be marked

Rule 522

The admission number of every prisoner-sentenced to a period of imprisonment shall be stamped on his clothing, and bedding. Cotton articles shall be marked with one inch numbers with indelible ink, while woolen articles shall be marked with white paint.

Life of clothing and bedding

Rule 523

- (i) All cotton clothing should ordinarily last for six months. Woolen jackets, coats, blankets and cotton durries should give at least three years service, while munj mat should last two years. All new blankets issued to prisoners for the winter season should be withdrawn in April, leaving one serviceable blanket only, with each prisoner.
- (ii) Life of a stainless steel plate as also of an aluminum Mug is three years

Issue of clothing

Rule 524

- (i) The storekeeper shall issue complete kit to every newly admitted prisoner and will receive back the kit from all prisoners leaving the prison either on transfer or on release. He will be responsible for the correct issue and correct receipt of clothing and other equipment. He shall be assisted in this work by a literate head warder, to be detailed by the Superintendent.

- (ii) General distribution of cotton clothing shall not be made. Issues shall be made as necessity arises. All issues of clothing and other articles and subsequent renewals shall be recorded on the history tickets of prisoners with dates under the initials of the issuing officer. Entries relating to new articles of clothing shall be prefixed with the letter “N” and those relating to used but serviceable clothing with the letter “S”
- (iii) A common ledger for the prison shall be kept by the storekeeper where first and subsequent issue of clothing shall be recorded against the names of individual prisoners. A blank register containing 400 pages should be used for the purpose. One-half of a page should be allotted to each prisoner. Names should be recorded alphabetically.
- (iv) Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for six months or less should ordinarily be supplied with one new and one serviceable cotton suit. Short terners may be issued with two serviceable suits.

Hospital clothing

Rule 525

- (i) All articles of cotton clothing for hospital use shall have two red stripes each 1 Cm.—2 Mm. wide and 1 Cm.— 8 Mm. apart running along the centre and women in the cloth. Woolen clothing shall be made in gray with two red stripes in the centre described above.
- (ii) The Medical Officer shall see that patients in the hospital. are supplied suitable and sufficient clothing to make them comfortable. They shall be provided with a bed, a mattress stuffed with cotton or coir, a pillow stuffed with cotton, a pillow over, two bed sheets, a kurta, a pyjama, a towel and blankets and a woolen jacket in winter.
- (iii) The clothing of every prisoner shall, on his admission to hospital, be taken from him and a complete hospital outfit issued. The prisoner’s clothing shall then be washed and placed in the hospital store room till his discharge, when it shall be returned to the clothing godown or destroyed, if the Medical Officer considers such a course necessary.
- (iv) The junior Medical Officer shall be incharge of the hospital clothing store and shall be responsible for the care of the articles.
- (v) A certain number of articles should be set-aside for patients suffering from infections diseases. Articles intended for such use should be distinctly marked with a piece of fast dyed red cloth 7 Cm. -- 6 Mm. length and 1 Cm -- 2 Mm. breadth and attached on to each article of clothing.

Extra clothing for convalescents

Rule 526

Prisoners on convalescent and infirm list should be provided with an extra blanket, a woolen pyjama and woolen jacket during the coldest season of the year.

Extra clothing to certain prisoners

Rule 527

Every prisoner employed on a labour which soils the clothing shall be supplied with an extra serviceable suit dyed blue for wear during work. Cooks shall be allowed new kurtas and pyjamas dyed blue for work in the cookhouse. They may also be allowed an apron of coarse white dasuti cloth. Clothing issued to cooks and sheets in use in cookhouses for covering food shall be chargeable to dietary head and taken on stock.

Clothing to be kept serviceable

Rule 528

Every prisoner's clothing and equipment shall be renewed as necessity arises. No prisoner shall be allowed to remain in tattered and unserviceable clothing. In every barrack or cell block sufficient number of hand needles and thread shall be kept for prisoners to repair their clothing. A prisoner who does not keep his clothes in serviceable condition shall be liable to punishment

Cleanliness of clothing and bedding

Rule 529

All clothing and bedding must be kept in a thoroughly clean condition. Convicted prisoners shall be employed to wash hospital clothing for those who are sick.

Sufficient clothing to be kept in stock

Rule 530

A sufficient stock of clothing to meet all possible requirements shall be kept in store in every prison.

Supervision of supply of clothing and bedding

Rule 531

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, the Medical Officer and the Deputy Superintendent to see that : —

- (a) every prisoner is provided with sufficient clothing and bedding necessary for his health;
- (b) every prisoner entitled to prison clothing and bedding is duly supplied with all the articles according to the prescribed scale;
- (c) all clothing and bedding supplied is of the prescribed pattern and quality, clean, in good condition and in all respects suitable for use by prisoners; and that
- (d) all articles of clothing or bedding at any time obtained and stored in the prison are frequently inspected, and that ,all articles which are in any respect unsuitable or inferior to the prescribed description and quality are forthwith rejected and are not issued for the use of prisoners.

Duty of Inspector General with regard to clothing

Rule 532

It shall be the duty of the Inspector General, from time to time, to take all such measures as may be necessary to ensure that every prisoner is at all times so supplied with clothing and bedding as to preserve him in reasonable comfort and good health.

Responsibility of prisoners regarding clothing

Rule 533

- (i) No prisoner shall destroy, damage, alter or in any way make away with any article of clothing, bedding or other equipment at any time supplied to him or in his possession, and every prisoner shall take reasonable and proper care of every articles supplied to him.
- (ii) The manner in which articles of clothing, bedding and other equipment supplied to prisoners are to be kept or used by such prisoners, shall be prescribed by the Superintendent, subject to the directions, if any of the Inspector General.

Disposal of unserviceable clothing

Rule 534

Once a month all articles of clothing and bedding, etc. considered unserviceable shall be put up before the Superintendent and, if declared useless shall be condemned by him, and written off in the clothing register in words by him and initialed. All condemned cotton clothing shall be torn into pieces in the presence of the Superintendent, weighed and taken on stock. Suitable pieces may be picked out of the lot by the storekeeper for repair of prison clothing. Cotton rags should be sent to the Government press if required, otherwise auctioned. Woolen articles when condemned should not be torn into more than two pieces. These should be weighed and taken on stock and dispatched to prisons manufacturing drugget carpets and durries and if not required by such prisons these should be disposed of by auction to the best advantage of state.

Disposal of clothing received on release

Rule 535

Clothing received back from prisoners on release or transfer shall be taken by the storekeeper. It shall be washed, disinfected and repaired if necessary for re-issue, if not, it shall be placed before the Superintendent for condemnation in accordance with the preceding rule.

Submission of clothing indents

Rule 536

Indents for clothing, bedding and other equipment shall be submitted in duplicate to the Inspector General on or before the 1st of October each year. The requirements shall be carefully considered so as to obviate the necessity of submitting a supplementary indent.

Clothing godown

Rule 537

- (i) The clothing store shall be in the charge of a storekeeper. It shall be his duty to see that all articles, cotton as well as woolen, received back from the prisoners are thoroughly washed and disinfected and then placed in store properly arranged in bundles; that all articles in store have been thoroughly repaired and are regularly aired and kept fit for use, and that every precaution is taken, e.g., by the use of insecticides and frequent airing, to prevent damage.
- (ii) Necessary facilities shall be afforded by the Deputy Superintendent, to the storekeeper for the washing and repairing of clothes.
- (iii) Blankets and woolen jackets shall be stored in the clothing Store according to their condition and shall be classified as :—
 - (1) new;
 - (2) good ; and
 - (3) serviceable

and shall be kept in separate bundles and marked according to their classification . The bundles shall be kept in dasuti covers to protect them from dust and moisture. Napthalene balls or other insecticide shall be put in the folds of all woolen clothing stored in the godown. An account of dasuti covers shall also be kept in the clothing register.

- (iv) Small articles such as jangias and caps shall be stored in bundles of one hundred each and all other articles in bundles of twenty five to facilitate checking of stores

- (v) 1/2 chatak washing soda and six chataks firewood is allowed for washing the clothings of one prisoner. Woolen clothing shall be disinfected by soaking in water treated with one per cent phenyle on the weight of the clothing.