

Over representation of minorities in prisons continue to be a cause of concern for the courts. Substantiate

The National Crime Records Bureau's prison statistics highlight the overcrowding of prisons with minorities.

The minorities form around 20% of the population. Yet, the convicts within them are:

Muslims - 16%
Dalits - 22%
Tribes - 14%

Cause of concern

The prime reason behind is the majoritarian mindset and unholy nexus between police and politics.

It has resulted in overcrowding of prisons. The prisons now have 120% of more than their carrying capacity.

Also, they are prone to diseases
like HIV, TB and substance use,

Measures to be taken

The vacancy in police and prison
staff to be filled at the earliest.

Schemes such as Naya shiksha - to get

quality employment, Nai Udaan - supporting

candidates to clear UPSC, SPSC exams

Nai Ashani - leadership development course

must be spearheaded to the target

groups suitably.

Way forward.

convening Jok ulahat in prisons and

implementation of Mulla committee such

as remission of prisoners, ~~and~~ preparing

sense of brotherhood is paramount to

avoid targeted violence.