



Haryana Prisons Rules, 2022

Why In News?

- The Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on October 19, 2022, approved the **proposal to replace the 'Punjab Prisons Rules-1894' applicable in the state of Haryana with the 'Haryana Prisons Rules, 2022'**.

Key Point

- The Haryana Prisons Rules, 2022 will be applicable in all jails in the state under preventive detention laws in respect of its administration and management, staff members, convicts, undertrials, civil prisoners, women prisoners, young offenders and detainees.
- These rules will be called the Haryana Prisons Rules 2022. These rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Gazette.
- The Haryana Prisons Rules, 2022 are based on the Model Prisons Rules, 2016 approved by the Union Home Ministry after appropriate amendments, additions, alterations and deletions as per local laws and local conditions. These rules also include provision for setting up of rooms for newly recruited prisoners for their personal behaviour studies, health check-ups etc.
- Under these rules, special provisions have been made for classification of prisoners, gangsters and hardcore prisoners for separation of prisoners. Apart from this, the rights and duties of the prisoners have also been included.
- The Haryana Prisons Rules, 2022 provide for proper food, its preparation and distribution management in the jail diet and special provisions have also been made for women, elderly and mentally ill prisoners.
- It is noteworthy that **the Punjab Prisons Rules-1894** were notified during the British rule and currently in force in the state of Haryana.