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Bail or jail: on bail law reforms



- ❑ Bail is the norm and jail the exception
- ❑ Law Commission, in its 268th Report
- ❑ the existing system of bail in India is inadequate and inefficient to accomplish its purpose.
- ❑ “fair and evidence-based”
- ❑ 67% of the current prison population is made up of undertrials

Recommendation

- ❑ **Section 436A** of the Code of Criminal Procedure stipulates that a prisoner shall be released on bail on personal bond if he or she has undergone detention of **half the maximum period** of imprisonment specified for that offence.
- ❑ Law Commission recommends that those detained for an offence that would attract up to **seven years' imprisonment be released on completing one-third of that period**, and those charged with offences attracting a longer jail term, after they complete half of that period.
- ❑ For those who had spent the whole period as undertrials, the period undergone may be considered for remission
- ❑ Commission cautions the **police against needless arrests** and **magistrates against mechanical remand orders**. It gives an illustrative list of conditions that could be imposed in lieu of sureties or financial bonds. It advocates the need to impose the "least restrictive conditions".
- ❑ Bail law reform is not the panacea, solution lies in expediting the trial process.

QUESTION

“For, in our justice system, delay remains the primary source of injustice.” Discuss.

TAXING AGRICULTURE

- **Why no Tax Till Now?**
- **Historical Factor**
- **Food Crisis**
- **Vote Bank**

- **Difficulty in imposing taxes?**
- **Cash Transaction**
- **Not all o/p to market**
- **Subsistence type**
- **Agricultural will receive setback**

Why taxation

- **Should impose?**
- **Look at absolute numbers**
- **Access to Finance**
- **Bring Discipline and eliminate inefficiency**
- **Companies?**
- **Growing from Land: Injustice to Others**

TOP TEN CLAIMANTS FOR TAX EXEMPTION OF AGRICULTURAL INCOME FOR ASSESSMENT YEAR 2014-15

Agricultural income claimed as exempt (in ₹ Crore)

Rank	Company	Agricultural income claimed as exempt (in ₹ Crore)
1	Kaveri Seed Company	186.63
2	Monsanto India	94.4
3	Mcleod Russel India	73.1
4	Madhya Pradesh Rajya Van Vikasnigam	62.6
5	Vandana Farms And Resorts	61.13
6	Karnataka Forest Development Corporation	52.84
7	Ankur Seeds	27.59
8	Nath Bio-genes (India)	27.38
9	Shivashakti Bio Technologies	21.58
10	Ganga Kaveri Seeds	19.61

Source: Lok Sabha

कृषि पर कर एक प्रगतिशील विचार है और यह कृषि को नया आयाम प्रदान करेगा | चर्चा करे

कृषि पर कर लगाने में क्या क्या बाधाए है और क्या यह एक प्रगतिशील कदम सिद्ध होगा ?

The bleak new academic scenario

Does liberalisation promote liberal values?'
The answer is, 'It hasn't.' Rather, it has eroded
our society's **institutional capacity** to train
young people who might pursue liberal values
by **exercising an independent voice.**