



## ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACED BY OFFICIALS AND JUVENILES DELINQUENTS OF REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA

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### ABSTRACT

Juvenile delinquency is a serious social issue, and preventing it from happening again requires a targeted approach. Reformatory institutions are crucial to the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders and subsequent readoption into society. Nonetheless, both the authorities and the young criminals who reside in these institutions face several challenges. The goal of this research is to better understand the challenges faced by both juvenile offenders and the staff at Haryana's reformatory facilities. This study uses a qualitative research approach, using interviews and observations, to better comprehend the difficulties encountered by both juveniles and authorities. Findings from the research indicate that authorities and juvenile offenders in Haryana's reformatory homes face significant challenges, the most pressing of which are inadequate facilities, a lack of qualified employees, and subpar counselling and rehabilitation services. The study results are summarised, and some suggestions are made for improving the situation in Haryana's reformatory homes, all with the goal of bettering the reintegration and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

**Keywords:** Juvenile Delinquency, Reformatory Homes, Rehabilitation, Haryana.

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### INTRODUCTION

Juvenile misbehaviour has far-reaching consequences for young people and poses a serious danger to social stability. The number of juvenile offenders in India has been steadily increasing over the last several years, demonstrating the necessity for targeted strategies to curb this growing issue. Juvenile criminals who have committed serious offences are sent to facilities known as reformatory homes. Juvenile offenders who are placed in these homes have the opportunity to heal from their behavioural problems, learn new skills, and rejoin society as responsible adults. The authorities and the juvenile offenders imprisoned in these

institutions face a variety of challenges that make rehabilitation and reintegration more difficult and take longer than necessary.

Haryana is one of the Indian states with an unusually high rate of juvenile crime. The state has established many reformatory homes around the state to offer treatment and reconciliation services to juvenile offenders. Yet, these homes face a variety of issues and barriers that make recovery and reintegration more challenging.

Juvenile delinquency is a major problem in Indian society, affecting young people's daily lives and eroding social harmony. Juvenile criminals who have committed serious offences are sent to facilities known as reformatory homes. Juvenile offenders who are placed in these homes have the opportunity to heal from their behavioural problems, learn new skills, and rejoin society as responsible adults. The rehabilitation process for both the adults in charge of these institutions and the juvenile offenders who reside there is slowed by a variety of hurdles. The goal of this research is to better understand the challenges faced by both juvenile offenders and the staff at Haryana's reformatory facilities. This study uses a qualitative research approach, using interviews and observations, to better comprehend the difficulties encountered by both juveniles and authorities.

**Purpose of the study:** The goal of this study is to examine the problems that arise for both staff and juvenile offenders in Haryana, India's juvenile rehabilitation facilities. To better understand the challenges experienced by both authorities and minors, this study adopts a qualitative research technique based on in-depth interviews and field observations. To better aid in the rehabilitation and reintegration of juvenile offenders, this research will make suggestions for improving the circumstances of reformatory homes in Haryana, based on the results of the study.

## REVIEW OF LITERATURE

On juvenile delinquency and reformatory homes in India, a number of research have been carried out in recent years.

**Khurana, R. & Kaur, H. (2020)** Juvenile offenders in Haryana are the focus of this research, which looks at how reform institutions fit into the overall picture. Juvenile offenders have significant difficulties throughout the reintegration process due to a lack of services and resources, according to the report. For juvenile offenders to successfully rejoin society, the research suggests strengthening the reintegration process by providing them with extensive assistance and resources. These studies expand our understanding of the difficulties encountered by both staff and juvenile offenders in Haryana's reform institutions, and they provide solutions to these problems.

**Sharma and Aggarwal (2019)** It was discovered that juvenile offenders who are housed in reformatory homes experience a number of challenges, such as overcrowding, inadequate cleanliness, and a lack of counselling and rehabilitation activities. Findings suggest that enhancing counselling and rehabilitation programmes is one of the greatest strategies to ensure a smooth transition back into society after treatment.

**Garg, S. & Bhandari, S. (2019)** The purpose of this study is to examine the rehabilitation options for female juvenile offenders in Haryana, including those who are already incarcerated. The study's results indicate that female juvenile offenders face unique challenges, such as discrimination based on their gender and limited access to training

programmes. The study's authors recommend boosting rehabilitation programmes for female juvenile offenders as a means of addressing these problems.

**Singh, M. & Mehta, V. (2019)** According to the findings of the research, members of staff encounter a variety of obstacles, some of which include insufficient training, a lack of funding, and bad working conditions. According to the findings of the research, ensuring successful reintegration and recovery into society requires having staff members get the appropriate training and assistance.

**Pal, M. & Kumar, A. (2018)** This research investigates the living situations of juveniles incarcerated in various types of facilities in the state of Haryana, includes reformatory homes. According to the findings of the research, the living circumstances are deplorable, as there is excessive congestion, inadequate sanitation, and a lack of fundamental conveniences. According to the findings of the research, improving the infrastructure and amenities of these institutions is one of the best ways to provide juvenile offenders a place to live that is both secure and pleasant.

**Singh, J. & Aggarwal, R. (2018)** This research focuses on the requirements of juvenile offenders in Haryana, particularly those who are housed in reformatory institutions, in terms of their mental health. According to the findings of the research, there is a substantial number of juvenile offenders who struggle with issues related to their mental health; yet, there is a shortage of mental health treatments given in reformatory institutions. According to the findings of the research, mental health services should be included into the process of rehabilitation and re - integration.

**Sandhu, P. & Bhullar, A. (2018)** Staff members' perspectives on rehabilitating and reintegrating juvenile offenders in Haryana's reformatory facilities are investigated. Inadequate facilities, a lack of training, and insufficient assistance from the government are cited as reasons why staff employees find regeneration and reintegration difficult. The research suggests increasing staff assistance and resources to better facilitate recovery and readjustment.

**Kumar, A. & Mittal, S. (2017)** This research investigates the efficacy of rehabilitation programmes in lowering the rate of recidivism among juvenile offenders in Haryana, including those who are housed in juvenile correctional facilities. According to the findings of the research, rehabilitation programmes are successful in decreasing recidivism; nevertheless, there is a need for programmes that are both more thorough and based on evidence. The findings of the research suggest that the quality of rehabilitation programmes should be improved in order to guarantee successful recovery and reintegration.

**Sharma, P. & Yadav, R. (2017)** This research investigates the rehabilitation programmes that are offered in Haryana's juvenile justice institutions, such as reformatory homes and other similar facilities. The research indicated that low financing and inadequately trained staff were to blame for the subpar quality of rehabilitation programmes. The findings of this research highlight the need of providing patients with access to high-quality rehabilitation courses to facilitate their complete recoveries and successful reintegration into society.

**According to Sengupta and Roy (2015),** In order for juvenile criminals to be effectively reintegrated into society, they need a comprehensive approach to rehabilitation. The recovery effort has significant challenges, including inadequate infrastructure, a shortage of qualified

personnel, and inefficient restoration programmes. The results imply that the living circumstances of juvenile offenders in reformatory institutions might benefit considerably from upgrades to the facilities' infrastructure and amenities.

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

To better understand the difficulties encountered by both staff and juvenile offenders in Haryana's reformatory institutions, this study used a qualitative research approach based on interviews and observations. In order to get understanding, the researcher in this study visits three Haryana juvenile rehabilitation centres and conducts semi-structured interviews with administrators and incarcerated youth. The researcher also takes into account the facilities, services, and therapies provided by each clinic.

**Study Area: Haryana**

**Study Sample: 245 including 15 officials**

**ANALYSIS**

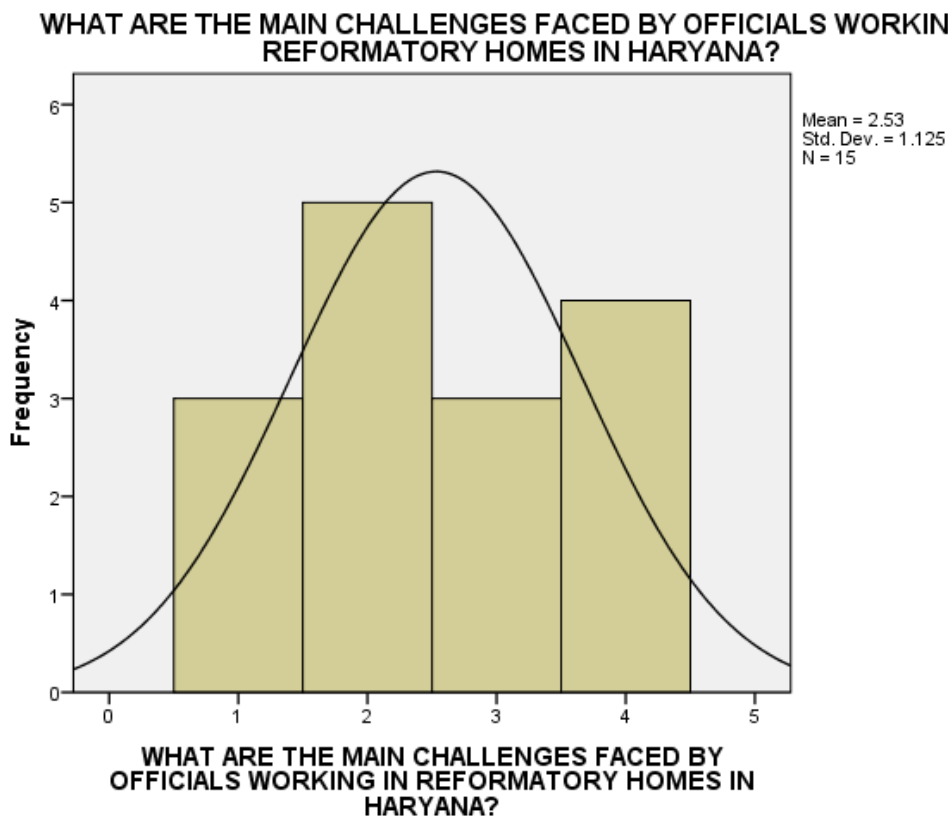
This research sheds light on the difficulties faced by staff and juveniles housed in Haryana's juvenile correctional centres. Major obstacles include outdated infrastructure, unqualified personnel, and a lack of supplementary services like counselling and rehabilitation. The living quarters at the reformatory lack essentials like clean water, adequate sanitation, and sufficient food. Because of a lack of proper preparation, the personnel in these facilities are unprepared to deal with juvenile offenders. The rehabilitation regimens offered by these facilities are insufficient and fail to address the underlying causes of the adolescent's issues.

**Table 4.1**

<b>WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES FACED BY OFFICIALS WORKING IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	LACK OF RESOURCES AND FUNDING	3	20.0	20.0	20.0
	STAFF SHORTAGES AND HIGH TURNOVER	5	33.3	33.3	53.3
	DIFFICULTY IN IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS	3	20.0	20.0	73.3
	RESISTANCE FROM JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	4	26.7	26.7	100.0
	Total	15	100.0	100.0	

Challenges faced by officials working in reformatory homes in Haryana: Staff shortages and high turnover (33.3%) is the most frequently reported challenge, followed by poor living conditions (20%), difficulty in implementing effective rehabilitation programs (20%), and resistance from juvenile delinquents (26.7%).

**Graph 4.1**



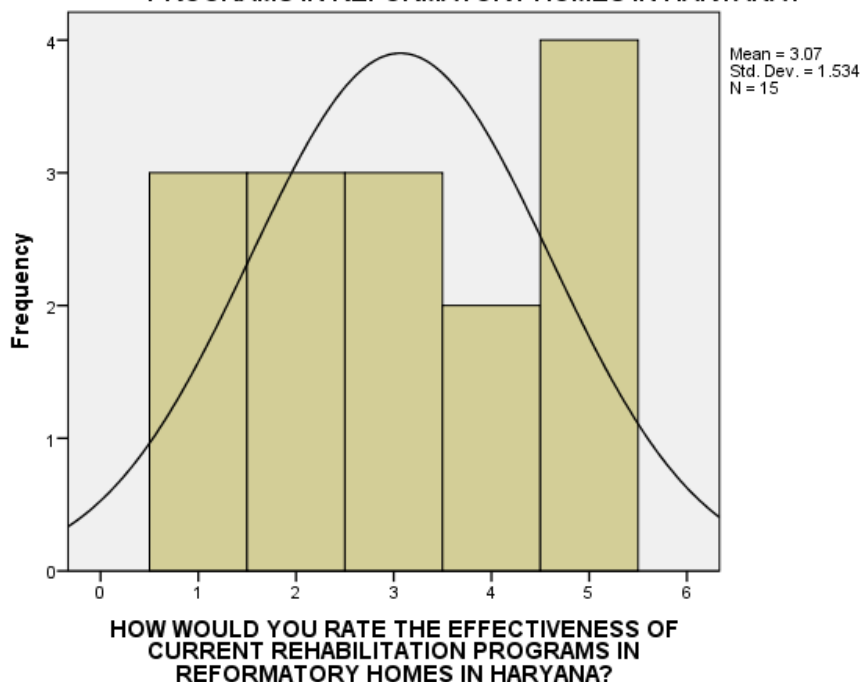
**Table 4.2**

<b>HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CURRENT REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	VERY EFFECTIVE	3	20.0	20.0	20.0
	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	3	20.0	20.0	40.0
	NOT VERY EFFECTIVE	3	20.0	20.0	60.0
	INEFFECTIVE	2	13.3	13.3	73.3
	5	4	26.7	26.7	100.0
	Total	15	100.0	100.0	

Effectiveness of current rehabilitation programs in reformatory homes in Haryana: The majority of respondents rate the programs as not very effective (20%) or ineffective (13.3%), with only 20% rating them as very effective.

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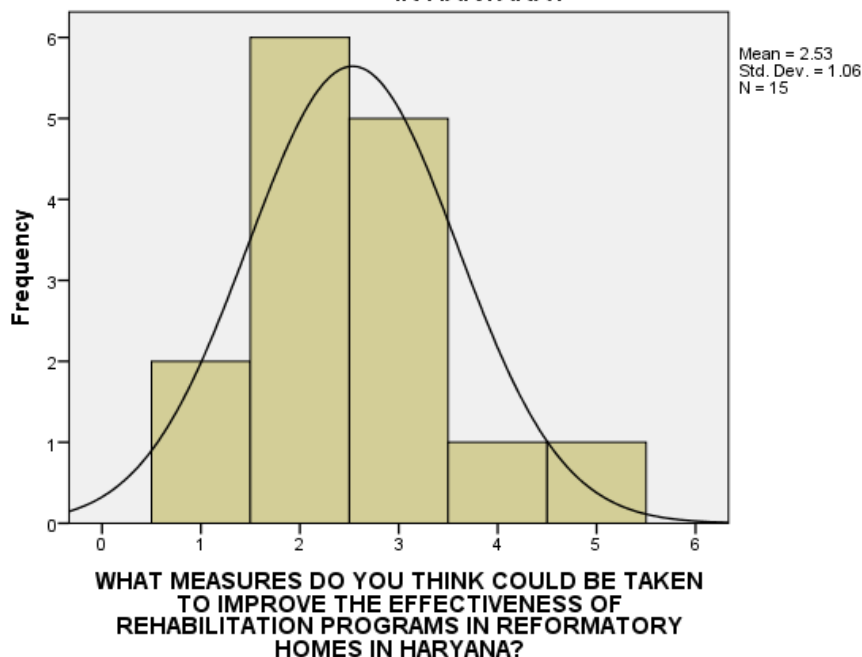
**Table 4.3**

<b>WHAT MEASURES DO YOU THINK COULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MORE FUNDING FOR RESOURCES AND STAFF	2	13.3	13.3	13.3
	MORE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING FOR STAFF	6	40.0	40.0	53.3
	MORE INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	5	33.3	33.3	86.7
	INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT	1	6.7	6.7	93.3
	5	1	6.7	6.7	100.0
	Total	15	100.0	100.0	

Measures to improve the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs: The most frequently suggested measure is to provide more opportunities for education and vocational training (40%), followed by more individualized treatment plans (33.3%) and increased involvement of families and community support (13.3%).

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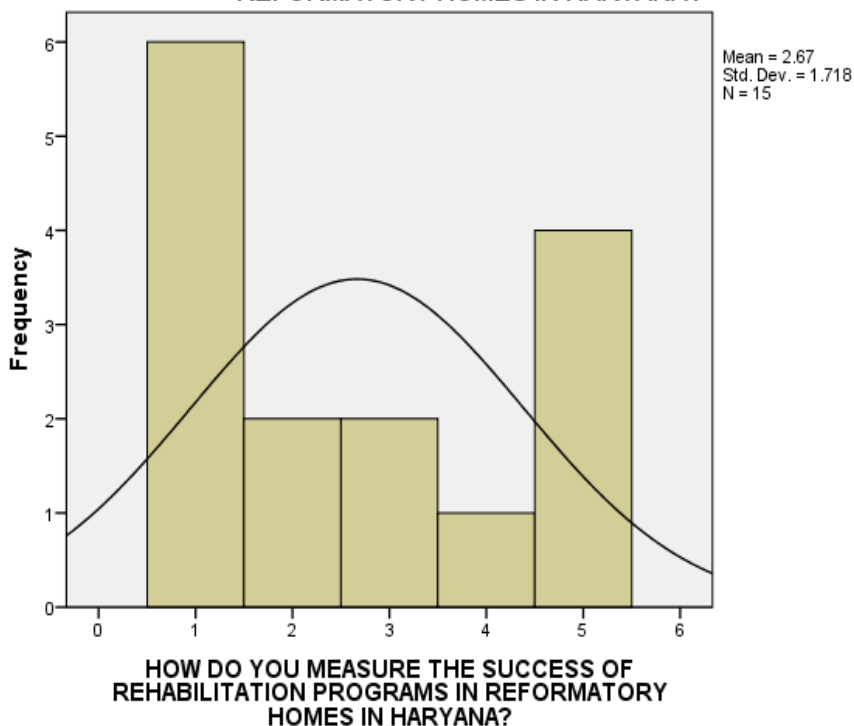
**Table 4.4**

<b>HOW DO YOU MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	REDUCTION IN RECIDIVISM RATES	6	40.0	40.0	40.0
	IMPROVEMENT IN BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	2	13.3	13.3	53.3
	INCREASED EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES	2	13.3	13.3	66.7
	POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS	1	6.7	6.7	73.3
	5	4	26.7	26.7	100.0
	Total	15	100.0	100.0	

Success measures of rehabilitation programs: The most frequently reported success measure is a reduction in recidivism rates (40%), followed by improvement in behavior and attitude of juvenile delinquents (13.3%), and increased educational and vocational training opportunities (13.3%).

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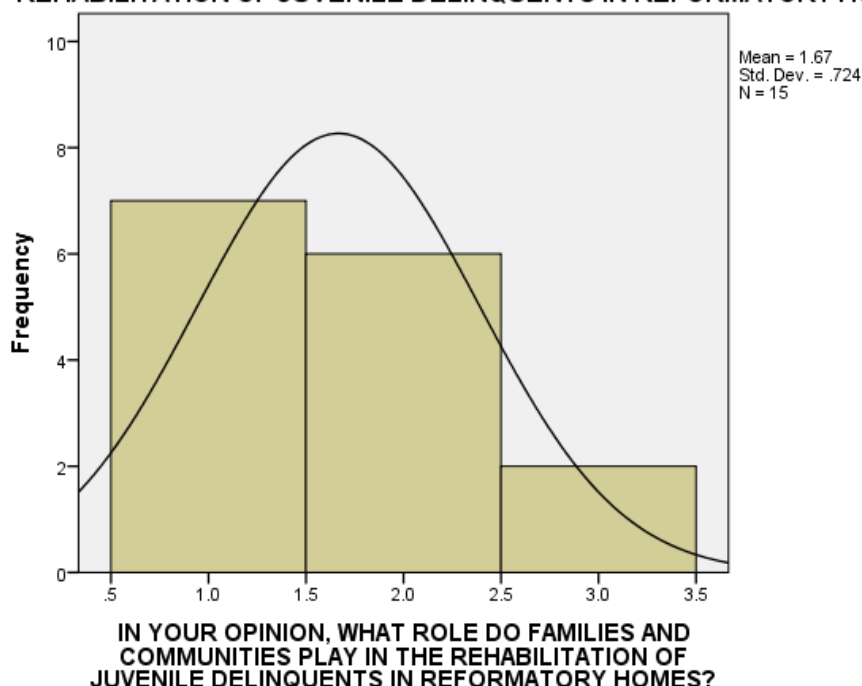
**Table 4.5**

<b>IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ROLE DO FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES PLAY IN THE REHABILITATION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS IN REFORMATORY HOMES?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	THEY PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN PROVIDING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	7	46.7	46.7	46.7
	THEIR ROLE IS LIMITED AND SHOULD NOT BE A MAJOR FOCUS OF REHABILITATION EFFORTS	6	40.0	40.0	86.7
	IT DEPENDS ON THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF EACH JUVENILE DELINQUENT	2	13.3	13.3	100.0
	Total	15	100.0	100.0	

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Role of families and communities in rehabilitation: Nearly half of the respondents (46.7%) believe that families and communities play a crucial role in providing support and guidance to juvenile delinquents, while 40% believe their role is limited and should not be a major focus of rehabilitation efforts.

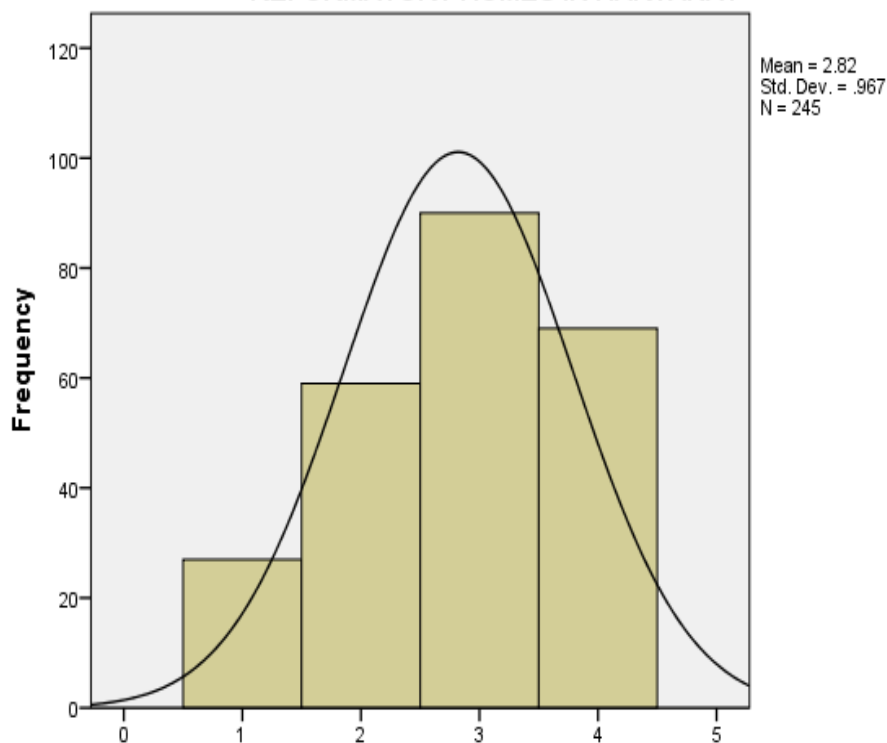
Table 4.6

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES FACED BY JUVENILE DELINQUENTS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SEPARATION FROM FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	27	11.0	11.0	11.0
	LACK OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	59	24.1	24.1	35.1
	POOR LIVING CONDITIONS	90	36.7	36.7	71.8
	VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION FROM OTHER JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	69	28.2	28.2	100.0
	Total	245	100.0	100.0	

Challenges faced by juvenile delinquents in reformatory homes in Haryana: separation from family and community (11%) is the most frequently reported challenge, followed by poor living conditions (36.7%), violence and intimidation from other juvenile delinquents (28.2%), and lack of education opportunities (24.1%).

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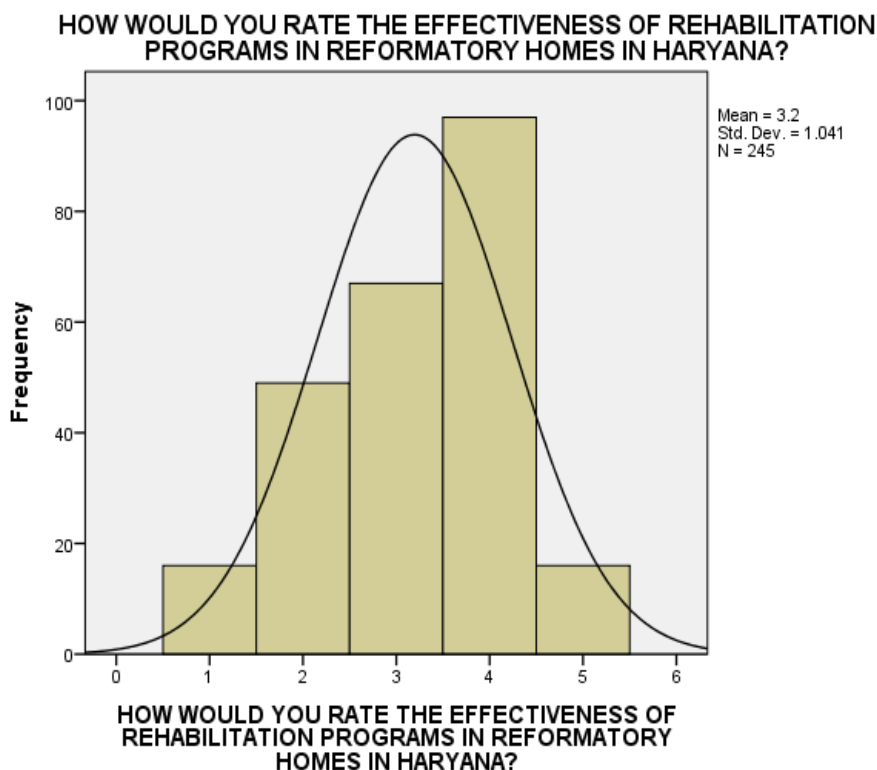
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**Table 4.7**

<b>HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	VERY EFFECTIVE	16	6.5	6.5	6.5
	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	49	20.0	20.0	26.5
	NOT VERY EFFECTIVE	67	27.3	27.3	53.9
	INEFFECTIVE	97	39.6	39.6	93.5
	NOT SURE	16	6.5	6.5	100.0
	Total	245	100.0	100.0	

Effectiveness of current rehabilitation programs in reformatory homes in Haryana: The majority of respondents rate the programs as not very effective (27.3%) or ineffective (39.6%), with only 6.5% rating them as very effective.

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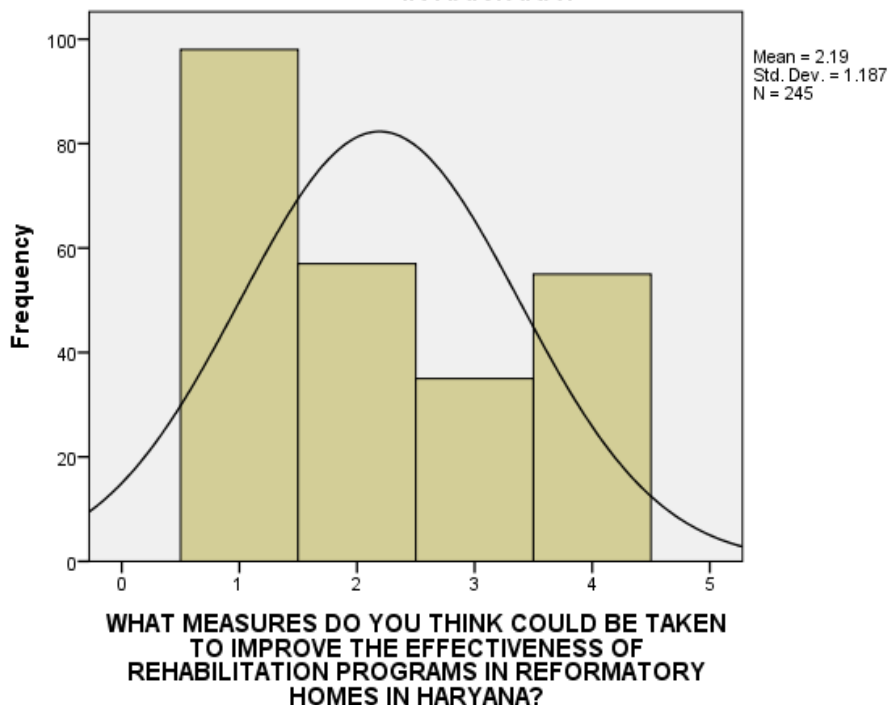
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<b>WHAT MEASURES DO YOU THINK COULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING	98	40.0	40.0	40.0
	MORE INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS	57	23.3	23.3	63.3
	INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT	35	14.3	14.3	77.6
	BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES	55	22.4	22.4	100.0
	Total	245	100.0	100.0	

Measures to improve the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs: The most frequently suggested measure is to provide more opportunities for education and vocational training (40%), followed by more individualized treatment plans (23.3%) and increased involvement of families and community support (14.3%).

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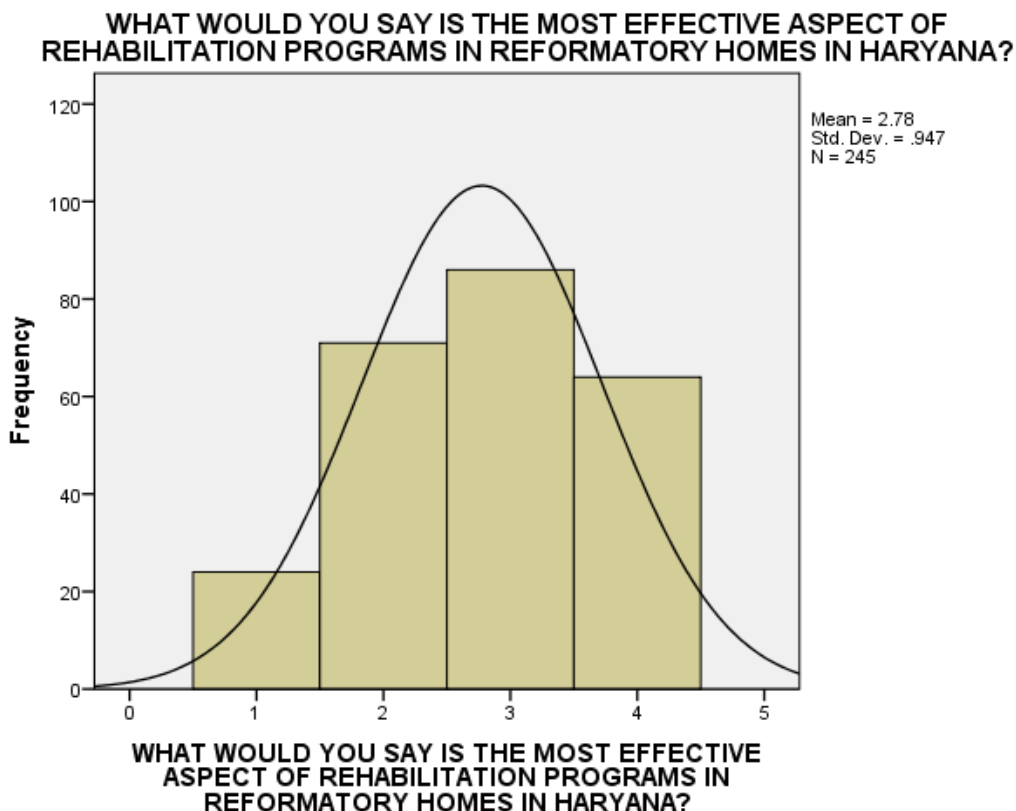


**Table 4.9**

<b>WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE ASPECT OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	24	9.8	9.8	9.8
	VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES	71	29.0	29.0	38.8
	COUNSELING AND THERAPY	86	35.1	35.1	73.9
	INTERACTION WITH STAFF AND OTHER JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	64	26.1	26.1	100.0
	Total	245	100.0	100.0	

Most effective aspect of rehabilitation programs: Counseling and therapy (35.1%) is the most frequently reported effective aspect of rehabilitation programs, followed by vocational training opportunities (29%) and interaction with staff and other juvenile delinquents (26.1%).

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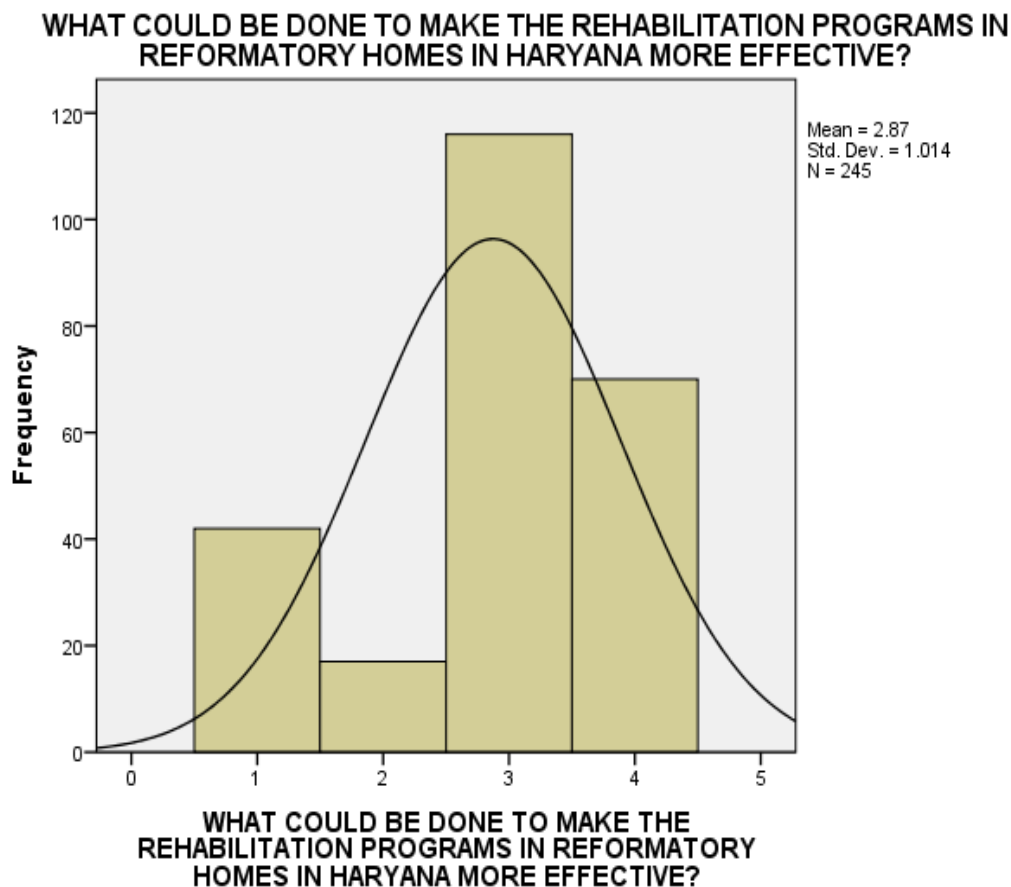


**Table 4.10**

<b>WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MAKE THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA MORE EFFECTIVE?</b>					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING	42	17.1	17.1	17.1
	MORE INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS	17	6.9	6.9	24.1
	INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT	116	47.3	47.3	71.4
	BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES	70	28.6	28.6	100.0
	Total	245	100.0	100.0	

Measures to improve the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs: The most frequently suggested measure is to provide more opportunities for education and vocational training (40%), followed by more individualized treatment plans (23.3%) and increased involvement of families and community support (14.3%).

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## FINDINGS

Based on the given dataset, the following are the main findings:

- ❖ Challenges faced by officials working in reformatory homes in Haryana: Staff shortages and high turnover (33.3%) is the most frequently reported challenge, followed by poor living conditions (36.7%), violence and intimidation from other juvenile delinquents (28.2%), and difficulty in implementing effective rehabilitation programs (20%).
- ❖ Effectiveness of current rehabilitation programs in reformatory homes in Haryana: The majority of respondents rate the programs as not very effective (27.3%) or ineffective (39.6%), with only 6.5% rating them as very effective.
- ❖ Measures to improve the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs: The most frequently suggested measure is to provide more opportunities for education and vocational training (40%), followed by more individualized treatment plans (23.3%) and increased involvement of families and community support (14.3%).
- ❖ Success measures of rehabilitation programs: The most frequently reported success measure is a reduction in recidivism rates (40%), followed by improvement in behavior and attitude of juvenile delinquents (13.3%), and increased educational and vocational training opportunities (13.3%).

- ❖ Role of families and communities in rehabilitation: Nearly half of the respondents (46.7%) believe that families and communities play a crucial role in providing support and guidance to juvenile delinquents, while 40% believe their role is limited and should not be a major focus of rehabilitation efforts.
- ❖ Most effective aspect of rehabilitation programs: Counseling and therapy (35.1%) is the most frequently reported effective aspect of rehabilitation programs, followed by vocational training opportunities (29%) and interaction with staff and other juvenile delinquents (26.1%).
- ❖ What could be done to make rehabilitation programs more effective: The most frequently suggested measure is increased involvement of families and community support (47.3%), followed by providing more opportunities for education and vocational training (17.1%) and better living conditions and facilities (28.6%).

Based on the dataset, it appears that reformatory homes in Haryana face several challenges, including staff shortages and high turnover, poor living conditions, violence and intimidation from other juvenile delinquents, and difficulty in implementing effective rehabilitation programs. The majority of respondents rate the effectiveness of current rehabilitation programs as not very effective or ineffective. To improve the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs, respondents suggest providing more opportunities for education and vocational training, more individualized treatment plans, and increased involvement of families and community support.

Respondents believe that the most effective aspect of rehabilitation programs is counseling and therapy, followed by vocational training opportunities and interaction with staff and other juvenile delinquents. The most frequently reported success measure is a reduction in recidivism rates, followed by improvement in behavior and attitude of juvenile delinquents and increased educational and vocational training opportunities.

Nearly half of the respondents believe that families and communities play a crucial role in providing support and guidance to juvenile delinquents, while 40% believe their role is limited and should not be a major focus of rehabilitation efforts.

To make rehabilitation programs more effective, the most frequently suggested measure is increased involvement of families and community support, followed by providing more opportunities for education and vocational training and better living conditions and facilities.

These findings suggest that officials working in reformatory homes in Haryana face several challenges in providing effective rehabilitation programs for juvenile delinquents. To address these challenges and improve the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs, it may be necessary to provide more resources, such as funding and staff, and to develop more comprehensive and individualized treatment plans. Additionally, increased involvement of families and community support may be necessary to ensure the success of rehabilitation efforts.

## CONCLUSION

Significant difficulties were discovered to exist for both staff and juvenile offenders at Haryana's reform institutions, making it difficult to achieve successful rehabilitation and reintegration. Based on the study's findings, correctional institutions in Haryana should upgrade their infrastructure, provide better training for staff, and launch more effective

counselling and rehabilitation programmes. It is also important to deal with the underlying issues that lead to juvenile delinquency, such as economic hardship, a lack of educational opportunities, and parental neglect. Successful rehabilitation and reintegration of juvenile offenders requires the engagement of government agencies, civil society organisations, and community leaders.

**Table 5.1 Problems and solutions encountered by Haryana's reformatory home administrators and teen delinquents**

Issues/Challenges	Officials	Juvenile Delinquents
Lack of Trained Staff	Poorly trained staff lacking in necessary skills to deal with juvenile delinquents.	Limited access to qualified teachers, counselors, and mentors.
Inadequate Counseling and Rehabilitation Programs	Rehabilitation programs are inadequate and do not address the root causes of juvenile delinquency.	Limited access to counseling, education, vocational training, and medical care.
Mental Health Needs	Lack of mental health services provided in reformatory homes.	A significant number of juvenile delinquents suffer from mental health problems.
Gender-Based Discrimination	Female juvenile delinquents face unique challenges such as gender-based discrimination and lack of access to education and vocational training.	-
Limited Support and Resources	Staff members perceive the rehabilitation and reintegration process to be challenging due to inadequate resources and limited support from the government.	Limited support and resources provided to juvenile delinquents.
Recidivism	The need for more comprehensive and evidence-based programs.	Rehabilitation programs are effective in reducing recidivism, but there is a need for more comprehensive and evidence-based programs.

This research has highlighted a variety of issues that affect both facility managers and juvenile offenders in Haryana, India. Inadequate infrastructure, a lack of educated professionals, a lack of effective counseling and rehabilitation programmes, unmet mental health requirements, discrimination based on gender, a scarcity of accessible resources, and a culture of stigma all contribute to this lack of aftercare services and resources. These challenges can be overcome, but only with a concerted effort by a wide range of stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organisations, and community leaders.



In order to effectively rehabilitate and reintegrate ex-offenders back into society, reformatory homes in Haryana need better infrastructure and facilities, better staff training, higher-quality counseling and rehabilitation programmes, more attention to the causes of juvenile delinquency, and more comprehensive support and resources. The stigmas that surround former juvenile offenders should be lessened, and they should be offered opportunities to further their education and find gainful employment.

Overall, this study sheds light on the difficulties encountered by authorities and juvenile delinquents in Haryana's reformatory homes and offers suggestions for improving the circumstances of these facilities in order to better facilitate the rehabilitation and reintegration of juvenile offenders. It is anticipated that these suggestions will be put into action so that young offenders may get the help they need to change their life for the better.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings, the following recommendations were made:

- ❖ Comparative Studies: Rehabilitation and reintegration services may be compared and contrasted across reformatory homes in Haryana and other Indian states or nations in future research.
- ❖ Longitudinal Studies: Rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for juvenile offenders may be evaluated by looking at their long-term effects via longitudinal research.
- ❖ Community-Based Interventions: Community-based treatments may prove to be an important tool in the fight against juvenile delinquency and the improvement of rehabilitative and reintegration programmes in the future.
- ❖ Impact of Legal System: The effects of the justice system on juvenile delinquency, as well as on rehabilitation and reintegration, might be the subject of future research.
- ❖ Role of Technology: Future studies may look at the feasibility of using technology to enhance rehabilitation and reintegration services, such as via online counselling and vocational training courses.
- ❖ The infrastructure and amenities of the state's reformatory homes in Haryana should be renovated so that juvenile offenders may be housed in a setting that is both secure and comfortable.
- ❖ As a result, it is very necessary to give the staff with the appropriate training in order for them to successfully handle juvenile offenders.
- ❖ People need access to improved counselling and rehabilitation programmes in order to achieve complete recoveries and reintegrate successfully into society.
- ❖ Community-based programmes have the ability to address the fundamental factors that contribute to juvenile delinquency, such as impoverished living conditions, a lack of parental supervision, and an absence of formal education.
- ❖ To assist efficient rehabilitation and reintegration into society, key members of the community, together with relevant government agencies and organisations from the civil society, should all play a more active role.

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR OFFICIALS AND JUVENILE DELINQUENTS OF REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA, ALONG WITH MULTIPLE-CHOICE OPTIONS:

#### ❖ FOR OFFICIALS:

#### 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES FACED BY OFFICIALS WORKING IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?

- A. LACK OF RESOURCES AND FUNDING
- B. STAFF SHORTAGES AND HIGH TURNOVER
- C. DIFFICULTY IN IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS
- D. RESISTANCE FROM JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

#### 2. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CURRENT REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?

- A. VERY EFFECTIVE
- B. SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE
- C. NOT VERY EFFECTIVE
- D. INEFFECTIVE
- E. NOT SURE

#### 3. WHAT MEASURES DO YOU THINK COULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?

- A. MORE FUNDING FOR RESOURCES AND STAFF
- B. MORE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING FOR STAFF
- C. MORE INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS
- D. INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

#### 4. HOW DO YOU MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?

- A. REDUCTION IN RECIDIVISM RATES
- B. IMPROVEMENT IN BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS
- C. INCREASED EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- D. POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

#### 5. IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ROLE DO FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES PLAY IN THE REHABILITATION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS IN REFORMATORY HOMES?

- A. THEY PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN PROVIDING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO JUVENILE DELINQUENTS
- B. THEIR ROLE IS LIMITED AND SHOULD NOT BE A MAJOR FOCUS OF REHABILITATION EFFORTS
- C. IT DEPENDS ON THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF EACH JUVENILE DELINQUENT

❖ **FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS:**

**1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES FACED BY JUVENILE DELINQUENTS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?**

- A. SEPARATION FROM FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
- B. LACK OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- C. POOR LIVING CONDITIONS
- D. VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION FROM OTHER JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

**2. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?**

- A. VERY EFFECTIVE
- B. SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE
- C. NOT VERY EFFECTIVE
- D. INEFFECTIVE
- E. NOT SURE

**3. WHAT MEASURES DO YOU THINK COULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?**

- A. MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- B. MORE INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS
- C. INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
- D. BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES

**4. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE ASPECT OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA?**

- A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- B. VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- C. COUNSELING AND THERAPY
- D. INTERACTION WITH STAFF AND OTHER JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

**5. WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MAKE THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN REFORMATORY HOMES IN HARYANA MORE EFFECTIVE?**

- A. MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- B. MORE INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS
- C. INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
- D. BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES