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To: All High Court Judges and All Judicial Officers

**Measures to minimize the spread of Covid – 19 in Prisons**

The JSC having considered the prevailing situation in Prisons has decided to issue the following guidelines with the aim of minimizing the spread of Covid – 19 in Prisons.

- All Magistrates and Additional Magistrates are required to strictly comply with Section 3 (1) of the Release of Remand Prisoners Act No.8 of 1991.
- In other instances where a person is languishing in remand custody due to his inability to furnish bail, despite bail having been granted by a competent court, Magistrates and High Court Judges may exercise their discretion and order that such bail be furnished within a specific time period, preferably on or before 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2021, and until such time may consider the release of such person upon entering into a bond without sureties.

Under the command of the Judicial Service Commission

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To provide the respective courts with a list of suspects/accused who are languishing in remand custody due to the inability to furnish bail, along with the relevant case numbers.