

(ii) If a condemned prisoner requests for change of place of execution for any cogent reason, his petition shall be forwarded to Government, through the Inspector-General, for orders. If the Government orders change in the place of execution, the warrant shall be returned to the Sessions Judge who issued it for altering the place of execution on the warrant.

Amendment for Punjab

Execution specified. The following shall be substituted as:-

Rule 354. (iii) Dead body of any prisoner who dies in jail or any condemned prisoner who is executed shall be transported to his home at Government expense. In case it is not claimed by relatives it shall be buried in the Prison graveyard.¹

For Sindh Province Only

In rule 354, for sub-rule (iii), the following sub-rule shall be substituted:

"(iii) Dead body of any Prisoner who dies in jail or any condemned prisoner who is executed shall be transported to his home at Government expense. Where the dead body is not claimed by the relatives it shall be buried in the prison graveyard.²

Description and testing of rope. Rule 355. (i) A manilla or cotton rope 2 Cm.-5 Mm. in diameter shall be used for executions. At least five such ropes in serviceable condition shall be maintained at every prison where executions are to take place. The rope should be 5M-80Cm. in length, well twisted and fully stretched. It should be of uniform thickness capable of passing readily through the noose ring and sufficiently strong to bear the strain of 127 Kilograms with a 2 M-13 Cm. drop.

(ii) The ropes and gallows shall be tested in the presence of the Superintendent, one day before the date fixed for execution. If a rope does not pass the test, another one shall be substituted and tested.

(iii) Ropes that have been tested shall be locked up in a place of safety.

(iv) On the evening before the execution, the gallows and ropes should be examined to ascertain that they have not been damaged since the test.

(v) The rope shall be tested by attaching to one end a bag of sand equal 10 one and a half times the weight of the prisoner to be executed and dropping this weight the distance of the drop calculated for the prisoner.

(vi) The Superintendent shall condemn a rope which shows signs of wear or when he has any reason to suspect its reliability. No rope more than five years old shall be used at any execution. A label duly signed by the Superintendent shall be sewn on to each end of every execution rope showing the date of its purchase.

Regulation of drops. Rule 356. (i) The drop is the length of the rope from a point on the rope outside the angle of the lower jaw of the condemned prisoner as he stands on the scaffold, to the point where the rope is embraced in the noose after allowing for the constriction of the neck that takes place in hanging.

(ii) The following scale of drop proportionate to the weight of the prisoner is given for general guidance, the Superintendent must use his discretion and also be guided by the advice of the Medical Officer and the physical condition of the prisoner.

S. No.	Body weight of prisoner	Weight Kg. Grams	Drop CM MM
	For the prisoner under	45-310 Weight	2-13
	For the prisoner under	54-320 Weight	1-82
	For the prisoner under	63-510 Weight	1-67
	For the prisoner under	81-654 Weight	1-52

Explanation. The length of the rope should be equal to the distance from beam to the plank plus the difference between the drop and the height upto the angle of lower jaw of the condemned prisoner. If such height comes out to be more than drop, the difference is to be deducted and the end of the rope in that case will be slightly above the plank.

Illustration

- (i) For a prisoner under 100 Kgs. Weight = 7 feet
- (ii) For a prisoner under 100 Lbs. Weight = 7 feet
- (iii) For a prisoner under 120 Lbs. Weight = 6 feet
- (iv) For a prisoner under 140 Lbs. Weight = 5 feet
- (v) For a prisoner under 160 Lbs. Weight = 5 feet

Height = 5' = 5"

Neck = 0 = 9"

4' = 8"

Weight = 135 Lbs

5' = 6"

4' = 8"

0 = 10"

Drop

1. Vide Notification No.3/23-SO-Prs-II-HD/87. Dated 18.7.1988. Govt. of the Punjab Home Department.
2. Sindh Province Notif. No. S.O.(Prs-II) dated 13th May 1996.