Prayas
Social Work in Criminal Justice
Prayas is a Field Action Project of the Centre for Criminology and Justice, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, established in 1990. Prayas focus is on demonstration of social work intervention through service delivery, networking, training, research and documentation, and policy change with respect to the custodial/institutional rights and rehabilitation of socio-economically vulnerable individuals and groups. To this end, permission to visit criminal justice or custodial institutions and work with persons detained in police stations, prisons and government residential institutions in Maharashtra and Gujarat has been obtained from the Departments of Prisons, Police, Women and Child Development and the Judiciary.
Prayas reaches out to women and male youth prisoners and their families (including children of prisoners); women and girls rescued from sexually exploitative situations; destitute women and girls; children in conflict with law; and women or male youth referred by the criminal justice system, voluntary organisations, ex-beneficiaries of Prayas and the general public. It provide services such as information and awareness programmes, family support, legal aid, emergency assistance, arranging shelter, citizenship documents, vocational training and job placement towards their rehabilitation.
Prayas also works towards law, policy and procedural change towards the protection of legal rights and rehabilitation of custodialised populations, those released from institutions/shelter homes, and persons vulnerable to destitution, victimisation, criminalisation or custodialisation.

How can you help?
• Sponsor stipend and travel expenses for one person (Rs. 2500/- per month per client for a period extending to 12 months).
• Sponsor education and vocational training expenses, admission fees, course fees, expenses towards books, uniforms, etc. (Rs. 10000/- per client).
• Support emergency expenses such as medical bills, hospitalisation expenses, temporary assistance towards subsistence or rent, one-time house deposit, hostel fee, etc. (Rs. 10000/- per client).
• Help support salaries, office rent and administrative expenses.
• Support for purchase of computers or furniture
• Place an order for cloth bags, jute bags, files and folders with the Prayas Income Generation Centre at 9/1 B.D.D. Chawls, Worli, Mumbai (Tel: 022-24047156/24902285).