Note on Uniform Norms and Specifications under the CSS

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Infrastructure for the Subordinate Judiciary was introduced in 1993-94. The central government has released a total of Rs. 5956 crores towards the scheme so far. At present, a total of 18,105 court halls and 14,961 residential units are available.

The Cabinet has approved continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary up to 31.3.2020 to be implemented in Mission mode through the National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms with stipulation that standard norms and specifications be formulated for court buildings and residential units of judicial officers of subordinate judiciary. The approved scheme has an outlay of Rs. 3320.00 crores. Department of Justice has developed these Standard Norms and specifications to ensure efficient allocation of funds in future and may be utilized for such under construction projects where land has been allocated and the construction is yet to begin.

These norms and specifications have been developed on the basis of the recommendations made by the National Court Management Systems Committee of the Supreme Court in the Baseline Report on Court Development Planning System, information provided by different State governments and certain CPWD norms. The Additional facilities mentioned below are common facilities to be made available in each court complex. Calculation of total built up area for model court complexes with 4, 6, 8 and 10 court rooms based on the norms and specifications below have been provided as Annex A1 for ease of reference.

For the purpose of fixing norms and specifications, the States have been divided into two categories namely A and B. Category A comprises of States where the sanctioned strength of judicial officers of Subordinate Judiciary is more than 500 and pendency of cases in Subordinate Judiciary is above 3 lakhs and Category B comprises of States where the sanctioned strength of judicial officers is less than 500 and pendency of cases in Subordinate Judiciary below 3 lakhs. A list showing the sanctioned strength and pendency is attached as Annex B. The funds for construction of the court halls and the residential units shall be given as per the provisions of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Judicial Infrastructure under which the funding pattern is 60:40 between the Central and State Government and 90:10 for states in the North Eastern Region and the Himalayan States. The cost estimates for construction will be as per Schedule of Rates of the PWD Departments or the department/agency undertaking construction under CSS of the respective States. The share of Government of India shall be limited; whichever is lower of the actual cost estimate and unit cost estimate as calculated hereafter. Rulipul (615)18

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Norms and Specifications

Court Halls

No.	Category	A ¹ (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B ² (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Principal District Judge/DJ	144	3891600	128	3459200	NCMS and State
2	Addl. District Judge/CJM	144	3891600	128	3459200	Information
3	Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)	70	1891750	70	1891750	
4	Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)	70	1891750	70	1891750	
Tota	h de la companya de	428	1,15,667,00	396	1,07,01, 900	
(*27	025 per sq. mt.)					

Additional Facilities

No	Facilities		A ⁱ (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B ⁱⁱ (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Judge's Chamber	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	540500	15	405375	Existing State Norms and
		Addl. District Judge/CJM	20	540500	15	405375	CPWD Handbook
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)	15	405375	15	405375	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)	15	405375	15	405375	
2	Office Room	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	540500	15	405375	
		Addl. District Judge/CJM	20	540500	15	405375	
	× 1	Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)	15	405375	15	405375	
		Civil Judge	15	405375	15	405375	

¹ States with Sanctioned Strength of more than 500: Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala (Lakshadweep), Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu (including Pondicherry), Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal (including Andaman and Nicobar), Delhi

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² States with Sanctioned Strength below 500: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli enliged 16/5/18

	(Jr. Div.)			1"	
Conference/ Meeting Room	1 in each District Level Court	70	1891750	60	1621500
	1 in each Taluka Level Court	60	1621500	50	1351250
4 Judge's Libra	ry	100	2702500	90	2432250
5 Lawyer's Libr	ary	145	3918625	120	3243000
6 Record Room	n/Malkhana	230	6215750	230	6215750
7 Waiting Room		100	2702500	100	2702500
8 Computer Ro	om	30	810750	30	2702300
9 Canteen		70	1891750	70	1891750
10 Bar Room		80	2162000	60	1621500
11 Toilets (Male)		10	270250	10	270250
12 Toilet (Female	9)	10	270250	10	270250
13 Lockup		20	540500	20	540500
14 Total Area		1065	2,87,81,625	970	
Total Cost (*27025	per sq. mt.)		,,,	310	2,62,14,250

Terms and Conditions:-

- 1. The above norms shall be used for the purposes of determining allocation of funds to States under the CSS.
- The norms specified for the sizes of the court halls and office rooms are as specified in the NCMS report. All States must attempt to adhere to these minimum standards prescribed by the Supreme Court's NCMS committee.
- 3. The rates have been calculated taking into consideration the schedule of rates used by the CPWD.
- 4. If any State wishes to use norms higher than those prescribed above, the additional cost will have to be borne by the State government.
- 5. If any State wishes to use norms lower than those prescribed above, the allocation will be based on actual norms as specified in the proposal submitted by the State.
- 6. States building bye laws should be complied with.
- 7. No supervision charge will be permitted to be paid to any agency undertaking the construction and further the sanction order approving the project should be uploaded on the website of the respective State PWD and a copy should be sent to the Department of Justice.
- Identification and allocation of land for construction of court halls will be the responsibility of the State government and wherever the land is at premium the court complexes as suggest by the NCMS Committee report could be multi-storied.
- Special attention should be paid to ensure availability of sufficient parking, public facilities and drinking water for litigants, accessibility for the differentlyabled and safety features in compliance with existing bylaws of the State.
- 10. The norms and specifications for construction of residential units may be as per the existing norms in the States

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Different Categories of Court Complex

1. Court Complex with 4 Court Rooms

A court complex with 4 court halls and additional facilities –one court on each floor, with a minimum of 2 (1 –Female, 1-Male) accessible public toilets on each floor.

Court Halls

No.		A ³ (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B ⁴ (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Principal District Judge/DJ	144	38,91,600	128	34,59,200	NCMS and State
2	Addl. District Judge/CJM	144	38,91,600	128	34,59,200	Information
3	Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)	70	18,91,750	70	18,91,750	
4	Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)	70	18,91,750	70	18,91,750	
Total)25 per sq. mt.)	428	1,15,667,00	396	1,07,01, 900	

Additional Facilities

No	Facilities		A ^I (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B" (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Judge's Chamber	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	Existing State Norms and
		Addl. District Judge/CJ M	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	CPWD Handbook
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)	15	4,05,375	15	4,05,375	

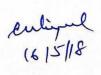
³ States with Sanctioned Strength of more than 500: Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala (Lakshadweep), Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu (including Pondicherry), Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal (including Andaman and Nicobar), Delhi

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⁴ States with Sanctioned Strength below 500: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli

		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)	15	4,05,375	15	4,05,375	
2	Office Room	Principal District Judge/DJ		5,40,500	15	4,05,375	
		Addl. District Judge/CJ M	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)	15	4,05,375	15	4,05,375	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)	15	4,05,375	15	4,05,375	
3	Conference/ Meeting Room	1 in each District Level Court	70	18,91,750	60	16,21,500	
		1 in each Taluka Level Court	60	16,21,500	50	13,51,250	
4	Judge's Libra		100	27,02,500	90	24,32,250	
5	Lawyer's Libra	ary	145	39,18,625	120	32,43,000	
6	Record Room/Malkha		230	62,15,750	230	62,15,750	
7	Waiting Room		100	27,02,500	100	27,02,500	
8	Computer Roo	om	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
9	Canteen		70	18,91,750	70	18,91,750	
10	Bar Room		80	21,62,000	60	16,21,500	
11	Toilets (Male)		10	2,70,250	10	2,70,250	
12	Toilet (Female	9)	10	2,70,250	10	2,70,250	
13	Lockup		20	5,40,500	20	5,40,500	
14	Total Area		1065				

No	Court Complex wit	A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)
7	4 Court Halls	428	1,15,667,00	396	1,07,01,
2	Additional Facility	1065	2,87,81,625	970	2,62,14,250
Tota	al	1493	4,03,48,325	1366	3,69,16,150



2. Court Complex with 6 Court Rooms

A court complex with 6 court rooms may consist of 1 court of the Principal District Judge, 1 courts of the Additional District Judge and 2 courts of the Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) and 2 courts of Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)

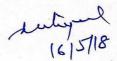
Court Halls

SI. No.	Category	A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Principal District Judge/DJ	144	38,91,600	128	34,59,200	NCMS and State Information
2	Addl. District Judge/CJM	144	38,91,600	128	34,59,200	momaton
3	Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) *2	140**	37,83,500	140**	37,83,500	
4	Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) *2	140**	37,83,500	140**	37,83,500	
	Total	568	1,53,50,200	536	76,75,100	

^{**} the size of one court hall will be between 70-80 sq. mt. in larger states and 60-70 sq. mt. in smaller states.

Additional Facilities

No	Facilities		A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggeste d Norms
1	Judge's Chamber (including	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	Existing State Norms and
	toilets)	Addl. District Judge/CJ M	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	CPWD Handbook
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)*2	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) *2	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
2	Office Room	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	



		Addl. District Judge/CJ M	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)*2	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)*2	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
e/Mee	Conferenc e/Meeting Room	1 in each District Level Court	70	18,91,750	60	16,21,500	
		1 in each Taluka Level Court	60	16,21,500	50	13,51,250	
4	Judge's Libr	ary	100	27,02,500	90	24,32,250	
5	Lawyer's Lik	orary	145	39,18,625	120	32,43,000	
6	Record Room/Malkh		230	62,15,750	230	62,15,750	
7	Waiting Roo	m ·	100	27,02,500	100	27,02,500	
8	Computer R		30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
9	Canteen		70	18,91,750	70	18,91,750	
10	Bar Room		80	2,10,62,000	60	16,21,500	
11	Toilets (Male	e) (10)*4	40	10,81,000	40	10,81,000	
12	Toilet (Fema	ale) (10)*4	40	10,81,000	40	10,81,000	
13	Lockup		20	5,40,500	20	5,40,500	
14	Total Area	.5	1185	3,20,24,625	1090	2,94,57,2 50	
Tota	II Cost (*2702	25 per sq. mt	t.)				

SI. No.	Infrastructure	A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)
1	6 Court Halls	568	1,53,50,200	536	76,75,100
2	Additional Facility	1185	3,20,24,625	1090	2,94,57,250
Tota	l Built Up Area	1753	4,73,74,825	1626	3,71,32,350

3. Court Complex with 8 Court Rooms

A court complex with 8 court halls may include 1 court of the Principal District Judge, 2 courts of the Additional District Judge and 2 courts of the Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) and 3 courts of Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) The number toilets will be increased to 2 for females 2 for males on each floor with a total of 6 toilets for women and 6 toilets for men.

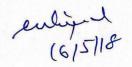
Court Halls

No.	Category	A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Principal District Judge/DJ	144	38,91,600	128	34,59,200	NCMS and State
2	Addl. District Judge/CJM*2	288 **	77,83,200	256**	69,18,400	Information
3	Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) *2	140**	37,83,500	140**	37,83,500	
4	Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) *3	210**	56,75,250	210**	56,75,250	
	Total	782	2,11,33,550	734	1,98,36,350	

^{**} the size of one court hall for ADJ will be between 144-150 sq. mt. and 128-134 sq. mt. and for Civil Judge 70-80 sq. mt. in larger states and 60-70 sq. mt. in smaller states.

Additional Facilities

No.	Facilities		A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Judge's Chamber (including	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	Existing State Norms and
	toilet)	Addl. District Judge/CJM *2	40	.10,81,000	30	8,10,750	CPWD Handbook
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)*2	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)*3	45	12,16,125	45	12,16,125	
2	Office Room	Principal District Judge/DJ	15	4,05,375	15	4,05,375	
		Addl. District Judge/CJM *2	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)*2	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) *3	45	12,16,125	45	12,16,125	
3	Conference/ Meeting Room	1 in each District Level	70	18,91,750	60	16,21,500	



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	1 in each Taluka Level Court	60	16,21,500	50	13,51,250	
4	Judge's Library	100	27,02,500	90	24,32,250	
5	Lawyer's Library	145	39,18,625	120	32,43,000	
6	Record Room/Malkhana	230	62,15,750	230	62,15,750	
7	Waiting Room	100	27,02,500	100	27,02,500	
8	Computer Room	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
9	Canteen	70	18,91,750	70	18,91,750	
10	Bar Room	80	21,62,000	60	16,21,500	
11	Toilets (Male) (10)*6	60	16,21,500	60	16,21,500	
12	Toilet (Female) (10)*6	60	16,21,500	60	16,21,500	
13	Lockup	20	5,40,500	20	5,40,500	
14	Total Area	1280	3,45,92,000	1190	3,21,59,750	1

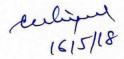
No.	Infrastructure	A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)
1	8 Court Halls	782	2,11,33,550	734	1,98,36,350
2	Additional Facility	1280	3,45,92,000	1190	3,21,59,750
Total		2062	5,57,25,550	1924	5,19,96,100

4. Court Complex with 10 Court Rooms

A court complex with 10 court rooms may have 1 court of the Principal District Judge, 3 court of the Additional District Judge and 3 courts of the Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) and 3 courts of Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) The number toilets will be increased to 10 for Women and 10 for Men.

Court Halls

S. No.	Category	A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Principal District Judge/DJ	144	38,91,600	128	34,59,200	NCMS and State Information
2	Addl. District Judge/CJM*3	450**	1,21,61,250	384**	1,03,77,600	
3	Civil Judge (Sr. Div.) *3	210**	56,75,250	210**	56,75,250	
4	Civil Judge (Jr.	210**	56,75,250	210**	56,75,250	

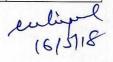


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To	tal	1014	2,74,03,350	932	2.51.87.300	
	st in Rs. (*		2,74,03,350	932	2,51,87,300	

^{**} the size of one court hall for ADJ will be between 144-150 sq. mt. and 128-134 sq. mt. and for Civil Judge 70-80 sq. mt. in larger states and 60-70 sq. mt. in smaller states.

Additional Facilities

SI. No	Facilities		A (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	B (sq. mt.)	Unit Cost* (in Rs.)	Basis for Suggested Norms
1	Judge's Chamber (including	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	Existing State Norms and
	toilets)	Addl. District Judge/CJM *3	60	16,21,500	45	12,16,125	CPWD Handbook
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)*3	45	12,16,125	45	12,16,125	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)*3	45	12,16,125	45	12,16,125	
2	Office Room	Principal District Judge/DJ	20	5,40,500	15	4,05,375	
		Addl. District Judge/CJM *3	60	16,21,500	45	12,16,125	
		Civil Judge (Sr. Div.)*3	45	12,16,125	45	12,16,125	
		Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)*3	45	12,16,125	45	12,16,125	
3	Conference /Meeting Room	1 in each District Level Court	70	18,91,750	60	16,21,500	
		1 in each Taluka Level Court	60	16,21,500	50	13,51,250	
4	Judge's Libra	ary	100	27,02,500	90	24,32,250	Eleter Well
5	Lawyer's Libr		145	39,18,625	120	32,43,000	
6	Record Roon	n/Malkhana	230	62,15,750	230	62,15,750	
7	Waiting Room	n	100	27,02,500	100	27,02,500	
8	Computer Ro	oom	30	8,10,750	30	8,10,750	
9	Canteen		70	18,91,750	70	18,91,750	
10	Bar Room		80	21,62,000	60	16,21,500	
11	Toilets (Male) (10)*10	100	27,02,500	100	27,02,500	



14	Total Area	1445	3,90,51,125	1330	3,59,43,250
	Lockup		5,40,500	20	5,40,500
	Toilet (Female) (10)*10	100	27,02,500	100	27,02,500

SI. No.	Infrastructure	A (sq. mt.)		B (sq. mt.)	
1	10 Court Halls	1014	2,74,03,350	932	2,51,87,300
2	Additional Facility	1445	3,90,51,125	1330	3,59,43,250
Tota	l Built Up Area	2459	6,64,54,475	2262	6,11,30,550

Other General Suggestions

A court building may incorporate a number of facilities in addition those mentioned above to address the needs of judges, lawyers and litigants such as accessible lift⁵, ramps⁶, steps and stairs⁷, handrails⁸ etc. Circulation area may be determined based on the existing State PWD norms or reference may be made to the CPWD norms⁹.

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⁵ Accessible Lift: A minimum of one 13 passenger lift is required having all barrier free provision. As provided in 'A handbook of planning of office buildings', published by Directorate General, Central Public Works Department, February, 2013 page 54.

⁶ Ramps: Gentle slope: 1:12 max. 1800 x 1800 landing after 9m of travel distance. • Width: 1800mm or more. • Handrails to be on both sides and at two levels – 760mm and 900mm. Extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of ramp. • Warning tile should be placed at 300mm before and the ramp edges. As provided in 'A handbook of planning of office buildings', published by Directorate General, Central Public Works Department, February, 2013 page 51.

⁷ Steps and Stair: Uniform risers: 150mm and tread: 300mm. • Stair edges should have 50mm wide, bright/ contrast colour band • Maximum height of a flight between landings to be 1200mm. • Landing should be 1200mm clear of any door swing. • The steps should have an unobstructed width of at least 1200mm. • Continuous handrails on both sides including the wall (if any) and at two levels 760mm and 900mm. • Warning tile to be placed 300mm at the beginning and at the end of all stairs. • Nosing should be avoided. As provided in 'A handbook of planning of office buildings', published by Directorate General, Central Public Works Department, February, 2013 page 51.

⁸ Handrails: Handrails/ Grab bars are extremely important features and must be designed to be easy to grasp and to provide a firm and comfortable grip so that the hand can slide along the rail without obstruction. Handrails should be circular with a diameter of 38mm, at least 50mm clear two levels –760mm and 900mm form the finished floor, extend by at least 300mm.As provided in 'A handbook of planning of office buildings', published by Directorate General, Central Public Works Department, February, 2013 page 51.

⁹ Circulation Area: Corridors should have an unobstructed width of 1800mm.• Level differences should be beveled.• Thresholds and gratings should not be more that 10mm.• Protruding objects (more that 100mm form the wall) to be placed either in a niche or above 2100mm form the floor.• Open spaces below ramps, escalator and stairs should be blocked out completely by protective guard rails, raised curbs or marked with a tactile surface. As provided in 'A handbook of planning of office buildings', published by Directorate General, Central Public Works Department, February, 2013 page 54.

Comparative Table of Sanctioned Strength, Pendency of Subordinate Judiciary and Population of States

SI. No.	Name of States/UTs	Sanctioned Strength	Pendency	Population
1	Uttar Pradesh	3204	6328599	199.58
2	Maharashtra	2096	3356841	112.37
3	Madhya Pradesh	2021	1343627	72.59
4	Bihar	1828	1685888	103.8
5	Gujarat	1496	1633677	60.38
6	Karnataka	1303	1389022	61.13
7	Tamil Nadu	1257	992009	72.13
8	Rajasthan	1223	1442777	68.62
9	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	987	933714	84.66
10	West Bengal and A & N Island	967	1794664	91.72
11	Orissa	862	1031961	41.94
12	Delhi	799	621465	16.73
13	Punjab	674	568896	27.7
14	Jharkhand	672	334409	32.96
15	Haryana	644	635776	25.35
16	Kerala	534	1154908	33.38
17	Assam	428	227355	31.16
18	Chhattisgarh	398	271830	25.54
19	Uttarakhand	291	214819	19.11
20	Jammu & Kashmir	253	117306	12.54
21	Himachal Pradesh	159	212412	6.85
22	Tripura	107	25050	3.67
23	Meghalaya	97	7008	2.96
24	Mizoram	63	3316	1.09
25	Goa	55	40175	1.45
26	Manipur	49	9882	2.72
27	Nagaland	34	NA	1.98
28	Chandigarh	30	40247	1.05
29	Arunachal Pradesh	28	NA	1.38
30	Pondicherry	26	27081	1.24
31	Sikkim	23	1460	0.6
32	D & N Haveli AND Daman & Diu	7	5283	0.58
33	Lakshadweep	3	89	0.06

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