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### Andaman Cellular Jail and S@varkar

#### What Vinayak S@varkar faced?

- 1. Each cell measured 13'6" by 7'6" with a very small ventilator.**
- 2. There was a distinction made between Hindu and non-Hindu prisoners.**
3. The Janeu of the Hindu prisoners was cut off whereas M prisoners were allowed to sport their beards.
4. The prisoners were released only for some time in the morning, afternoon and evening (just three times a day) to answer their nature calls. Locked at 7 pm till 7 am.
5. For the 12 hours of night they were given a small clay pot to relieve themselves.
6. The food given in the jail often caused diarrhoea and hence many prisoners defecated on the floors of their cells. One had to sleep in the same cell with excreta floating.
7. The sweeper threw tantrums to clean the cell and agreed only if he were offered tobacco.
8. Each prisoner was given 3.5 gram of salt per day. Sometimes kerosene oil was mixed with the breakfast of rice kanji/ganji, which caused diarrhoea.
9. For torture, they were handcuffed and made to stand from 7 am to 11 am and thn from 12 pm to 5 pm. The feet were chained too. This punishment sometimes lasted for several months. If one couldn't control nature's call during this period, he was punished more.
10. Hindu prisoners were guarded by Pathan warders.
11. Prisoners duty was to prepare ropes from extracted coir, grind dry coconut/mustard to extract oil etc.

12. The process of extracting oil was similar to bullocks being yoked to the handle of a mill and moving it around continuously. Here the bullocks were substituted by the prisoners. They worked till they extracted 13 kg of coconut oil. All this in the blazing sun.

13. A prisoner was given only two cups of water.

I wonder how many of us could have survived this. Several died during this period.

In 1911, Savarkar was sentenced to 50 years in the cellular jail of Andamans. He spent 14 years in the Cellular jail and was then shifted to Ratnagiri jail.

Restless at the thought of not being able to contribute to the freedom struggle, Savarkar tried every trick to get out of the Andaman jail.

He wrote to the British that he repented his actions. It was a tactic used by him to come out alive.

Such was his determination.

But some fools call it as cowardice.

How many of us could have survived like this?

Jai Hind ■■