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The objectives of this study were to investigate the expectations and needs and the conditions which relate to the expectations and needs of prisoners who committed narcotic violations before they can be released from prisons and correctional institutions in region 1. The sample group were 300 prisoners who committed narcotic violations, and will be released during the year 2000. They are from 5 prisons and correctional institutions in region 1. The data was collected by the questionnaire method. The statistics were analysed using Percentages, Mean, Standard Deviation, Multiple Classification Analysis, Analysis of Variance and Correlation for research analysis. The findings of the study were as follows :

1. It was found that most of the prisoners were male and under 25 years of age, education level : elementary, marital status : single. They were located in the central region. Their wage was less than 3,000 baht/month. They were in prison for the first time and for less than 1 year .

2. They had different social status : sex, marital status, occupations, income and prison terms. Expectations and the need to be released were different.

3. Recovery and reactions of prisoners relate to the prisoner' s expectations and needs before they are released.

The results of the research are that members of the family, community and society should have love, mercy, forgiveness and give opportunities for them to reform. Also the government should be developing a recovery program with financial support and assistance in seeking a job, to let them feel move confident to return to society again.