

**THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA  
AT HYDERABAD**

FRIDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF JANUARY  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

**:PRESENT:**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE PULLA KARTHIK**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 40307 OF 2025**

**Between:**

1. Mula Jithender Reddy, S/o. Malla Reddy.
2. A. Madhusudhan, S/o. Laxmirajam.

**Petitioners**

**AND**

1. The State of Telangana, Represented by the Chief Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The State of Telangana, Represented by the Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad
3. The Director-General of Police, (Head of Police Force), State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
4. S.V.HariKrishna, S/o late Siva Prasad, aged about 55 years, Occ. DSP TGCSB H Qtrs, R/o Plot No746/p, Defence Colony, Neredmet- Malkajgiri-500094
5. B. Ravindra Reddy, S/o Late Parashu Ram Reddy, aged about 55 years, Occ. ACP SB Racha Konda, R/o Flat No 202, SVS Nivas, Road No 5, Kamalanagar, Chaitanyapuri, Hyderabad
6. . K. Shashank Reddy, S/o late K.Bucha Reddy, aged about 54 years, Occ.ACP Chilkaguda Division, Hyderabad. R/o H No102, Grades Fortuna Apts Road No20, Pachavati Colony, Manikonda, RR dist, Telangana-500089
7. B.Ramesh, S/o Balaiah, aged about 55 years, Occ. DSP TGNB, R/o H No .1-3-401, Vaishnavi Grand Road No4,Kakatiya Nagar Colony, Habsiguda, Hyderabad
8. V.Yadagiri Reddy, S/o Janaki Reddy, aged about 57 years, Occ. ACP CCS Hyderabad, R/o Plot No-86, Divyanagar, Nampally-500088
9. Kandar Venkat Reddy,, S/o Ram Reddy, aged about 56 years, Occ ACP Traffic Medchal, Cyberabad, R/o Villa 14, Vidhatri Villas, Laxminagar Colony, Kompally District, Medchal- Malkajgiri
10. P. Sreedhar Reddy, S/o BalaKrishna reddy, aged about 54 years, Occ. DSP Intelligence Hyderabad, R/o 1005, TNR Vaishnovi Shikhara, SBH Bank Colony, LB Nagar, Ranga Reddy district, Hyderabad
11. K. Srinath Reddy, S/o Bojja Reddy, aged about 55 years, Occ. DSP, HMRI, R/o Suyela Sukethan, NCL North, Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri district -500100.  
**(RR 4 TO 11 are impleaded as per Court order dated 09.01.2026 vide IA. No. 1 of 2026 in WP. No. 40307 of 2025)**

**Respondents**

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, order or direction declaring that the Director General of Police, State of Telangana, Hyderabad, the 3rd respondent herein cannot operate or act upon the defective seniority list in which 54 vacancies were omitted, which is pending rectification with the Government and that any promotion process initiated based on such flawed list is illegal, arbitrary, and unconstitutional and consequently direct the 3rd respondents not to effect any promotions to the post of Additional Superintendent of Police until the Government finalises the rectification of seniority issues and prepares a fresh, corrected seniority list.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2025**

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the 3rd respondents not to effect any promotions to the post of Additional Superintendent of Police until the Government finalises the rectification of seniority issues and prepares a fresh, corrected seniority list, pending disposal of WP 40307 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri P BALA II VARMA Advocate for the Petitioners, GP FOR HOME for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 and Sri G. Vidya Sagar, Senior Counsel representing Ms. M. Vanajakshi, counsel for respondent 4 to 11.

**The Court made the following.  
ORDER:**

**Notice before admission.**

**Learned Government Pleader for Services (Home) takes notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3, waives further notice and seeks time to file a counter affidavit.**

**Registry is directed not to take out further notices to the respondents, in view of the above waiver.**

**Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners, who belong to the 1991-Batch of Sub-Inspectors (Civil)Warangal, which now forms a part of Multi Zone-I as per the new Presidential Order-2018, are presently working as Assistant Commissioners of Police, and are fully eligible and entitled for promotion to the post of Additional Superintendent of Police (Non-cadre). While so, after the new Presidential Order, 2018, came into effect by virtue of G.O.Ms.No.124 dated 30.08.2018, the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police has been categorized as a Multi-Zonal Post, and therefore, the seniority of Deputy Superintendents of Police is required to be prepared on a Multi-Zonal basis, but not state-wide basis. Despite the same, a state-wide integrated seniority list of Inspectors of Police (Civil) was issued under G.O.Ms.No.153, by assigning notional dates, in gross disregard of the actual dates of appointment and promotion. Subsequently, the Government failed to prepare multi-zonal seniority lists, instead issued G.O.Ms.No.74 dated 29.12.2022, relying on G.O.Ms.No.153, which was issued after the new Presidential Order-2018 came into force. As such, G.O.Ms.No.74**

dated 29.12.2022 is *ultra vires*, unconstitutional and contrary to the new Presidential Order. Therefore, the promotions to the post of Additional Superintendents of Police (non-cadre) made in pursuance of G.O.Ms.No.74 are irregular, illegal and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India, as well as the new Presidential Order. It is further submitted that the seniority list currently maintained is flawed as the (54) vacancies in Warangal Range during the panel years 1987-88 to 1990-91 were erroneously shown as 'nil', which distorted the ranks of the Inspectors, thereby, affecting the seniority of DSPs. The mistake was acknowledged by respondent No.3 and all the zones were directed to carry out a fresh review. Subsequently, a revised seniority list was prepared, incorporating the missing vacancies, and a rectification proposal was sent to the Government on 19.12.2025. It is also submitted that a clarification was sought by respondent No.2 from respondent No.3 vide letter dated 14.11.2025, on the identification of all the officers eligible for placement in the revised list, and the same is pending before respondent No.3. Therefore, learned counsel seeks indulgence of this Court to direct respondent No.3 not to effect promotions to the post of Additional Superintendent of Police.

Learned Government Pleader for Services (Home), on instructions, submits that the issue pertaining to the missing vacancies in the cadre of Inspector of Police, Warangal Range, Hyderabad Range and Hyderabad City Range are being examined by the Government on a case-to-case basis and orders are being issued on merits. Basing on the same, necessary action is being taken to rectify the existing lists by following due procedure, and eligible officers are being considered for promotion.

Having regard to the above made submissions, this Court deems it apposite to refer to the Memo dated 14.11.2025 addressed by respondent No.1, whereby, respondent No.3 is requested to examine the matter in detail, and an extract of the said Memo reads as under:

“The attention of the Director General of Police, T.G. Hyderabad is invited to the reference cited and he is requested to furnish the list of the names of the DSsP (Civil) formerly Inspectors of Police (Civil) of Warangal Range who are eligible for accommodating in the Rectified Integrated State-Wide Seniority List of Inspectors of Police (Civil) of Warangal Range during the panel years from 1972-73 to 2003-04 and to place them at appropriate places as per their eligibility and suitability in the G.O.Ms.No.153, Home (Ser.I) Deptt., dated:5-10-2018, Govt. of A.P.

2. Therefore, the Director General of Police, T.G. Hyderabad is also requested to examine the proposal in the light of the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.104, G.A(Ser.C) Dept, dt:16.2.1990 read with G.O.Ms. No.331, GA (Ser.C) Dept dt:04-05-2013 and submit the proposal along with proper justification in each case who are eligible for accommodating in the Rectified Integrated State-Wide Seniority List of Inspectors of Police (Civil) of Warangal Range during the panel years from 1972-73 to 2003-04 and to place them at appropriate places as per their eligibility and suitability in the G.O.Ms.No.153, Home (Ser.I) Deptt., dated:5-10-2018, Govt. of A.P. for further examination of the matter.”

In view of the fact that the matter is pending finalization before the respondents, there shall be an interim direction to respondent No.3 to expedite the action in pursuance of the Memo issued by respondent No.1 vide Memo.No.326(P)/Ser.I/A1/2022, dated 14.11.2025.

Post this matter on 26.02.2026, for counter affidavit.

SD/- A.H.S. GOWRI SHANKAR  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

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(For 1 to 11 by SPAD)
12. One CC to SRI P BALAJI VARMA Advocate [OPUC]
13. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
14. One spare copy

**HIGH COURT**

**PKJ**

**DATED:09/01/2026**

**LIST ON 26.02.2026**

**ORDER**

**WP.No.40307 of 2025**

**INTERIM DIRECTION**

