

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
INHERENT JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO. 63060 OF 2025

IN

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO. 49640 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 310 OF 1996

HENRI TIPHAGNE

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THIRU N. MURUGANANDAM, IAS & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S) /  
ALLEGED CONTEMNOR(S)

W I T H

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO. 41923 OF 2024

IN

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 310 OF 1996

O R D E R

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) (Diary No. 63060/2025) - Tamil Nadu

1. This matter pertains to the appointment of Director General of Police (DGP) in terms of the mandatory guidelines laid down by this Court in Prakash Singh v. Union of India, (2006) 8 SCC 1. There were some doubts with respect to the eligibility of the officers who could be empanelled for being in the zone of consideration for such appointment. Those issues were resolved by this Court vide order dated 12.02.2026. It is stated that in compliance thereto, the State Government has sent a fresh proposal on 23.02.2026. The said proposal shall be considered by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in the meeting proposed to be convened on 20.03.2026. The process to comply with the directions of this Court in Prakash Singh (Supra), thus, having been initiated and reached

at the final stage, we see no reason to continue this contempt petition, which is, accordingly, disposed of, as having become infructuous.

2. We, however, impress upon the UPSC to ensure that the meeting is held on the date fixed and recommendations made in that meeting are implemented without any delay.

Bihar, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh (Diary No(s). 41923/2024)

Bihar

3. In respect to the State of Bihar, it is pointed out by Mr. Ranjit Kumar, learned senior counsel representing the State, that earlier there was a regular Director General of Police (DGP) in the State of Bihar who was taken on central deputation before the expiry of his tenure, i.e., in August, 2024. Thereafter, a charge was given as an interim arrangement for a period of three months, and meanwhile, a regular DGP was appointed on 13.12.2024 on the recommendations made by the Selection Committee of the UPSC. The two-year term of the regularly appointed DGP is yet to expire. Hence, no occasion arises to initiate contempt proceedings against the authorities of the State of Bihar. The contempt proceedings *qua* the State of Bihar are, accordingly, dropped.

Telangana

4. We are informed by learned counsel for the UPSC that a fresh proposal from the State Government was received on 23.02.2026. The proposal was duly considered by the UPSC and recommendations were made yesterday, i.e., 11.03.2026. Mr. S Niranjan Reddy, learned senior counsel representing the State of Telangana, submits that

representations received from the UPSC will be given effect to without any delay. That being so, the cause *qua* State of Telangana has also become infructuous. The contempt proceedings *qua* the State of Telangana are, accordingly, dropped.

Andhra Pradesh

5. Mr. Siddharth Luthra, learned senior counsel appearing for the State of Andhra Pradesh states that regular DGP on recommendations of the UPSC has been appointed a year back. Hence, the contempt proceedings *qua* the State of Andhra Pradesh are also dropped.

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Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 310/1996

PRAKASH SINGH &amp; ORS.

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VERSUS

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(IA No. 278952/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 167718/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 18060/2026 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 4307/2023 - APPLICATION FOR TAKING ON RECORD, IA No. 144787/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 163279/2021 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 64527/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 38712/2021 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 150155/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 106855/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 59862/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 67359/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 191779/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 79953/2019 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 130514/2017 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 273841/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 77527/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 110862/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 166438/2021 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 166442/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT, IA No. 47/2015 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 158841/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 34/2007 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 38/2008 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 29/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 37/2008 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 28/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 36/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 27/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 35/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 26/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 25/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 33/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 32/2007 - EXTENSION OF TIME, IA No. 150205/2023 - INTERLOCUTARY APPLICATION, IA No. 29597/2019 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 191775/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 46/2015 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 144785/2022 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 64347/2022 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 60414/2017 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 110863/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 163331/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 18055/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 106852/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 77526/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 184752/2018 - MODIFICATION, IA No. 18057/2026 - PASSING APPROPRIATE ORDER OR DECREE UNDER ARTICLE 142 OF THE CONSTITUTION, IA No. 18054/2026 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON, IA No. 38716/2021 -

PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON, IA No. 60411/2017 -  
PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON, IA No. 49/2016 -  
PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON, IA No. 191777/2023 -  
PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON, IA No. 115046/2018 -  
PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES and IA No.  
167711/2021 - STAY APPLICATION)

WITH

W.P. (C) No. 687/2024 (PIL-W)  
(IA No. 284491/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS and IA No.  
271424/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

Diary No(s). 63060/2025 (PIL-W)

CONMT.PET. (C) No. 92/2007 In W.P. (C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)

CONMT.PET. (C) No. 240/2007 In W.P. (C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)

W.P. (C) No. 417/2010 (PIL-W)

W.P. (C) No. 42/2011 (PIL-W)

W.P. (C) No. 317/2013 (PIL-W)  
FOR ON IA 80193/2013  
FOR ON IA 21241/2014

W.P. (C) No. 286/2013 (PIL-W)

W.P. (C) No. 335/2013 (PIL-W)

CONMT.PET. (C) No. 235/2014 In W.P. (C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)  
and FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON ON IA 2/2015  
FOR ON IA 3/2015  
FOR ON IA 4/2015  
FOR ON IA 5/2016  
FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON ON IA 6/2016  
IA No. 1/2015 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION  
IA No. 6/2016 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON  
IA No. 2/2015 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

CONMT.PET. (C) No. 177/2015 In W.P. (C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)

T.C. (C) No. 76/2015 (XVI)

T.C. (C) No. 75/2015 (XVI)

CONMT.PET. (C) No. 1037/2018 in W.P. (C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)  
FOR ADMISSION and IA No.57958/2018-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 57958/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

CONMT.PET. (C) No. 534/2019 in W.P. (C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)  
FOR ADMISSION

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 535/2019 in W.P.(C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)  
FOR ADMISSION

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 1251/2019 in W.P.(C) No. 310/1996 (PIL-W)  
MR. RAJU RAMACHANDRAN, SR.ADV.(A.C.) IN W.P.(C) NO. 310/1996

Diary No(s). 35226/2024 (PIL-W)  
IA No. 244118/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS  
IA No. 280375/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 280374/2024 - STAY APPLICATION  
IA No. 173317/2024 - STAY APPLICATION

Diary No(s). 41923/2024 (PIL-W)  
IA No. 208940/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 208938/2024 - STAY APPLICATION

Diary No(s). 15328/2025 (PIL-W)

Diary No(s). 41056/2025 (PIL-W)

Diary No(s). 42687/2025 (PIL-W)

T.C.(C) No. 141/2025 (XVI-A)  
.....FOR ADMISSION

Date : 12-03-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

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Tamil Nadu (Diary No(s). 63060/2025)

The contempt petitions are disposed of as infructuous, in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

Bihar, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh (Diary No(s). 41923/2024)

The contempt proceedings *qua* these States are dropped in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

Chhattisgarh

Learned counsel for the UPSC informs that the State Government has not appointed a regular DGP from the panel of UPSC, and an acting DGP has been working since 04.02.2025. He further informs that the UPSC had recommended a panel of three names on 13.05.2025, but no one has been appointed. The UPSC has now sought an explanation from the State Government on 03.03.2026.

Before we take any coercive action against the State authorities, notice is issued to the State of Chhattisgarh through

its Chief Secretary to show cause as to why the UPSC recommendations dated 13.05.2025 have not been implemented so far and why the acting DGP should not be restrained from performing the duty.

Counsel for the State of Chhattisgarh seeks and is granted six week's time to have instructions.

List on 19.05.2026.

Punjab, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Mizoram

These States are directed to show cause that, in the absence of any valid law having been enacted by them in terms of liberty granted by Prakash Singh (Supra), why appropriate action under the Contempt of Courts Act should not be taken for withholding recommendations for appointment of their respective DGPs out of the panel to be prepared by the UPSC.

List on 19.05.2026.

Himachal Pradesh

Learned State counsel seeks and is granted six weeks' time to have instructions regarding forwarding the proposal in terms of the letters dated 18.02.2026 and 06.03.2026 received from UPSC.

List on 19.05.2026.

Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh

These States are directed to show cause as to why the proposal for the appointment of DGP as per Prakash Singh (Supra) has not been forwarded to UPSC.

List on 19.05.2026.

Main Matters

The Registry is directed to list IA No. 59862/2020 at Sl. No.1, IA No. 150155/2023 at Sl. No.2 and IA No. 67359/2023 at Sl. No. 3.

Meanwhile, all the learned counsel representing the State Governments/Union Territories will submit a copy of their reply affidavit to Mr. Raju Ramchandran, learned Amicus Curiae, as well as learned counsel for the UPSC.

List on 19.05.2026.

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