Manish Kumar vs Union Of India And Ors on 24 April, 2017

Author: Chief Justice

Bench: D.Y. Chandrachud, Jagdish Singh Khehar

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION(C) NO.183/2013

Manish Kumar ...Petitioner

versus

Union of India and others ...Respondents

ORDER

State of Uttar Pradesh

- 1. 11,376 vacant posts of Sub-Inspector of Police, are to be filled up by way of direct recruitment. Mr. Debasish Panda, Principal Secretary (Home), Government of Uttar Pradesh, who is present in Court in person, affirms, that 3200 vacancies of the posts of Sub-Inspector of Police, will be filled up each year over four years commencing from the year 2018. The advertisement notifying the vacancies for 2018 will be issued in the month of January, 2018, the result of the selection process will be declared in October, 2018, the training of the selected candidates will commence in February, 2019, and will conclude in January, 2020. The schedule for the next three years, we are assured, will remain the same, as for the year 2018.
- 2. Insofar as the posts of Constables of Police are concerned, which are also to be filled up by direct recruitment, it was submitted, that 30000 Constables will be recruited annually for four years, i.e., during the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The annual process of issuing the advertisement, notifying the vacancies will be published in August every year. The results thereof will be declared in June of the following year. For each process of selection, training will commence in the month of October in the year of the declaration of the result, and the training process will conclude in the month of September of the next following year.
- 3. We hereby approve the recruitment process for selection of direct recruits, at the level of Sub-Inspector of Police, as also, that of Constables of Police.

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- 4. We also further direct, that promotions to the various ranks shall be made from time to time as may be feasible, depending on the cadre strength.
- 5. Mr. Debasish Panda, Principal Secretary (Home), Government of Uttar Pradesh, who is present in Court in person, shall ensure that the selection, recruitment and training is conducted in the manner indicated hereinabove (which is truly the proposal submitted by the State Government itself). For ensuring that the submission made to this Court is not breached, we direct the Principal Secretary (Home), Government of Uttar Pradesh to ensure, that the Chairman of the Police Recruitment and Selection Board shall not be changed midstream, i.e., during the period intervening the issuance of the advertisement notification(for filling up the vacancies of different cadres) till the process of selection is completed.
- 6. In case of breach of the time lines indicated hereinabove, the officer mentioned hereinabove, shall be personally responsible.

State of Karnataka

1. The following vacancies are available in the State of Karnataka. These vacancies are to be filled up, by way of direct recruitment:

2. In the Road Map for filling up the vacancies during the year 2016-17, we are informed by Shri Raghavendra Auradkar, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Recruitment), Government of Karnataka, that the following process of selection is on-going:

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Police Sub-Inspectors |Sl |Post |Number of |Present Status | |No: | |Vacancies | | | | | |Notified | | |1 |Police |418 |Provisional Select List has been | |Sub-Inspector | |published and process of document | |(Civil) | |verification is in progress. | |2 |Police |24 |Provisional Select List has been | |Sub-Inspector | |published and process of document | |(FPB) | |verification is in progress. |3 |Police |28 |Provisional Select List has been | |Sub-Inspector | |published and process of document | |(Wireless) | |verification is in progress. |4 |Police |12 |Written examination has been | |Sub-Inspector | |conducted. The process of | |(CID) | |conducting viva-voce will be held | | | |from 24.4.2017 and 25.4.2017 after | | | |which Provisional Select List will | | | |be published. |5 |Sub-Inspector |18
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Written examination has been (KSISF) conducted. The process of
conducting viva-voce will be held from 3.5.2017 and 4.5.2017 after
which Provisional Select List will
examination has been Sub-Inspector conducted. The process of (Civil)
conducting viva-voce will be initiated in the Second week of May, 2017
after which Provisional Select List will be published. 7 Police 41 Written
examination has been Sub-Inspector conducted. The process of (State
$ conducting\ viva-voce\ will\ be\ \ \ Intelligence)\ \ initiated\ in\ the\ Third\ week\ of\ \ \ \ $
May, 2017 after which Provisional Select List will be published. 8 Reserve
97 Written examination has been Sub-Inspector conducted. The process of
$ (CAR/DAR)\mid conducting\ viva-voce\ will\ be\ \ \ \ \ \ initiated\ in\ the\ Fourth\ week\ of\ \ \ $
$ \ May, 2017\ after\ which\ Provisional\ \ \ \ \ Select\ List\ will\ be\ published.\ \ 9\ Special$
$Reserve \ \ 28\ \ Written\ examination\ has\ been\ \ \ \ Sub\ Inspector\ \ \ conducted.\ The$
process of $ \ \ $ (KSRP) $ \ $ conducting viva-voce will be $ \ \ \ $ initiated in the Third
week of June, 2017 after which Provisional Select List will be published.
$\mid TOTAL 725 \mid Police \ Constables \ Sl Post Number \ of \ Present \ Status \ No: $
$ Vacancies\ \ \ \ \ \ Notified\ \ \ \ \ Police\ Constable\ \ \ \ \ Provisional\ Select\ List\ has\ $
$\mid (Civil)\mid been\ published\ and\ document\ \ \ \ verification\ is\ in\ progress.\ \ 2$
$ Armed\ Police\ 1834\ Provisional\ Select\ List\ has\ \ \ Constable(CAR/DAR) \ been$
published and document verification is in progress. $ 3 $ Special Reserve 1976
$ Merit\ List\ has\ been\ generated\ \ \ Police\ Constable\ \ after\ the\ written\ examination.\ $
$ \ (KSRP)\ \ The\ provisional\ select\ list\ \ \ \ \ will\ be\ published\ in\ the\ First\ \ \ \ \ week$
of May, 2017. 4 Police Constable 396 Written examination has been (KSISF)
$ \ conducted.\ Merit\ List\ will\ be\ \ \ \ \ generated\ and\ the\ provisional\ \ \ \ \ select\ list$
will be published in the Second week of May, 2017. 5 Police Constable
226 Merit List has been generated (Wireless) after the written examination.
$ \ \ \ $ The provisional select list $ \ \ \ $ will be published in the last $ \ \ \ $ week of
April, 2017. TOTAL 8424

- 3. It is pointed out, that in the above process of selection, the consideration has proceeded up to the finalisation of the provisional select list. It is submitted, that appointments, out of the provisional select list, will be made by July, 2017. In the selection processes, referred to above, wherein the written examination has been conducted, it is submitted, that the provisional select list will be finalised by May, 2017, and the appointment orders will be issued by July, 2017. We place on record the manner of filling up of direct recruit vacancies in the police cadre during the year 2016-2017.
- 4. It is submitted, that for filling up of remaining vacancies, the following time schedule has been determined by the High Court:
 - "A. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Police Sub Inspector (Civil) |Sl. |Description |Date | |No. | | | |1. |Obtaining classification of |End of March | | |Vacancies from the concerned Unit | | |Officers. | | |2. |Publication of Notification |2nd week of April | |3. |Issue of Paper advertisement |2nd week of April | |4. |Inviting applications through |3rd week of April | | |on-line | | |5. |Conduct of ET &

Police Station |4th week of May | |6. |Conduct of Written examination |4th week of June | | | | |7. |Conduct of Viva-voce |4th week of July | |8. |Publication of Select List |1st week of August | B. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Reserve Sub Inspector (CAR/DAR):

Sl.	Description	Date
No.		1
1.	Obtaining classification of	End of March
	Vacancies from the concerned Un:	it
	Officers.	1
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of April
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of April
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of April
	on-line	1

|5. |Conduct of ET & Police Station |4th week of June | |6. |Conduct of Written examination |4th week of July | |7. |Conduct of Viva-voce |4th week of August | |8. |Publication of Select List |1st week of | | | |September | C. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Reserve Sub Inspector (FPB) and (Wireless):

Sl.	Description	Date
No.		1
1.	Obtaining classification of	End of March
	Vacancies from the concerned Uni	t
	Officers.	1
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of April
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of April
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of April
	on-line	1

|5. |Conduct of ET & Police Station |4th week of June | |6. |Conduct of Written examination |1th week of August | |7. |Conduct of Viva-voce |4th week of August | |8. |Publication of Select List |1st week of | | | |September | D. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Spl. Reserve Sub Inspector (KSRP):

Sl.	Description	Date
No.		
1.	Obtaining classification of	End of March
	Vacancies from the concerned Uni	t
	Officers.	1
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of April
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of April
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of April
	on-line	

|5. |Conduct of ET & Police Station |4th week of July | |6. |Conduct of Written examination |1th week of | | | |September | |7. |Conduct of Viva-voce |4th week of | | | |September | |8. |Publication of Select List |1st week of | | | |October | E. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Sub-Inspector (KSISF), PSI (CID) and PSI (INT):

Sl.	Description	Date
No.		
1.	Obtaining classification of	End of August
1	$ \mbox{Vacancies from the concerned Unit}$	
	Officers.	
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of
1	I	September
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of
1	1	September
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of
1	on-line	September
5.	Conduct of ET & Police Station	4th week of
1	1	October
6.	Conduct of Written examination	3rd Week of
1	1	November for SI
1	1	(KSISF), 4th week
1	1	of November for
1	1	PSI (CID) and 1st
1	1	Week of December
1	1	for PSI (INT)
7.	Conduct of Viva-voce	3rd week of
	1	December
8.	Publication of Select List	2nd week of
	I	January

F. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Cadre of Police Constable (Civil):

Sl.	Description	Date	
No.			
1.	Obtaining classification of	4th week of May	
	Vacancies from the concerned Unit		
	Officers.		
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of June	
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of June	
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of June	
	on-line		

|5. |Conduct of Written Examination |2nd week of August| |6. |Preparation of Merit List |1st week of | | | |September | |7. |Conduct of ET & PST |4th week of | | | |September | |8. |Publication of Selection list |2nd week of | | | |October | G. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Cadre of Armed Police Constable (CAR/DAR):

Sl.	Description	Date
No.		1
1.	Obtaining classification of	4th week of May
	Vacancies from the concerned Un	it
	Officers.	1
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of June
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of June
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of June

| |on-line |

|5. |Conduct of Written Examination |4th week of August| |6. |Preparation of Merit List |3rd week of | | | |September | |7. |Conduct of ET & PST |2nd week of | | | |October | |8. |Publication of Selection list |4th week of | | |October | H. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Cadre of Spl. Reserve Police Constable (KSRP):

Sl.	Description	Date
No.	1	
1.	Obtaining classification of	4th week of
1	$ \mbox{ Vacancies from the concerned Unit}$	September
1	Officers.	
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of
1	1	October
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of
1	1	October
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of
1	on-line	October
5.	Conduct of Written Examination	2nd week of
1	1	December
6.	Preparation of Merit List	3rd week of
1	1	January
7.	Conduct of ET & PST	3rd week of
1	1	January
8.	Publication of Selection list	1st week of
1	1	February

J. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Cadre of Police Constable (KSISF):

Sl.	Description	Date	
No.	1		
1.	Obtaining classification of	4th week of	
1	Vacancies from the concerned Unit	October	
1	Officers.		
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of	
1	1	November	
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of	
1	1	November	
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of	
1	on-line	November	
5.	Conduct of Written Examination	4th week of	
1	1	December	
6.	Preparation of Merit List	3rd week of	
1	1	January	
7.	Conduct of ET & PST	3rd week of	
1	1	February	
8.	Publication of Selection list	4th week of	
		February	

K. For filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of Cadre of Police Constable (FPB):

Sl.	Description	Date
No.		
1.	Obtaining classification of	4th week of
1	$ \mbox{ Vacancies from the concerned Unit}$	October
1	Officers.	
2.	Publication of Notification	2nd week of
		November
3.	Issue of Paper advertisement	2nd week of
1		November
4.	Inviting applications through	3rd week of
1	on-line	November
5.	Conduct of Written Examination	4th week of
1		January
6.	Preparation of Merit List	3rd week of
		February
7.	Conduct of ET & PST	2nd week of March
8.	Publication of Selection list	3rd week of March

- 5. We are informed on behalf of the State of Karnataka, that the Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Karnataka, is monitoring the recruitment process. He assures this Court, that the time lines indicated hereinabove, will be duly complied with. The statement made on behalf of the State of Karnataka, is taken on record.
- 6. We hereby direct, that the Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Karnataka, and the Additional Director General of Police (Recruitment), Karnataka shall be responsible for filling up all the vacancies, in the manner indicated to this Court on behalf of the State Government, by strictly adhering to the time lines.

State of Tamil Nadu

- 1. Mr. V. Sampath, Joint Secretary, Department of Home, Government of Tamil Nadu, and Mr. Sanjay Arora, Additional Director General of Police, are present in Court in person, to assist this Court about the manner by which direct recruitment will be made, to fill up vacancies of different ranks in the police department.
- 2. In the cadre of Sub-Inspectors (Taluk), we are informed, that as against the sanctioned strength of 8151 posts, 6398 sub-inspectors are in position. It is submitted, that the vacancies in the said cadre as on 1.1.2017, were 1753. Out of the above vacancies, it is pointed out, that the process of selection of 1026 Sub-Inspectors (Taluk) has been completed, and their training is in progress. It is submitted, that the above-mentioned trainees are likely to be issued appointment orders shortly, on the conclusion of their training, whereupon, they are expected to join the police force, by 1.10.2017.

It is submitted, that the remaining 720 vacancies in the cadre of Sub-Inspectors (Taluk) will be initiated and completed, within four months from today.

- 3. Insofar as the cadre of Sub-Inspector (Armed Reserve) is concerned, it is pointed out, that it has a sanctioned strength of 1209 posts, out of which 1099 personnel are in position. As such, there are only 110 vacancies of Sub-Inspectors (Armed Reserve), which remain to be filled up. It is submitted, that the above posts are to be filled up by way of promotion, and the process of promotion to the above 110 vacancies, shall be completed, and appointment orders will be issued, within four months from today.
- 4. Insofar as the cadre of Sub-Inspector (Tamil Nadu Special Police) is concerned, it has a sanctioned strength of 477, out of which 400 personnel are in position. It is pointed out, that the remaining 77 vacancies in the cadre of Sub-Inspector (Tamil Nadu Special Police) are to be filled up by way of promotion, and the process of promotion to the above 77 vacancies will be completed, and appointments will be made, within five months from today.
- 5. Insofar as the cadre of Constables is concerned, it is submitted, that there is a sanctioned strength of 1,09,694 posts, out of which 92,105 personnel are in position. As against the remaining 17,589 vacancies, the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board has already issued an advertisement notifying 13,183 vacancies of Grade-II Police Constables (Armed Reserve and Tamil Nadu Special Police) on 23.01.2017. It is pointed out, that the provisional selection list, will be issued positively by August, 2017, whereafter, after abiding by the verification process, orders of appointment will be issued in November, 2017, requiring the selected candidates to undergo training for a period of eight months.
- 6. It is submitted, that the entire balance vacancies, including such vacancies which may arise in the interregnum, will be taken up, as soon as the provisional list, for the existing process of selection is published, in August, 2017. It is affirmed, that the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, will fill up all the remaining vacancies, in the cadre of Constables of Police, within a period of eight months of the issuance of the advertisement. In the above view of the matter, it is expressly undertaken, that all the balance vacancies in the cadre of constables, will be filled up by April, 2018.
- 7. The aforesaid factual position brought to the notice of this Court, is taken on record. The Director General of Police, who is also the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, shall be personally responsible for complying with the undertaking given to this Court.

States of West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand Even though, we had taken up for consideration the matter relating to filling up of vacancies in the police force for the States of West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand, we refrain ourselves from passing any final orders, in respect of the above States. Proceedings with reference to the aforesaid three States, are accordingly deferred to 1.5.2017.

In addition to the above three States, the three States with the next largest number of vacancies are:

Gujarat - 28580

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Telangana - 17504

Rajasthan - 15731

We therefore hereby direct, the Home Secretaries of the additional three States, referred to hereinabove, to assist this Court personally, or to nominate an officer of the department, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, to prepare a definite road map for filling up the vacancies of police personnel.

Post for further consideration on 01.05.2017.

CORAM:

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following O R D E R The filling up of vacancies in the police force in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu be dealt with, in the manner indicated in the signed order.

Even though, we had taken up for consideration the matter relating to filling up of vacancies in the police force for the States of West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand, but we refrain ourselves from passing any final orders, in respect of the above States. Proceedings with reference to the aforesaid three States, are accordingly deferred to 1.5.2017.

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Post for further consideration on 01.05.2017.

(Renuka Sadana) Assistant Registrar (Parveen Kumar)
AR-cum-PS

[signed order is placed on the file]