

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

TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE T.MADHAVI DEVI

CONTEMPT CASE NO: 519 OF 2024

Contempt Case filed Under Sections 10 to 12 of Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 to punish the respondents herein wilful disobedience of the Orders of the High Court dated 21-12-2023 passed in W.P. No. 25870 of 2022.

Between:

Bommagani Dhanujay, S/o.Chandraiah, Age: 33 years, Occ: Student, R/o. New Ramagiri, Shaligouraram Village, Shali Gouraram Mandal, Nalgonda District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. Sri Jithendar Reddy, IPS, Principal Secretary Home Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad. **...Contemnor/Respondent**
2. V.V.Srinivas Rao, Chairman, Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board, Hyderabad.
(R2 impleaded as per the Hon'ble Court Order dated.12.07.2024 in IA No.1/2024 in CC No.519/2024).

Counsel for the Petitioner: Sri Ch. Ravinder

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL

Counsel for the Respondent No.2: Sri M.V. Rama Rao

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE T. MADHAVI DEVI

CONTEMPT CASE NO.519 OF 2024

DATED : 17 .03.2026

Between:

Bommagani Dhanujay

... Petitioner

AND

Sri Jithendar Reddy, IPS, Principal
Secretary, Home Department, Telangana
Secretariat, Hyderabad and another

... Contemnors/Respondents

ORDER

Alleging wilful and deliberate disobedience of the orders of this Court dt.21.12.2023 in W.P.No.25870 of 2022, this Contempt Case has been filed.

2. *Vide* the above referred order dt.21.12.2023, this Court had taken into consideration the fact that the petitioner was honourably acquitted from the charges of the criminal case and therefore, the recruitment

authority ought to have considered the same and ought to have issued appointment letter to the petitioner since the petitioner was acquitted of the charges even before issuance of the recruitment notification. Thus observing, respondent No.1 was directed to issue appointment letter to the petitioner with all consequential benefits and send him for training along with the next batch being sent for training.

3. This Contempt Case was filed on 10.03.2024 alleging that in spite of receipt of the order of this Court in January, 2024, the respondents have not issued any appointment letter to the petitioner nor did they send the petitioner to training along with the next batch being sent for training. It is submitted that 2022 recruitment batch candidates were sent for training in respect of Armed Reserved, Civil Constables and Fire on 21.02.2024 and appointment letters were also issued, but the petitioner was not sent for training. It is submitted that even in respect of the second batch after 2022 recruitment notification, appointment orders were already issued to all categories of constables including Special Police and in spite of the orders of this Court, the respondents have not issued any appointment letter to the petitioner. Therefore, it was prayed

to summon and punish the respondents/contemnors under Sections 10 to 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

4. Notice was issued to the contemnor/respondent No.1 on 15.03.2024. Thereafter, the petitioner filed I.A.No.1 of 2024 to implead respondent No.2 to this Contempt case as he was the competent authority to issue appointment letters. Taking the same into consideration, respondent No.2 was impleaded *vide* orders dt.12.07.2024.

5. At the time of hearing of the Contempt Case, learned counsel representing respondent No.2 submitted that a Writ Appeal has been filed against the order of this Court and the same was also dismissed on 21.10.2024 and therefore, he sought time to go through the same and take appropriate action. This Court had granted time to file compliance report from time to time. However, the same was not filed.

6. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has produced a copy of the Memorandum dt.17.12.2025, wherein it was observed that the petitioner is not suitable for selection as Police Constable (TGSP) as per the Recruitment Rules, more specifically as per Rule 3 G (vi) of

G.O.Ms.No.97, Home (Legal-II) Department, dt.01.05.2006 since he was involved in a serious crime of moral turpitude under Section 354D IPC read with Section 34 IPC and Section 12 of the POCSO Act. However, it is also observed therein that even though the candidate was not suitable for selection as per the Recruitment Rules and the Government's permission is yet to be obtained in this regard, as the recruitment pertains to the year 2015, the petitioner is provisionally selected to the post of SCT PC (TGSP) in III Battalion in compliance of the orders of this Court subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Further orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) Diary No.63066 of 2025 in the Writ Petition No.25870 of 2022 and Writ Appeal No.1185 of 2024 in the matter, if any,*
- (b) Post facto permission to be obtained from the Government, and*
- (c) Fulfilling of other conditions of the Notification by the Candidate.*

When the Court had expressed its displeasure about the above order passed on 17.12.2025 observing that the petitioner was suitable for the post in spite of direction of this Court, learned counsel has produced another copy of the order dt.17.12.2025 deleting the portion about the

candidate being not suitable for selection and it was observed that the petitioner is provisionally selected to the post of SCT PC (TGSP) in 3rd Bn TGSP (IR) and this selection is issued in compliance with the orders of this Court and subject to

(a) further orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) Diary No.63066 of 2025 in the Writ Petition No.25870 of 2022 and Writ Appeal No.1185 of 2024 in the matter, if any,

(b) post facto permission to be obtained from the Government, and

(c) fulfilling of other conditions of the Notification by the candidate.

It is submitted that the petitioner will only be issued selection order and he will be issued appointment order after his successful completion of the training.

7. Learned counsel has also filed a fair counter affidavit dt.03.01.2026 stating that an SLP has been filed against the order of the Division Bench of this Court in the Writ Appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and that they are awaiting decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. It is submitted that all steps are being taken to get the

matter listed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and that the petitioner will be sent for training with the next batch subject to further orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

8. However, it is noticed that *vide* orders dt.20.09.2025, the SLP has also been dismissed.

9. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submitted that the respondents have demonstrated total disregard to the orders of this Court as well as the orders of the Division Bench and therefore, they have to be punished under the Contempt of Courts Act.

10. Having regard to the rival contentions and the material on record, this Court finds that the order of this Court is dated 21.12.2023 and thereafter, there were two batches who have been sent for training, i.e., in January, 2024 and also in May, 2025. The respondents have chosen to file a Writ Appeal against the order of this Court, but the Writ Appeal was also disposed of on 17.10.2024 confirming the order of this Court in the Writ Petition and therefore, it can be accepted that the petitioner could not be sent for training in January, 2024, but he ought to have been issued selection order and sent for training at least in May, 2025.

On the ground that an SLP has been filed, the petitioner has not been sent for training. This Court is of the opinion that the respondents should have complied with the order of this Court subject to the final outcome of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. It is also noteworthy that the Hon'ble Supreme Court also has ultimately dismissed the SLP as a defective matter and it is not known as to whether the respondents have resubmitted the SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. This being the case, the respondents have now issued two selection orders 17.12.2025 and the first order is in clear contempt of the orders of this Court since it referred to a criminal case against the petitioner holding that he is not suitable for the post. The respondents could not have referred to the said rule while passing the selection order as this Court has already held that the petitioner was honourably acquitted and hence should be reconsidered for appointment. Further, it is only after being pointed out by this Court, that the second order has been issued deleting the portion about the candidate being not suitable for selection. In the said process of filing a Writ Appeal and the SLP, the petitioner has lost valuable two years of employment. Further, as stated by the learned counsel for

respondent No.2, it is only after successful completion of the training will the appointment order be issued.

11. At the time of hearing today, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the SLP filed by the respondents has been dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 27.01.2026 and therefore, the order of this Court has become final.

12. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent No.2/contemnor submitted that a letter has been addressed to the Government for implementation of the order of this Court.

13. Having regard to the above submissions of both the parties, this Court observes that on the ground that the respondents have approached the Division Bench in appeal and the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP. The respondents have not implemented the orders of this Court even though there was no stay granted by any of the Courts. Therefore, this Court is of the opinion that there is contempt committed by respondent No.2 as the petitioner has lost two precious years of employment/service in spite of specific directions from this Court.

14. Therefore, respondent No.2 herein is liable for punishment under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. In view of the same, this Court is inclined to hold that respondent No.2 /contemnor herein is punishable with simple imprisonment for a period of two (02) months and with a fine of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees two thousand) and if the fine of Rs.2,000/- is not paid, he shall undergo simple imprisonment for a further period of ten (10) days. He shall be entitled to subsistence allowance at the rate of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) per day in accordance with Rule 32(1) of the Contempt of Court Rules, 1980 framed by the High Court for the State of Telangana under the Act of 1971 during the period of his detention. Since the petitioner is unemployed and has also not been issued appointment order as of now, the subsistence allowance as fixed above shall be borne by the State.

15. The Contempt Case is accordingly allowed. No order as to costs.

16. Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, in this Contempt Case shall stand closed.

Sd/- A.V.S.PRASAD
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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2. Sri Jithendar Reddy, IPS, Principal Secretary Home Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
3. V.V.Srinivas Rao, Chairman, Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board, Hyderabad.
4. One CC to Sri Ch. Ravinder, Advocate [OPUC]
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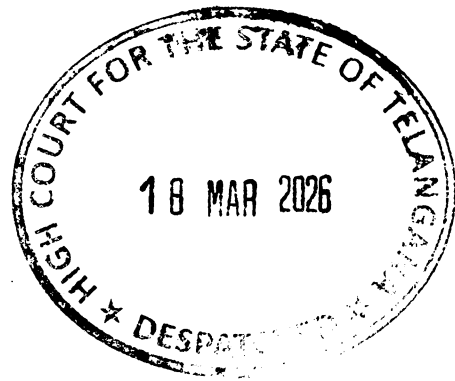
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 17/03/2026

ORDER

CC.No.519 of 2024



ALLOWING THE CC

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