

Majority of women constables, who completed training, are graduates

Even though the minimum qualification for the post of a police constable is II PUC or class 12, most of the 252 women constables, who completed their training at the Police Training School in Mysuru, are either graduates or postgraduates.

Out of the 252 women constables, only 31 had minimum qualifications. As many as 167 of them, accounting for about 66 per cent, are degree holders, including 21, who are postgraduates and one LLB graduate, said Deputy Director of Karnataka Police Academy Dharinidevi Malagatti, who is also holding additional charge as Principal of Police Training School.

As many as 53 other women constables hold a Diploma in Education (DeD) while one possesses a lab technician's certificate, she added.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara, who participated in the passing-out parade of women constables, expressed surprise over the qualification of the new recruits and called upon them to apply their skills to tackle the problems facing the society and particularly the ones involving women.

Dr. Parameshwara also said the department will reserve 20 per cent of the vacant posts for women.

Out of the total 25,000 vacancies in the police department, 6,000, who had already been recruited, were undergoing training while a notification would soon be issued for recruiting another 8,000 personnel including 650 sub inspectors. Meanwhile, speaking to reporters later, Dr. Parameshwara said the State government would be having at least one women's police station in each district.

Out of the 35 women police stations to come up in the State, five will be set up by this month-end.

Recently, a new order had been issued to transfer all cases relating to women registered in any police station in the district to the women's police station, he said.

The committee constituted by the State government to study the salaries and facilities offered to police personnel in other States has already collected information from 10 to 15 States.

Speaking to reporters here, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said that the committee will collect the necessary information from the remaining States before making a comparative study and submitting a report.

The report will help the State government get an overview of the situation. If there are any disparities or anomalies, a decision will be taken to overcome them, he added.