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Karnataka to recruit 20,158 police constables by mid-2017

BENGALURU: A total of 20,158 constables will be inducted into the state police force by mid-2017, said home minister G Parameshwara.

"This is the first time that the police department is seeing a recruitment of this magnitude. While 6,000 constables have been recruited and are undergoing training, the government has issued a notification for recruiting 6,610 constables. This apart, the finance department has given approval for recruiting 7,548 constables." Parameshwara said.

These recruitments will not only address the issue of shortage of manpower but will also increase the quality of the police force. "Though the educational qualification for recruitment for the post of constables is pre-university course (PUC), we are getting graduates and post-graduates. Out of the 251 women constables who got inducted recently, only 30 candidates had done their PUC and the rest were graduates. With regard to male constables, 70 per cent of them are graduates," he added.

The department is also recruiting 629 sub-inspectors this year; 40 of them will be assigned exclusively to the intelligence wing.