

## **TN has 500 vacancies in police stations across the State**

It has been a long wait for the 2008-batch of directly recruited Sub-Inspectors of Police allotted for Armed Reserve (AR) and Tamil Nadu Special Police (TSP) to get transferred to Taluk Police to perform law and order duty in police stations.

Despite having completed the mandatory five-year service and possessing the qualification of having undergone a course in Law during their training period, 598 SIs have been waiting for implementation of the 2015 High Court Order.

Police sources said that there were over 500 vacancies of Taluk Police SIs in the police stations across the State.

“The huge number of vacancies was taking a toll on serving officers in maintaining law and order. We have already completed the law course along with our batch-mates who were allotted Taluk Police. Besides, there was no monetary loss for the State exchequer in transferring us to Taluk Police,” one of the 2008-batch SI told ‘The Hindu.’

The Home Department made an order to transfer all the 598 AR and TSP SIs of the 2008-batch to the Taluk Police on February 2016. However, it could not be implemented as the Tamil Nadu State Assembly Election was announced.

But, even after the completion of the election, the order has not been implemented.

The State government had laid a few conditions that all candidates for the transfer should be graduates and must have completed five years of service as SIs in AR and TSP.

Besides, they should not have completed 40 years of age.

The SIs are eagerly awaiting implementation of the order at the earliest.