

MP Alleges 190 Andhra Cops Lack Postings and Pay for a Year; State Contests Claim



A significant controversy has emerged in Andhra Pradesh's police force, with a Member of Parliament (MP) alleging that nearly 200 police officers have been without postings or salaries for over a year. Maddila Gurumoorthy, the YSR Congress Party MP from Tirupati, on Saturday, July 19, 2025, called for urgent intervention from the central government and judiciary, describing the situation as "unconstitutional" and "inhuman." The Andhra Pradesh government, however, has denied the allegations of unpaid salaries.

According to Gurumoorthy's strongly-worded letter, addressed to the Prime Minister, President, and Chief Justice of India, among others, 199 officers, including 27 additional superintendents of police, 42 deputy superintendents of police, and over 100 inspectors, have been placed in "Vacancy Reserve" (VR) or "compulsory wait" since June 2024. The MP stated that these officers have not been assigned duties, officially posted, or paid salaries despite reporting daily to the Director General of Police (DGP)'s office in Mangalagiri. He highlighted that no departmental inquiries or legal proceedings are pending against them, leading to significant "psychological, financial, and professional trauma" for the officers and their families. Gurumoorthy had previously raised this issue in Parliament in March.

The MP expressed shock that while officers in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Revenue Services without postings still receive their salaries, their police counterparts are allegedly denied basic financial support, housing allowances, and even retirement benefits in some cases. He deemed it "paradoxical and hypocritical" that the state government is reportedly

seeking All India Services officers from other states due to a shortage, while experienced local officers remain idle and allegedly unpaid.

In response, the Andhra Pradesh government has acknowledged that 199 officers have been kept in reserve since June 2024, but firmly denied that they have not received their salaries. The state clarified that placing officers in "waiting" is an administrative matter, not a punitive one, and is necessitated by ongoing departmental reorganizations, pending disciplinary issues, or medical grounds. It asserted that all officers continue to draw their salaries and are required to report daily to the DGP's office as per official instructions, denying any violation of service norms or Supreme Court guidelines.

This dispute over the status and remuneration of a substantial number of police officers brings into question transparency in administrative practices and the welfare of government employees. The MP's appeal to higher authorities suggests a deeper concern about governance and accountability, pushing for a thorough review of the state's handling of its police personnel. The coming weeks may see further developments as the central government and judiciary consider the MP's plea and the state's counter-arguments.