

High Court orders CBI probe in police recruitment scam

The Allahabad High Court Thursday ordered an inquiry by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the alleged recruitment scam in the Uttar Pradesh police.

A division bench of the high court comprising Justices Anjani Kumar and Vijay Kumar Verma also quashed an order of the central government refusing a CBI inquiry in the recruitment muddle.

Soon after taking over as chief minister in May 2007, Mayawati had constituted a committee to look into allegations of massive corruption in the recruitment of police constables during the previous Mulayam Singh Yadav regime.

Based on the report of the one-man committee of senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Shailjakant Mishra, Mayawati had terminated the services of as many as 18,000 police constables.

Twenty-three IPS officials had also been suspended for their alleged involvement in the irregularities. They were, however, later reinstated after they gave a written apology.

The state government then wrote to the central government recommending a CBI investigation into the scam. The latter had turned down the request calling it the state's internal matter.

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