

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

In the matter of an application for mandates in the nature of *Writs of Certiorari, Prohibition and Mandamus* in terms of Article 140 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**C.A. (Writ) Application
No: 0328/2026**

1. Wedikkara Arachchige Linton
Lenard De Silva
Chief Inspector of Police
(Previously) Crime Division,
Western Province North, Peliyagoda

No. 189, Yatiyana
Minuwangoda

2. Abewickrama Batagodage Kasun
Subhashana
Inspector of Police
(Previously) Crime Division,
Western Province North, Peliyagoda

61/5/T/1,
Katukunda Watta, Mavaramandiya,
Kadawatha

3. Hewawasam Haggallage Manoj
Priyadarshana Hewawasam
Police Constable 82728
(Previously) Crime Division,
Western Province North, Peliyagoda

220/B, Hanwella Road,
Deenapamunuwa
Urapola

4. Hennayaka Mudiyansele Aravinda
Udayakantha Hennayaka
Police Constable 88617
(Previously) Crime Division
Western Province North, Peliyagoda.

83/8, Morawaththa Road
Nagoda, Kandana
(Presently in the Kingdom of Thailand)

5. Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Nadun
Tharaka Madhuranga Abeyrathna
Police Constable 88753
(Previously) Crime Division
Western Province North, Peliyagoda

70/20,
Walau Waththa Road
Kandana

6. Erasna Gamage Kolitha Lakmal
Rajapaksha
Police Constable 87801
(Previously) Crime Division
Western Province North, Peliyagoda.

114/8, Walpola Road,
Kimbulpitiya

Petitioners

Vs.

1. Priyantha Weerasoriya
Inspector General of Police
Police Headquarters, Colombo 02

2. A.H.N. Asanka,
Senior Superintendent of Police
Kelaniya

3. D.W.C. Dharmarathna
Assistant Superintendent of Police
Acting Director, Crime Division
Western Province North
Peliyagoda

4. Roshantha,
Chief Inspector of Police
Officer in Charge, Crime Division,
Western Province North,
Peliyagoda.
5. R.A.C. Padumasiri
Chief Inspector of Police
Officer in Charge,
Crime Division
Western Province North
Peliyagoda
6. J.P.P. Anjana Jayalath
Inspector of Police
Crime Division
Western Province North
Peliyagoda
7. Duganna Walawwe Ravindra
Bandara Seneviratne
Hon. Secretary,
Ministry of Public Security &
Parliamentary Affairs,
18th Floor, Suhurupaya,
Battaramulla
8. Hon. Attorney General
Attorney-General's Department
Hulftsdorp
Colombo 12

Respondents

Before : R. Gurusinghe, J.
&
Dr S. Premachandra, J.

Counsel : Pradeep Mahamuthugala
for the Petitioners

Dileepa Pieris, ASG
for the Respondents

Supported on: 27-05-2026

Decided on: 23-07-2026

ORDER

R. Gurusinghe, J.

All petitioners are Police Officers who, at the material time, were attached to the Crimes Division, Western Province North, Peliyagoda. They state that they have been subjected to retaliatory transfers at the instance of the 3rd respondent. The petitioners further state that they have rendered efficient service in the detection and prevention of serious crimes and suppression of narcotics trafficking.

The Petitioners further aver that the 3rd respondent is harbouring animosity towards the Petitioners and, with the assistance of the 5th respondent, has procured false evidence against the Petitioners. It is further alleged that the 4th petitioner was arrested and produced before the Magistrate's Court of Gampaha, pursuant to such actions.

Petitioners further state that the 3rd respondent maliciously attempted to falsely incriminate the petitioners.

The petitioners instituted the present application seeking, *inter alia*, mandates in the nature of Writs of *Certiorari* and *Mandamus*, together with several interim reliefs. The Court, having considered the petition, the affidavit, the documents annexed thereto, and the submissions of Learned Counsel for the petitioners, decides that the application discloses matters warranting further inquiry.

Accordingly, the Court decides to issue formal notice on the respondents. However, the Court declines to grant the interim relief sought by the petitioners at this stage. The petitioners shall be at liberty to seek interim

relief if the necessity arises after the formal notices are issued to the respondents.

Judge of the Court of Appeal

Dr. S. Premachandra J.

I agree.

Judge of the Court of Appeal.