

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE P.NAVEEN RAO

WRIT PETITION No.178 OF 2020

DATED : 06.01.2020

Between :

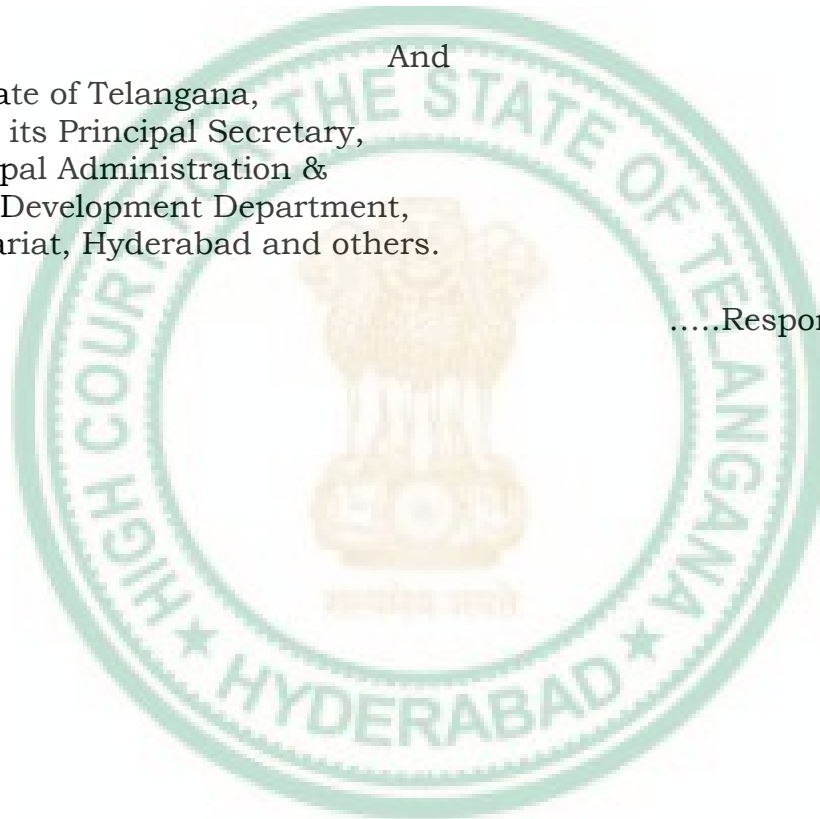
Nuthala Srinivas S/o.Chandraiah,
Aged 42 yrs, Occu : Defeated 1st Ward
of Jammikunta Nagarapanchayat, Jammikunta Mandal,
R/o.H.No.6-2-62/2/C, Jammikunta Village & Mandal,
Karimnagar District & others.

..... Petitioners

And

The State of Telangana,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Municipal Administration &
Urban Development Department,
Secretariat, Hyderabad and others.

.....Respondents



The Court made the following:

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ORDER :

Petitioners contested as Councilors to Ward Nos.1, 7, 15 & 17 respectively of Jammikunta Nagara Panchayat, Jammikunta Mandal, Karimnagar District, in the elections held in the year 2014. Alleging that petitioners did not file election expenditure, order was passed on 28.10.2017 by the Commissioner, Nagarapanchayat, Jammikunta, basing on the disqualification order, dated 10.05.2017 issued by the State Election Commission, declaring the petitioners as ineligible for three years from the date of issue of that order to contest any election to be held for any Office under the provisions of Telangana Municipalities Act, 1965.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned counsel representing the State Election Commission. Learned counsel appearing for State Election Commission agrees that subject matter of the writ petition is covered by the decision of learned single judge of this Court rendered in W.P.No.2630 of 2018 and batch.

3. From the reading of the order impugned, it is apparent that no prior notice was issued before passing such order and notice was not issued within reasonable time from the date of conclusion of election process.

4. In W.P.No.2630 of 2018 and batch, learned single Judge of this Court considered the issue in detail and held such action of the State Election Commission in disqualifying the candidates on the ground that they did not file election expenditure in the

elections held in the year 2014 after long lapse of time as illegal, and amounts to arbitrary exercise of power, and set aside the similar orders passed against the petitioners therein.

5. Following the earlier orders of this Court, this Writ Petition is also allowed by setting aside the order impugned. Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

P.NAVEEN RAO,J

6th January, 2020
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