IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR

PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B KRISHNA MOHAN

WRIT PETITION NO: 11221 OF 2024

Between:

Kotra Rajesh, S/o Yohanu. Aged 40 years.R/o 11-2-259, Vinayakunigutta(Bus Stand Venuka), Macherla Town , Palanadu District -522428

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Election Commission of India. Rep by its Chief Election Officer, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Room No.192, GF, Building No.5, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur - 522238. Email ceo_andhrapradesh@eci.gov.in
3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Thullur mandal, Guntur District
4. District Election Officer cum District Collector, Palnadu District, Narasaropet,Palnadu District. Email palanadu@ap.gov.in Email Collector-palanadu@ap.gov.in Email Collectorpalanadu@gmail.com
5. Returning Officer, 101-Macerla Assembly Constituency, Macherla,Palanadu District. Email. jc-palanadu@ap.gov.in.
6. The Superintendent of Police, Palnadu District, Narasaraopet.

...Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring action of the respondents in not installing the CCTV cameras Inside and outside of the

above mentioned critical/problematic/sensitive poling boots No.293,294,295,296,297,298,299 in Petasannegandla, Polling booth No.271inVepakampalli,Polling booth No.275,276,277,278 and Polling booth No.250,251,252,253,254,255,256 in Oppicharla Village in Karempudi Mandal and Polling booth No.209,210,211 in Pasarlapadu and Polling booth no.203,204,205,206,207 in Thumrukota Village in Rentachintala Mandal in Macherla Constituency, as per the directions/guidelines/rules issued by the Respondent No.1, contrary to the procedure/Rules prescribed in Hand Book for Candidate, Hand Book for Returning Officer, against the directions issued by the Respondent No.1 with reference No.464/Inst/2022/EPS dated 19.06.2023, to provide multiple civil (non-force) measures to keep watch on various stages of elections- videography, CCTV and Web casting etc., to conduct smooth, free and fair elections, in spite of representations submitted by petitioners and others, as arbitrary, unjust, illegal, misuse of power, favoritism shown by the authorities, violative of provisions of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 and against the directions/rules of Election Commission of India, apart from being violative of Articles 14, 19, 21 and Part XV of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to install the CCTV cameras inside and outside of the above mentioned critical/problematic/sensitive polling booths in 101-Macherla Assembly Constituency, Palnadu District for the General Assembly and Parliamentary Elections 2024 and for all the future elections, for conducting free and fair elections.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents to install the CCTV cameras inside and outside of the above mentioned critical/problematic/sensitive polling booths in 101-Macherla Assembly Constituency, Palnadu District for the General

Assembly and Parliamentary Elections 2024, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI SATYAMNAIDU GOLIVI

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following order:

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Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SATYAMNAIDU GOLIVI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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2. GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

3. GP FOR REVENUE

4. GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing counsel for the respondent – Election Commission.

2. This writ petition is filed questioning the action of the respondents in not installing the CCTV cameras inside and outside of the

critical/problematic/sensitive poling booths No. 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299 in Petasannegandla. Polling Booth No. 271 in Vepakampalli. Polling booth Nos. 275, 276, 277, 278 and Polling booth Nos. 250. 251, 252, 253. 254, 255. 256 in Oppicharla Village in Karempudi Mandal and Polling booth Nos. 209, 210. 211in Pasarlapadu and Polling booth Nos. 203. 204, 205, 206, 207 in Thumrukota Village in Rentachintala Mandal in Macherla Constituency as per the directions/guidelines/rules issued by the respondent No.1.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondent-Election Commission shall take necessary measures by treating the subject polling booths as critical/problematic/sensitive polling booths.

4. On the other hand, the learned Standing counsel appearing for the respondent-Election Commission submits that already out of the six(6) polling booths, four (4) of the said booths are identified as critical polling booths and necessary steps have been taken strictly in accordance with law. In so far as the other two (2) polling booths are concerned, they are considered to be normal polling booths and necessary measures are taken in accordance with law.

5. In view of the same. no further orders are necessary in this writ petition.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, Miscellaneous Petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

Sd/- M.PRABHAKAR RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

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7. One CC to Sri Satyamnaidu Golivi, Advocate [OPUC]
8. Two CCs to GP for Revenue, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
9. Two CCs to GP for GAD, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

DATED:09/05/2024

ORDER

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WITHOUT COSTS