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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3458]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 26730 OF 2026

Between:

1. MEDA EDUKONDALU,, S/O. ANJAIAH, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURE, R/O. D. NO. 4-30/A, ELCHURU VILLAGE, SANTHAMAGULURU MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
2. DEVARAPU PEDDA LAKSHMA REDDY,, S/O. LATE RAMIREDDY, AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURE, R/O. ELCHURU VILLAGE, SANTHAMAGULURU MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
3. MALREDDY RAMADEVI,, W/O. RAJA SHEKAR, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, OCC M.P.T.C-3 RIO. ELCHURU VILLAGE, SANTHAMAGULURU MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH522237
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, AMARAVATI. 5230010
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, ONGOLE. 523001
4. THE MANDAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, SANTHAMAGULURU MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.523303

5. THE ELCHURU GRAM PANCHAYAT, REP. BY ITS SPECIAL OFFICER, SANTHAMAGULURU MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.523303

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. KOTI REDDY IDAMAKANTI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. SASANKA BHUVANAGIRI (SC FOR NON SERVICES ZPPS MPPS GP FOR RAYALASEEMA SPSR NELLORE PRAKASAM)
3. N ASHWANI KUMAR

The Court made the following order:

Heard Sri Ashok Kamireddy, learned counsel appearing for Sri Koti Reddy Idamakanti, learned counsel for the petitioners and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. Challenging the proceedings dated 03.09.2026 of the 4th respondent rejecting the representation of the petitioners made requesting to continue the polling booth in elementary school at Vaddera Colony, Elchuru Village, Santhamaguluru Mandal, Prakasam District, for the voters of ward Nos.8 and 9, instead of changing to Zilla Parishad High School which is at distance about 2 kilometers away, the instant Writ Petition is filed.

3. It is stated by the learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission that the issue raised in the instant Writ Petition is covered by the

Judgment rendered by the Division Bench of this Court dated 04.04.2019 in W.P.No.3905 of 2019. Wherein, this Court has observed that:

> *“A similar question came up for consideration before the Division Bench of erstwhile High Court of Andhra Pradesh with regard to change of polling stations from one station to another in Challa Ramakrishna Reddy v. Returning Officer, Banaganapalli and others wherein the Division Bench held that, "The contention raised in this case is with regard to shifting of polling station Nos.37, 39 and 40 in Koilkuntla Assembly Constituency. Previously, these three polling stations were located at Gramachavadi, Panchayat Satram (Eastern Wing) and Panchayat Satram (Western Wing), but now they have been shifted to Room No.3, VIII B Class, Room No.5, VII A Class and Room No.5 VIII A Class of ZPHS respectively in Owk Village. The question relating to location of polling stations is purely a question of fact and is within the exclusive purview of the authorities conducting the elections, and it is not for this Court to adjudicate upon the said aspects, and in fact the said aspects are not justiceable, more so in a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India."*
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> *Therefore, the Court must confine its jurisdiction to examine the decision making process and not to the legality of the decision, since this Court while exercising power of judicial review under Article 226 cannot sit in an appeal against the decision of an authority. If, this principle is applied to the present facts of the case, it is difficult to accept the contention of the learned counsel for respondents 1 & 2.*

However, it is left open to the respondents to take steps for amendment by issuing errata or by issuing corrigendum to final list of electoral rolls or notification issued under Section 25 of the Act immediately, if any error or mistake crept in."

4. Accordingly, following the Judgment of the Division Bench, the Writ Petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall also stand closed.

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 05.11.2026
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