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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3604]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE SUNITHA GANDHAM

WRIT PETITION NO: 27155/2023

Between:

1. B V L SREEDHAR, S/O.BALAJI RAO, AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O.H.NO.28B-12-22, GADEVARI STREET, POWERPETA, ELURU, ELURU DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. THE COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, ELURU, ELURU DISTRICT.
3. THE SUPERINTENDANT OF POLICE, ELURU, ELURU DISTRICT.
4. THE SUBDIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER, ELURU, ELURU DISTRICT.
5. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, II-TOWN POLICE STATION, ELURU, ELURU DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus to declare the delay and inaction on the part of the Respondents No.2 to 5 in considering and disposing of the Application of the Petitioner dated 18-07-2022 submitted by the Petitioner for sale of the existing Weapon i.e.,NP Bore Revolver bearing No.A22284 and purchase new weapon and thereby not releasing the Weapons to the Petitioner after completion of MLC Election-2023 even inspite of the Arms License No.194/192 (ELR) is in force up to 31-12-2026 as arbitrary, illegal and violation of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently

direct the Respondents No.2 to 5 to consider and dispose of the Application dated 18-07-2023 submitted by the Petitioner for sale of Weapon i.e., NP Bore Revolver bearing No.A22284 and purchase new weapon and further direct the Respondents to return the Weapons to the Petitioner which were deposited before the 5th Respondent on 15-02-2023 due to MLC Elections-2023 without reference of pendency of the investigation in Crime No.239/2014 on the file of the III-Town Police Station, Eluru, Eluru District forthwith in the interest of justice.

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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 pleased to direct the Respondents to return the Weapons to the Petitioner which were deposited before the 5th Respondent on 15-02-2023 in view of the completion of the MLC Elections-2023 without reference of pendency of the investigation in Crime No.239/2014 on the file of the III-Town Police Station, Eluru, Eluru District pending disposal of the Writ Petition in the interest of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. P NAGENDRA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Learned counsel for the petitioner fairly submitted that by recording the instructions filed by the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, this Writ Petition can be disposed of.

2. As seen from the instructions, the gun was already handed over to the petitioner on 25.09.2026 and to that effect, the respondent/police also got photographed the same and filed written instructions through the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home.

3. Recorded the submissions of learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home as well as learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. **In the result,** this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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SUNITHA GANDHAM, J

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