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

TUESDAY, THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 30300 OF 2026

Between:

1. BONIGALA NAGAMALLESWARA RAO, S/o Bonigala Nagabhushanam aged about 67 years Occ Ex Sarpanch EPIC No ABI2064830 Part No 172 R/o D No 4-26 Mannava Village and Post Ponnur Mandal Guntur District 522316

2. Bonigala Devi, W/o Amarendra Prasad aged about 50 years Occ Ex MPTC Member R/o D No 4-26 Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District Andhra Pradesh 522316

3. Annavarapu Amar Kumar, S/o Ankarao aged about 28 years Occ Agriculture R/o D No 3-32 Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District Andhra Pradesh 522316

4. Bonigala Ammulaiah, S/o Veeraiah aged about 47 years Occ Agriculture R/o D No 4-25 Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District Andhra Pradesh 522316

5. Annavarapu Krishna Chaitany a, S/o Late Annavarapu Babu Rao aged about 40 years Occ Agriculture EPIC No ABI1310549 Part No 168 R/o D No 3-32 Mannava Village and Post Ponnur Mandal Guntur District 522316

6. Bonigala Venuprasad, S/o Nagabhushanam aged about 68 years Occ Ex President of Mandal Praja Parishath R/o D No 4-26 Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District Andhra Pradesh 522316

7. Gollamudi Vijay Kumar, S/o Ramarao aged about 37 years Occ Agriculture R/o D No 5-25 Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District Andhra Pradesh 522316

8. Bonigala Narendra, S/o Rosaiah aged about 40 years Occ Ex Ward No 5 Member R/o D No 3-42 Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District Andhra Pradesh 522316

9. Regulagadda Rajesh, S/o Ravi aged about 23 years Occ Agriculture R/o D No 4-31/1 Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District Andhra Pradesh 522316

...Petitioners

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1. THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA, represented by its Secretary Nirvachan Sadan Ashoka Road New Delhi 110001

2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh Room No 192 Ground Floor Building No 5 AP Secretariat Velagapudi Amaravati Guntur District 522238

3. The District Collector and District Election Officer, Guntur District Collectorate Guntur 522004

4. The Electoral Registration Officer, Ponnur Assembly Constituency Additional Project Coordinator Samagra Siksha Guntur Guntur District

5. The Assistant Electoral Registration Officer and TahsildaR, Ponnur Mandal Tahsildar Office Ponnur Guntur District 522124

6. Smt Annavarapu Ranimma Booth Level Officer, Part No 172 of 88 Ponnur Assembly Constituency Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District

7. Smt Golla Nagarani, Booth Level Officer Part No 173 of 88 Ponnur Assembly Constituency Mannava Village Ponnur Mandal Guntur District 522316

8. The State Election Commission Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Secretary 1st Floor New HODs Building MG Road Vijayawada 520010 9

9. The State of Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Principal Secretary to Government Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department AP Secretariat Velagapudi Amaravati Guntur District 522238

10. Bandlamudi Chimpiraiah, S/o Bandlamudi Babu Rao aged about 42 years Occ Agriculture R/o Mannava Village and Post Ponnur Mandal Guntur District 522316

11. Smt Singamaneni Padmavathi Electoral Registration Officer, Ponnur Assembly Constituency Office of Additional Project Coordinator Samagra Siksha Guntur Guntur District

12. Md Zia ul Haq alias Jiyavul Hak Tahsildar and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer, Ponnur Mandal Tahsildar Office Ponnur Guntur District 522124

13. The Commissioner Department of Panchayath Raj and Rural Development, NH 16 Service Road Pathuru Cross Tadepalli Guntur District 522501

...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 a Writ, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents 2 to 7 in deleting / omitting the names of the petitioners from the electoral roll of 88-Ponnur Assembly Constituency, Guntur District, in the Parts relating to Mannava Village, Ponnur Mandal (Part Nos. 172 and 173), in the Special Intensive Revision, 2026, on the basis of Form-7 objections filed in bulk by the 10th respondent and his associates and on the alleged ground of non-residence, without notice, without enquiry, without hearing and without any speaking order, and the consequential rejection of the Form-6 applications of the

petitioners, as being illegal, arbitrary, void, contrary to Sections 20, 22 and 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, Rules 13, 18, 20 and 21A of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 and the instructions of the 1st respondent, and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 21 and 326 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents 2 to 5 to restore / include the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of 88-Ponnur Assembly Constituency in the respective Parts relating to Mannava Village, Ponnur Mandal, Guntur District, forthwith, and in any event before the publication of the final electoral roll and before the respondents 8 and 9 adopt the said roll for the ensuing ordinary elections to the Gram Panchayats, Mandal Praja Parishads and Zilla Praja Parishads, 2026 furhter direct the respondents 1 to 5 to cause an independent enquiry into the bulk Form-7 objections filed by the 10th respondent and his associates against the electors of Mannava Village and into the alleged use of the login credentials of the respondents 6 and 7, and to take action in accordance with law, including under Sections 31 and 32 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and to pass

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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 2 to 5, 8,9 to restore the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of 88-Ponnur Assembly Constituency in the Parts relating to Mannava Village, Ponnur Mandal, Guntur District, forthwith, before the publication of the final electoral roll prior to the schedule of the elections to the Guntur Zilla Praja Parishad, Ponnur Mandal Praja Parishad, Mannava Grama Panchayat pending disposal of the above writ petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioners: GUNDALA SIVA PRASADA REDDY, N ASHWANI KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
Counsel for the Respondents: D S SIVADARSHAN

Counsel for the Respondents: N ASHWANI KUMAR

The Court made the following order:

The grievance of the petitioners is that their names have been deleted/omitted from the electoral roll of 88-Ponnur Assembly Constituency, Guntur District, in the Parts relating to Mannava Village, Ponnur Mandal (Part Nos.172 and 173), in the Special Intensive Revision, 2026 on the basis of Form-7objections filed in bulk by respondent No. 10 and his associates, without issuance of any notice, affording an opportunity of hearing, or passing speaking order.

2. Heard Sri Gundala Siva Prasada Reddy, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, and Sri Avinash Desai, learned Senior Counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 1 to 5.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, by way of a memo bearing USR No. 125543 of 2026, the petitioners have placed on record additional material relating to the appeal preferred before the District Collector and District Election Officer, Guntur District, as an alternative remedy available to them. A copy of the said material has also been furnished across the Bench. He further submits that it would suffice, if a direction is given to the District Collector and District Election Officer, Guntur District, to dispose of the said appeal within a time-bound period.

4. On the other hand, learned Senior Counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 1 to 5 submits that the competent authority will pass appropriate orders within two weeks.

5. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel on either side, and as the petitioners have restricted their relief for expeditious disposal of the appeal, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, is inclined to dispose of the Writ Petition with the following directions:

(i) The District Collector and District Election Officer, Guntur District, shall consider and dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioners, in accordance with law, after affording them an opportunity of personal hearing, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, preferably on or before 11.11.2026.

(ii) At this juncture, learned Senior Counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 1 to 5 submits that the petitioners may not be available at the addresses furnished in the relevant records and that, consequently, it may be difficult to serve notices on them within the stipulated time to enable them to avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing.

(iii) In view of the above submission, learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to furnish the correct address particulars and contact numbers of the petitioners to respondent No.3 forthwith, to facilitate communication of the date, time and venue of the personal hearing to the petitioners.

(iv) Upon receipt of the aforesaid particulars, respondent No.3 shall take appropriate steps to communicate the hearing details to the petitioners sufficiently in advance so as to enable them to participate in the proceedings and avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing.

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

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

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

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