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

TUESDAY, THE 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 30781/2026

Between:

1. GOTHAM KONDA REDDY, S/O. SUBBARAMI REDDY, AGED 70 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION R/O. RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
2. AMBULURI VENGOPAL REDDY, S/O. MALYADRI REDDY, AGED 40 YEARS, CULTIVATION R/O. RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
3. KUNAM VENKATA RAMANA REDDY, S/O. VENKATESWARLU REDDY AGED 45 YEARS, CULTIVATION RIO. RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT .

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY PANCHAYATRAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT BLDGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522237
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP BY ITS SECRETARY 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M G ROAD, VIJAYAWADA 520010
3. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH SECRETARIAT BLDGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI -522237
4. THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, CUM DISTRICT COLLECTOR SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT AT NELLORE- 524001 WRIT PETITIONERS
5. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER CUM ELECTION OFFICER, NELLORE SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT-524001

6. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, (ELECTION WING) KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT-524239
7. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER CUM REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, , UDAYAGIRI ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, KAVALI, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.524201
8. ASSISTANT ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER CUM TAHSILDAR, UDAYAGIRI ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT 524239
9. RENAMALA GRAM PANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS SPECIAL OFFICER, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT- 524239
10. KIRMANI GAFOOR, S/O LATE KIRMANI HASAN SAHEB, AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO TZE1065755, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
11. K MANOHAR, S/O RAMANAIAH, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO BZT2747459, R/O WARD NO 3, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
12. JAKKAM DIVYA, D/O AMARANADH REDDY, AGED ABOUT 27 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO TZE1609460, R/O WARD NO 4, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
13. G MANOJA, D/O. MALYADRI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, R/O RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
14. SK RAMTHUJANI, S/O BABA SAHEB, AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO TZE0693192, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
15. SYED NAYAB RASOOL, S/O MASTAN SAHIB, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO TZE1823046, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
16. SK BEEBIJAN, W/O ABDULLAH, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO BZT1211200, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE

DISTRICT.

17. SD SHAREENA, W/O SUBHANI, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO TZE0398727, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

18. SD SHAMEEM, W/O MASTAN VALI, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO BZT2748044, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

19. SD MASTAN VALI, S/O RASOOL SAHEB, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO BZT2746758, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

20. SD BHANU, W/O SHABEER, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO TZE0398537, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

21. SK ABDULLAH, S/O MASTAN SAHEB, AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO BZT2748226, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

22. G VANI, D/O VENKATESWARA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 27 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO TZE1656388, R/O WARD NO 5, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

23. SK MALLIKA, W/O RAMTHUJANI, AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, VOTER ID NO BZT2746741, R/O WARD NO 6, RENAMALA VILLAGE, KONDAPURAM MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT. RR 10 TO 23 ARE IMPLEADED AS PER COURTS ORDER DT. 27.10.2026 IN I.A.NO.2 OF 2026

...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 toIssue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus, to declare the action on the part of the Respondents 2 to 8 in non- deleting 41 votes as per enquiry made by the District Election Officer cum District Collector and Electoral Registration officer cum Thasildar, Kondapuram Mandal SPSR Nellore District from Booth Nos. 199 and 200 of

Renamala Gram Panchayath of Kondapuram Mandal, Udayagiri Assembly Constituency amounts to erroneous, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, and 21 of the Constitution of India besides being several expressions expressed by this Hon'ble Court and also violative of principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents 2 to 8 to delete the votes of 41 based on enquiry held by the Dist. Election Officer cum the District Collector and the Electoral Registration Officer cum Thasildar, Kondapuram from the Electoral list of Renamala Gram Panchayath of Kondapuram Mandal, Udayagiri Assembly Constituency published dated 8.9.2026 in the interest of justice

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 direct the respondents 2 to 8 to delete the votes of 41 based on enquiry made by the Dist. Election Officer cum the District Collector and the Electoral Registration Officer cum Thasildar, Kondapuram from the Electoral list of Renamala Gram Panchayath of Kondapuram Mandal, Udayagiri Assembly Constituency published dated 8.9.2026 in the interest of justice

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 may be Pleased to implead the Petitioners/ Proposed Nos. 10 to 23 .as Respondent No. 10 to 23 .in this W.P. No. 30781 of 2026 as well as IA also, and Pass.

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. T C KRISHNAN

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. D S SIVADARSHAN
4. GP FOR REVENUE
5. SREEMANNARAYANA VATTIKUTI

The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri T.C.Krishnan, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development appearing for the respondent Nos.1 and 5, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.2 and 3, and Sri Sasanka Bhuvanagiri, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.6 and 9.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.2 to 8 in not-deleting 41 votes as per enquiry made by the District Election Officer cum District Collector and Electoral Registration Officer cum Tahsildar, Kondapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District from Booth Nos.199 and 200 of Renamala Gram Panchayat of Kondapuram Mandal, Udayagiri Assembly Constituency.

3. The petitioners contend that they are permanent residents of Renamala Village, Kondapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District. The 3rd petitioner, intending to contest the office of Sarpanch of the subject Grama Panchayat, has approached the Booth Level Officers of the concerned village, bringing to their knowledge that as many as 83 voters have either been double-entered, have died, or have been shifted to some other villages. Therefore, an enquiry was requested in the said regard. A representation was also submitted to the District Election Authority. It is contended that pursuant

to the representation, the Tahsildar had also conducted an inquiry. Accordingly, 41 votes have been removed from Booth Nos.199 and 200 of Udayagiri Constituency. Despite the same, no consequential orders have been passed deleting the said names from the electoral roll. Thus, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking the following relief:

> *"….to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, to declare the action on the part of the respondents 2 to 8 in non-deleting 41 votes as per enquiry made by the District Election Officer cum District Collector and Electoral Registration Officer cum Tahsildar, Kondapuram Mandal, SPSR Nellore District from Booth Nos.199 and 200 of Renamala Gram Panchayath of Kondapuram Mandal, Udayagiri Assembly Constituency amounts to erroneous, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India besides being several expressions expressed by this Hon'ble Court and also violative of principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents 2 to 8 to delete the votes of 41 based on enquiry held by the District Election Officer cum the District Collector and the Electoral Registration Officer cum Tahsildar, Kondapuram from the Electoral list of Renamala Gram Panchayath of Kondapuram Mandal, Udayagiri Assembly Constituency published dated 8.9.2026 in the interest of justice and to pass necessary order or orders...."*

4. When the matter has been taken up for consideration, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for SEC has placed before the Court a copy of the instructions that have been received in the case. A perusal of the same reflects that vide notification No.25/SEC-B2/2026, dated 06.02.2026, the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission issued notification for publication of Electoral Rolls for Grama Panchayats by adopting the Assembly Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2026 as the qualifying date and to publish them

by 09.03.2026. Subsequently, the qualifying date was extended up to 15.04.2026. Consequent to the issue of Election Notification No.905/SEC-B1/2026, dated 19.10.2026, the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission has written to the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh vide Letter No.770/SEC-F2/2026-1, dated 14.10.2026 to provide the hard copies of supplements containing additions, deletions and modifications of all the 175 Assembly Constituencies in the State with photographs from 06.02.2026 to the specified dates. However, no such list has been received from CEO, AP, and the date of final publication of SIR has also been extended up to 30.11.2026.

5. It is further stated that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India issued directions in SLP No.35791/2026 dated 09.10.2026, that if the final electoral roll prepared by the Election Commission of India upon completion of the SIR is published before the date of notification of elections by the State Election Commission, such revised electoral roll shall be treated as the final electoral roll for the purpose of conducting elections. However, if for any reason, the final electoral roll pursuant to the SIR is not published before the date of notification of elections by the State Election Commission, the elections shall be conducted on the basis of the previously existing electoral roll, in accordance with Sections 11 and 12 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994.

6. Having regard to the same, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition, directing the respondent No.2 – SEC that the publication of the Photo Electoral Roll in respect of the subject Gram Panchayat shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and by taking into consideration the Circular dated 14.10.2026 issued by the SEC in the said regard.

7. With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. 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

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