HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE PURUSHOTTAM KUMAR CHINTALAPUDI

Writ Petition No.30980 of 2026

ORDER:

The present Writ Petition is filed to direct the respondents to provide police protection and necessary police escort to the petitioners throughout the election process commencing from the nomination stage until completion of the elections, including polling and counting.

2) Heard Sri Gundala Siva Prasad Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, Sri Kolla Trinath, representing Sri N. Aswani Kumar, learned counsel appearing for The State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh and Smt. A. Jayanthi, learned Government Pleader for Home, appearing through virtual mode.

3) The grievance of the petitioners is that they are intended to participate in electoral process for the notification issued for ZPTC/MPTC. The petitioners' contention is that on 21.10.2026 while they are proceeding to Chittoor to file nominations for Karvetinagaram Mandal, they were attacked and their vehicles were damaged. Learned counsel submission is that the respondents have

to provide adequate protection and take necessary measures for fair election including filing of nominations since they are being restrained to file those nominations. Learned counsel relied on the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP.No.37476 of 2026 dated 21.10.2026. Hence, they filed the present writ petitions.

4) Sri Kolla Trinath, representing Sri N. Aswani Kumar, learned counsel appearing for The State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh-Respondent No.2, would submit that they have addressed a letter to the Director General of Police on 14.10.2026 itself to provide adequate security for the persons who are going to file nominations for ZPTC/MPTC.

5) Smt. A. Jayanthi, learned Government Pleader for Home, would submit that 240 police personnel have been deputed for the purpose of conducting elections and adequate measures have been taken by the department with installation of CC TV cameras. She would submit that the relief sought by the petitioners is beyond the scope to provide adequate security till completion of election process. She also submits that the petitioners have sought relief to provide police protection to them so far as to election process commencing from the nomination stage until completion of election

process including polling and counting. She further submits that such extension of relief is not permissible even as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP.No.37476 of 2026 dated 21.10.2026 wherein it is specifically directed till filing of nomination. Learned counsel also brought to the notice that the matter is listed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 27.10.2026.

6) At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that writ petition may be disposed of with a direction to the respondents only to provide adequate security measures till filing of nominations only.

7) Considering the submissions made, the respondents are directed to consider the representations, if any, made by the petitioners and to proceed as per due process of law by following the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP.No.37476 of 2026 dated 21.10.2026 considering the necessity that is required by the respective petitioners including the 7th petitioner who is resident of Palnadu District.

8) With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications, if any, pending in the present Writ Petition shall stand closed.

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JUSTICE PURUSHOTTAM KUMAR CHINTALAPUDI

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