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

MONDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 31190 OF 2026

Between:

1. SAVARA CHOKKARAO, S/o. Lachchayya, aged about 38 years, R/o. D.No.6-35, Savara Cheedipalem, Maridikota, P.O. Jhadupalli, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532216.

2. Janni Kurmarao,, aged about 35 years, R/o. Jadupalli, Archanupuram, P.O. Jhadupalli, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532216.

3. Varahala Krishnarao,, S/o. Late Lakshmana, aged about 37 years, R/o. D.No.7-24,Peddaveedi, Chinnaguruvuru, Nandigam, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532201.

4. Madakam Venkateswarao,, S/o. Mutyalu, aged about 37 years, R/o. D.No.3/47, Main Road, Madakamvarigudem, Vankavarigudem, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh- 534456.

5. Janni Sanjeeva Rao,, S/o. Ramachandra Rao, aged about 33 years, R/o. Savarasiddamanugu, Routhupuram, P.O. R.l. Puram, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532213.

6. Kondagom Vinod Kumar,, S/o. Narayana Rao, aged about 33 years, R/o. D.No.2-82, Kotta Panukuvalasa, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh 532443.

7. Savara Hemala Rao,, aged about 25 years, R/o. Jadupalli, Archanupuram, P.O. Jhadupalli, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532216.

8. Biddika Uma Maheswara Rao,, S/o. Biddika Lakshmaiah, aged about 35 years, R/o. Silagam, Seethampeta Mandal, Silagam, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532443.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Secretariat, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh- 522238.

2. The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh- 522501.

3. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh- 532001.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh 532001.

5. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Parvathipuram Manyam District, Andhra Pradesh- 535501.

6. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Parvathipuram Manyam District, Andhra Pradesh- 535501.

7. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Alluri Sitaramaraju District, Andhra Pradesh- 531024.

8. The Revenue Divisional Officer, , Alluri Sitaramaraju District, Andhra Pradesh-531024.

9. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh- 530002

10. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Visakhpatnam District, Andhra Pradesh. 530002.

11. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh-531001.

12. The Revenue Divisional Officer, , Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh 531001.

13. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Kakinada District, Andhra Pradesh- 533001.

14. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada District, Andhra Pradesh 533001.

15. The District Collector and District Magistrate, , East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh- 533001.

16. The Revenue Divisional Officer, East Godavari at Rajamahedravaram District, Andhra Pradesh- 533101.

17. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema District, Andhra Pradesh- 533201.

18. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema District, Andhra Pradesh- 533201.

19. The District Collector and District Magistrate, West Godavari District at Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh- 534201.

20. The Revenue Divisional Officer, West Godavari at Bhimavaram District, Andhra Pradesh- 534201.

21. The District Collector and District Magistrate, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh- 534006.

22. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh- 534006.

23. The District Collector and District Magistrate, , Polavaram District, Andhra Pradesh- 533288.

24. The Revenue Divisional Officer, , Palavaram District, Andhra Pradesh 534315

...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 an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus directing the action of the Respondents in considering, and dispose of the Petitioners representation dated 17.10.2026 in a reasoned and lawful manner, with due regard to G.O.Ms.No.154 dated 12.10.2026, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Reservation of Seats and Offices of Gram Panchayat, Mandala Praja Parishad and Jilla Praja Parishad) Rules, 2026, particularly Rules 4(1) and 7(1), safeguarding the constitutional safeguards available to the Scheduled Tribe community, is as illegal arbitrary and violation of fundamental rights guaranteed to the Petitioners under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, read with Article 244 and the Fifth Schedule, and consequently direct the respondents to consider the objections of the petitioners while fixing reservations to the forthcoming Grama Panchayeti elections in accordance with law

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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 may be pleased to direct the Respondents to consider and pass appropriate orders on the Petitioners' representation dated 17.10.2026, expeditiously and preferably before finalization of the reservation process for the ensuing Panchayat elections, pending disposal of the present Writ Petition and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioners: JADA SRAVAN KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri Jada Sravan Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj appearing for the respondent Nos.1 & 2.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondents in not considering the representation of the petitioners dated 17-10-2026. As no orders have been passed on the said representations, the petitioners have approached this Court by way of the instant Writ Petition.

3. Having regard to the submissions made, and without going into the merits of the case, as the representation of the petitioner is pending for consideration, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition directing the respondent Nos.4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 & 24 to pass appropriate orders on the representations stated to have been filed by the petitioners on 17-10-2026 in terms of G.O.Ms.No.154 dated 12-10-2026 forthwith, before finalization of reservations in respect of the ensuing elections for Gram Panchayats. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, all pending miscellaneous applications shall stand closed.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 02-11-2026

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