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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: 31395 OF 2026

Between:

1. R CHANDRA SHEKAR, S/o.M.Ramaswamy, Aged about 64 years, Occ Contesting Candidate for Mayor, Chittoor Municipal Corporation, R/o.3-209B, Cheruvu Street, Greams Pet, Chittoor, Chittoor District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, Rep. by its Principal Secretary - 522237.

2. The State Election Commission, . Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Station Election Commissioner, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh -520001.

3. The Chief Electoral Officer, . Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada- 520001.

4. The District Election Officer, The District Collector, Chittoor, Chittoor District. 517001

5. The State of Andhra Pradesh Commissioner, . Chittoor Municipal Corporation, Chittoor, Chittoor District. 517001

6. The Superintendent of Police, Chittoor, Chittoor District. 517001

...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 inaction of the respondents in failing to take adequate measures to ensure a free, fair and peaceful elections of Chittoor Municipal Corporation as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 21, 324 and 243-K of the Constitution of India, and consequently to direct the respondents (a) to install and ensure proper functioning of CCTV cameras at the entrances, exits and other public areas of all polling stations and counting centres in Chittoor Municipal Corporation, and to preserve the CCTV footage for a reasonable period, without in any manner violating the secrecy of the ballot (b) to provide adequate police protection to the petitioner while conducting election campaign within the limits of Chittoor Municipal Corporation and at campaign venues and during movement from one place to another in Chittoor Town (c) to deploy adequate neutral police force at all polling stations and counting centres in Chittoor Municipal Corporation to prevent booth capturing, rigging, impersonation, intimidation, obstruction of voters, tampering with electoral materials and any other unlawful interference with the polling process (d) to ensure that every elector is permitted to enter the polling station and cast his or her vote freely, peacefully and without fear, and to take immediate action against any person attempting to threaten, obstruct, influence or intimidate voters or polling personnel (e) to ensure that MLAs, MPs, party leaders, agents and supporters do not remain inside polling stations beyond the period legally permitted for casting their own votes or performing a legally authorized function

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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 direct the respondents to provide adequate police protection to the petitioner

while conducting election campaign within the limits of Chittoor Municipal Corporation, during pendency of the Writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner: C SUBODH

Counsel for the Respondents: POTHAM VENGALA REDDY SC For M.Corporation in Rayalaseema region In

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

Counsel for the Respondents: N ASHWANI KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondents: GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following Order:

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that, in view of the interim order passed by this Court on 30-10-2026, no further orders are required to be passed in the present Writ Petition.

2. Recording the said submission, the Writ Petition is disposed of, as the matter requires no further adjudication. 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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