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

THURSDAY, THE 29th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 31330 OF 2026

Between:

1. Namana Satyanarayana @ Bujji,, S/o. Nageswara Rao, Aged 58 years, R/o. D.No.3-72/1, Tallapudi Village and Mandal, East (erstwhile West) Godavari District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522238.

2. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Andhra Pradesh at Tadepalli-522501.

3. Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission, 1st Floor, New HODS Building, M.G.Road Vijayawada - 520010, Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Secretary-522238.

4. The District CollectorcumDistrict Election Authority, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram-533101.

5. The District Gram Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District-533101.

6. The Divisional Panchayat Officer, Kovvur, East Godavari District-534350.

7. The Revenue Divisional OfficercumDeputy District Election Authority, Kovvur, East Godavari District-534350.

8. The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Tallapudi Mandal at Tallapudi, East Godavari District-534341.

9. Tallapudi Gram Panchayat, Tallapudi, Tallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District, Rep. by the Special Officer-534341.

10. Prakkilanka Gram Panchayat, Prakkilanka, Tallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District, Rep. by the Special Officer-534341.

11. Annadevarapeta Gram Panchayat, Annadevarapeta, Tallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District, Rep. by the Special Officer-534341.

...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 an appropriate writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction on the part of the respondents particularly respondents 7 and 8 in not considering the request made by the petitioner vide representation dated 17.10.2026 with a request to reconsider the Proforma - 1 List of Reservation for the Posts of Sarpanch in Tallapudi Mandal dt. 13.10.2026 duly considering the percentage of voters particularly Backward Class Voters of the villages particularly Annadevarapeta and Prakkilanka Gram Panchayats of Tallapudi Mandal by duly following the Roster for such reservation as per the rules in vogue and in going to issue Notification to conduct elections in respect of Gram Panchayats of Tallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District, as illegal, arbitrary, malafide, against the principles of Natural Justice besides violation of Constitutional Guarantees and to consequently direct the respondents not to conduct elections in respect of Gram Panchayats of Tallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District basing on Proforma - 1 List of Reservation for the Posts of Sarpanch

in Tallapudi Mandal dt. 13.10.2026 by setting aside the same, in the interest of justice

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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 pass an interim direction against the respondents not to conduct elections in respect of Gram Panchayats of Tallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District basing on Proforma - 1 List of Reservation for the Posts of Sarpanch in Tallapudi Mandal dt. 13.10.2026 by suspending the same, pending disposal of the above writ petition in the interest of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner: K JYOTHI PRASAD

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri K. Jyothi Prasad, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and learned Government Pleader for General Administration appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.7 & 8 in not passing any orders on the representation filed by the petitioner dated 17-10-2026.

3. Challenging the inaction of the respondents in considering the representation made by the petitioner to reconsider the pro forma-1 list of reservation for the posts of Sarpanch in Tallapudi Mandal, by considering the percentage of voters particularly the Backward Class Community, more particularly in the villages of Annadevarapeta and Prakkilanka Grama

Panchayaths of Tallapudi Mandal, by following the roster for such reservation as per the rules in vogue.

4. It is contended that the petitioner belongs to Thallapudi Grama Panchayat, Thallapudi Mandal, East Godavari District. For reservation purposes, the entire Mandal is taken as a unit, consisting of 11 villages. The election notification for conducting elections to Gram Panchayats has not yet been issued. However, the pre-election process has already begun. Pro forma -1 list of reservations for the post of Sarpanch, for the entire Thallapudi Mandal, has been issued without following the reservations on a rotation basis. It is contended that before issuing the Pro forma-1, the respondents did not call for any objections. In this regard, the petitioner made a representation to the 7th respondent on 17.10.2026, which was forwarded to respondent No.3, who in turn forwarded it to respondent No.4 by letter dated 19.10.2026. Despite placing the said representation before the 4th respondent, no orders have been passed on the same.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that Rule 8(3) and 9(1) of G.O.Ms.No.154, dated 12-10-2026 has not been followed by the respondents while issuing proforma-1. It is contended that if elections to Gram Panchayats are held without following the reservation procedure, it would defeat the purpose of reservations entirely. Accordingly, the petitioner has filed this writ petition challenging the inaction in considering the petitioner's representation.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that, the election notification is likely to be issued at any time, thus the petitioner approached this Court by seeking a direction to the respondent No.7/respondent No.4 to pass orders on the representation of the petitioner.

7. Learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents would submit that on the basis of voters strength in the case of Backward Classes and as per the AP Panchayat Raj (Reservation of Seats and Offices of Gram Panchayats, Mandal Praja Parishads and Zilla Parishads Rules,2026, the reservations have been fixed.

8. However, having regard to the grievance of the petitioner that the representation remained undisposed and unconsidered. This Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition directing the respondent No.7 to pass appropriate orders on the representation of the petitioner dated 17-10-2026 forthwith. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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