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

FRIDAY, THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**

**WRIT PETITION NOS:31346, 31348, 31362, 31363, 31371, 31372**

**& 31375 OF 2026**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 31346 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. VALMETI SYAMALA,, W/O VENKATA SUBBA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE TO THE POST OF MANDALA PRAJA PARISHAT TERRITORIAL CEGMENT MEMBER, PENUBARTHI, NELLORE RURAL MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, RESIDENT OF PENUBARTHI VILLAGE, NELLORE RURAL MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ 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.
5. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, NELLORE RURAL MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, NELLORE RURAL MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE

DISTRICT.

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 31348 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. VANKIVOLU KOTESWARA REDDY, S/O AUDEPA REDDY RESIDING AT TANAMCHERLA VILLAGE, SAMKRANTIPALLI RHC, RAPUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ 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, NELLORE, NELLORE DISTRICT.
5. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, . NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, SAMKRANTIPALLI MPTC CONSTITUENCY, RAPURU MANDAL, S.P.S.R NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 31362 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. YENIMIREDDY SUPRIYA, W/O PENCHALA PRASAD REDDY, RESIDING AT CHELLATURU VILLAGE KAMBALAPALLI G.P. RAPUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ 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,NELLORE

5. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, KAMBALAPALLI MPT CONSTITUENCY RAPURU MANDAL, S.P.S.R NELLORE DISTRICT

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 31363 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. VANKIVOLU VARUN SRIKRISHNA REDDY, S/O RAJA RATHNAM REDDY RESIDING AT TANAMCHERLA VILLAGE, SAMKRANTIPALLI RHC, RAPUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ 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, NELLORE 5.

5. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT. 6.

6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, RAPUR BIT -3 MPTC CONSTITUENCY, RAPURU MANDAL, S.P.S.R NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 31371 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. CHEVURU DHANAMMA, W/O CHEVURU PENCHALAIAH, R/O GONUPALLI VILLAGE, RAPURU MANDAL, S.P.S.R NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ 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, 5.
5. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, GONUPALLI VILLAGE MPTC CONSTITUENCY, RAPURU MANDAL, S.P.S.R NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 31372 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. TALUPURU MAMATHAMMA, W/O SREENIVASULUR REDDY, RESIDING AT JOREPALLI VILLAGE, RAPUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ 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, NELLORE, NELLORE DISTRICT
5. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.
6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, BOJJANAPALLI MPT CONSTITUENCY, RAPURU MANDAL, S.P.S.R NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 31375 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. MADHAVI GANGI REDDY, W/O SRIRAMULU REDDY, RESIDING AT CHELLATURU VILLAGE, KAMBALAPALLI G.P. RAPUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ 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, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE
5. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE

DISTRICT.

6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, KAMBALAPALLI MPT CONSTITUENCY, RAPURU MANDAL, S.P.S.R NELLORE DISTRICT.

**...RESPONDENT(S):**

**Counsel for the Petitioner:**

1. C SUBODH

**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. N ASHWANI KUMAR
3. GP FOR REVENUE
4. GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**

**W.P.Nos.31346, 31348, 31362, 31363, 31371, 31372 & 31375 of 2026**

**The Court made the following Common Order:**

Heard Sri O.Manohar Reddy, learned Senior Counsel appearing for Sri C.Subodh, learned counsel for the petitioner(s), learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The issue involved in all the cases is common. Therefore, the writ petitions were heard together and therefore deemed appropriate to dispose of the same by way of a “Common Order”.

3. For the purpose of adjudication of the issue, the facts as arising in W.P.No.31346 of 2026 are taken into consideration.

4. The instant writ petition (W.P.No.31346 of 2026) is filed challenging the action of the 5th respondent in rejecting the appeal filed by the petitioner against the order of the 6th respondent dated 24.10.2026 rejecting the nomination of the petitioner for the office of Member, Mandal Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency. It is contended that the 6th respondent had rejected the Nomination Form on the ground that in the self-declaration Form, the petitioner did not furnish his property details.

5. Against the said rejection, the petitioner filed an appeal before the 5th respondent on 25.10.2026. The petitioner was informed that the appeal

hearing would be at 01:00 PM on 26.10.2026. On the said date, the petitioner, along with her counsel was present at the office of the 5th respondent from 11:30 AM, waiting for the appeal to be taken up for hearing as scheduled. At that juncture, the petitioner was served with a copy of the order passed by the 5th respondent. It is contended that the order was prepared in advance and furnished to the petitioner.

6. Sri O.Manohar Reddy, learned Senior Counsel contends that the appellate authority records as if the petitioner was present when the matter was taken up for hearing and as if the order was passed in the petitioner's presence. In fact, although the petitioner was waiting at the office of the appellate authority from 11:30 AM on the date scheduled for hearing at 01:00 PM, along with her advocate, the 5th respondent did not conduct the hearing of the appeal in the petitioner's presence. In fact, the 5th respondent was not present in the office.

7. When the writ petition was taken up for consideration, a copy of the instructions dated 27.10.2026 were filed in the forenoon session wherein, the 5th respondent reiterated the observations made in the impugned order, another set of written instructions was placed before the Court in the afternoon session, stating that on the day scheduled for hearing, 26.10.2026, at 01:00 PM, the appeal was taken up for consideration from 10:00 AM onwards in the presence of the returning officer, who had produced the relevant information. However, the urgent inquest proceedings were to be conducted at

Government General Hospital, Nellore. The 5th respondent had to leave the office to proceed to the GGH, Nellore. It is stated that "the Appellate Authority was temporarily unavailable when the proceedings were issued". Noticing the contradiction between the two sets of para-wise remarks/written instructions, oral directions were given to file an affidavit in the said regard.

8. Pursuant to the directions of this Court, in the affidavit filed on 02.11.2026 by the 5th respondent, it is stated that the appeal was taken up for consideration from 10:00 AM onwards on 26.10.2026 in the presence of the Returning Officer who had produced the copies of the nomination papers before the 5th respondent. Upon examination of the same, the 5th respondent had noticed that the page No.13 of the nomination papers did not contain the signature of the candidate. The said deficiency was found to be material. Thus, the appeal was rejected. It has been further stated in the affidavit that on the said date i.e., 26.10.2026, as the 5th respondent was required to attend another official duty at the Government Hospital, Nellore to record an inquest report of a deceased prisoner which was required to be completed between 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM on the said date of 26.10.2026. In view of the said emergency, the 5th respondent had to rush to the said Hospital after informing the petitioner to wait.

9. The petitioner contends that the blanks in the declaration affidavit do not render the nomination form invalid, as the returning officer, while issuing the

checklist, did not mention anything regarding the blanks in the declaration form.

10. Considered the submissions.

11. Having regard to the contentions advanced, this Court is of the view that there is a contradiction between the impugned order and the submissions made in the affidavit dated 02.11.2026. In the impugned order, it has been observed that the appeal was decided as per the scheduled time i.e., at 01:00 PM on 26.10.2026. Whereas, in the affidavit, it is stated that the appeal had been taken up for consideration at 10:00 AM in the presence of Returning Officer as the 5th respondent was required to attend GGH, Nellore, for recording an inquest report. Thus, the hearing had to be concluded before 01:00 PM in the presence of the Returning Officer.

12. Having regard to the same, although there appears to be a contradiction between the impugned order and the averments made in the affidavit filed on 02.11.2026, having regard to the fact that the election results have already been issued and the elections have been concluded, this Court is of the view that even if the impugned order is to be set aside and the matter is remanded to the 5th respondent appellate authority for fresh consideration, no useful purpose would be served, as the election process has already been completed. Therefore, this Court is not inclined to remand the matter to the appellate authority. However, the issue is left open for consideration before

the appropriate appellate authority. The observations made hereinabove by me are only for the purpose of adjudication of the instant writ petition(s).

13. With the above observations, the Writ Petitions are disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

**JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**

Dated: 06.11.2026
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**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**

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Dated: 06.11.2026
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