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

FRIDAY, THE 30th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 31546 OF 2026

Between:

1. Bhavanam Padma, W/o. Venkata Reddy, Aged about 59 years, Occ House Wife, Rio. Ganapavaram Village, Tripuranthakam Mandal, Markapuram District, Andhra Pradesh 523326.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Secretary, 1st Floor, New HODs Building, Opposite Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, M.G. Road, Vijayawada 520010.

2. The Returning Officer, Election of Member, Ganapavaram Mandal Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency, Tripuranthakam Mandal Praja Parishad, Tripuranthakam, Markapuram District.

3. Guntaka Narayanamma, W/o. Maheswara Reddy, Aged about 32 years, R/o. Ganapavaram Village, Tripuranthakam Mandal, Markapuram District 523326.

4. Guntaka Parvathamma, W/o. Pedda Narayana Reddy, Aged about 75 years, Rio. Ganapavaram Village, Tripuranthakam Mandal, Markapuram District 523326.

5. Guntaka Parvathi, W/o. Venkateswara Reddy, Aged about 40 years, R/o. Ganapavaram Village, Tripuranthakam Mandal, Markapuram District 523326.

6. Bhavanam Kumari Alias Venkata Kumari, W/o. Venkateswara Reddy, Aged about 50 years, Rio. Ganapavaram Village, Tripuranthakam Mandal, Markapuram District 523326.

...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 a writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of the 2nd respondent in not considering and deciding the written objections raised by the petitioner at the time of scrutiny of nominations on 24102026 against the nomination papers bearing Serial Nos 34 38 53 73 and 75 filed for the office of Member Ganapavaram Mandal Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency Tripuranthakam Mandal Markapuram District and in accepting the said nomination papers showing them in the List of Validly Nominated Candidates in FormVI Dt 24102026 and publishing the List of Contesting Candidates in FormIX Dt 27102026 without recording any decision or reasons on the said objections as mandated under Rules 91 92 122 and 123 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Conduct of Elections Rules 2006 as highly illegal arbitrary contrary to the said Rules and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents 1 and 2 to examine the said objections with reference to the original nomination papers the electoral roll of the Ganapavaram Territorial Constituency and the declarations filed by the concerned candidates and to pass a reasoned order thereon in accordance with Rules 9 and 12 of the said Rules and pass

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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 Pleased to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to preserve the original nomination papers bearing serial Nos.34 38,53,73 and 75 the declarations filed along with them, the relevant electoral roll and the record of scrutiny Dt 24-10-2026

relating to the election of Member Ganapavaram Mandal praja Parishad Territorial Constituency Tripuranthakam Mandal, and further direct that the declaration of the result of the said election shall be subject to the outcome of the writ petition pending disposal of the main Writ Petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: GORANTLA MALLESWARA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents:

The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri Gorantla Malleswara Reddy,learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent – APSEC.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondent No.2 in not considering the objections raised by the petitioner at the time of scrutiny of nominations on 24-10-2026 in the respect of the Office of Member, Ganapavaram Mandal Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency, Tripuranthakam Mandal, Markapuram District and in accepting the said nominations showing them in the list of validly nominated candidates and publishing the list of contesting candidates in Form-IX dated 27-10-2026 without recording any decision or reasons as mandated under Rule 9(1), 9(2), 12(2) and 12(3) of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2006.

3. The instant Writ Petition is filed after publication of list of contesting candidates on 27-10-2026.

4. Having regard to the provisions of Article 243(O) of the Constitution of India and the Judgments of the Hon’ble Apex Court in *N.P. Ponnuswami Vs.*

Returning Officer, Naamakkal Constituency and others[1]*, Sandeep Singh Bora v. Narendra Singh Deopa*[2], *Meenakshi Natarajan v. Election Commission of India*[3], *Kalla Ramakrishna vs. State Election Commission*[4], this Court is of the view that in the light of the constitutional bar, the grievance of the petitioner does not merit for consideration in the instant Writ Petition. Needless to observe that the petitioner is at liberty to avail the alternative remedy under law.

5. With the above observation, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 30-10-2026
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[1] 1952 (1) SCC 94
[2] (2026) 5 SCC 747
[3] 2026 SCC Online SC 1133
[4] Judgment of Full Bench of the erstwhile High Court of AP in W.A.No.1221 of 2004 dated 26.10.2004

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