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

TUESDAY, THE 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 31663 OF 2026

Between:

1. NELATURI MURALI, S/o Vallabha Rao, aged about 59 years, Occ Ex-Councellor, resident of Door No.12-1-73, Shalem Nagar, Narasaraopet, Palnadu District-522601.

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Secretariat of A.P., Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522238.

2. The District Collector, . Palnadu District, at Narasaraopet-522601.

3. The Joint Collector, Palnadu District, at Narasaraopet-522601.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Narasaraopet Revenue Division, at Narasaraopet, Palnadu District-522601.

5. The Tahasildar, . Narasaraopet Mandal, Palnadu District-522601.

...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 toissue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Mandamus declaring the action of the 5th respondent in not rectifying

petitioner's Community as BC-C in the place of Mala SC in the Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate by considering petitioner's representation dt 09.10.2026 as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the 5th respondent to issue Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate to the petitioner as BC-C

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 issue interim orders directing the 5th respondent to issue Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate forthwith to the petitioner pending disposal of the above writ petition

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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 innplead "The State of Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Secretariat of A.P., Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522237" as respondent No.6 in W.P.No. 31663 of 2026 and in I.A.No. 1 of 2026 and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: T V SRI DEVI

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following order:

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is converted Christian and after conversion into Christianity and taking Baptism, the petitioner's caste is to be recorded as BC-C Indian Christian.

2. It is submitted that the petitioner initially contested in the Municipality Elections for the 22nd Ward of Narasaraopeta Municipality under the BC-C category and won the election as well. It is submitted that the endorsement dated 21.10.2026 would refer to Ward No.22 which was assigned to BC-General category in the elections held in the year 2000.

3. It is submitted that the petitioner has submitted the representation seeking correction of community status from the SC Hindu (Mala) to BC-C Scheduled Caste converted into Christianity on 09.10.2026 with the 5th respondent.

4. It is submitted that ever since the same was pending consideration, the petitioner now intends to contest for ensuing elections for Narasaraopet Municipality.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader submits that the representation dated 09.10.2026 submitted to the 5th respondent shall be decided expeditiously. Recording the submissions, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the 5th respondent to forthwith consider the representation of the petitioner dated 09.10.2026 duly taking into consideration the affidavit submitted by the petitioner and carryout the necessary corrections and issue a fresh Community Certificate to the petitioner as per his affidavit dated 12.10.2026 and enable the petitioner to contest the ensuing elections in the Narasaraopet Municipality.

6. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

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