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

FRIDAY, THE 30th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 31687/2026

Between:

1. EADULAMUDI DAVID RAJU, S/O LATE EADULAMUDI YESHAIAH, AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O FLAT NO.303, BLOCK-A, GOWTHAM TOWERS, NAVODAYA COLONY, TADEPALLI, TADEPALLI MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522501.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522238.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT, A.P-520010.
3. THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, ANDHRA PRADESH, RAYAPUDI, THULLUR MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522237.
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, GUNTUR DISTRICT, GUNTUR, A.P-522004.
5. THE MANGALAGIRI TADEPALLI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522503.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 tossue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the 5th respondent in publishing the draft electoral rolls of the 62 wards of the Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation marked with the SC, ST, BC and Women voters in Form-1 vide Roc.No.2213/2026/G1 dated 27.10.2026 without conducting the door to door survey mandated by G.O.Rt.No.1298, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, dated 23.10.2026 and in rejecting the request of the petitioner for reasonable time by the Endorsement R.C.No.2213/2026/G1 dated 28.10.2026 without considering the grounds raised in his objections dated 28.10.2026, as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the said G.O. and violative of Articles 14 and 243T of the Constitution of India and the principles of natural justice, and consequently set aside the same and direct the 3rd and 5th respondents to conduct the door to door survey for identification of the SC, ST, BC and Women voters in all the 62 wards of the Corporation strictly as per the said G.O., to afford reasonable time for filing claims and - objections, and to dispose of the claims and objections on merits after field verification, and to finalise the reservation of wards only thereafter

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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 not to finalise or notify the ward-wise reservation of seats in the Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation on the basis of the electoral rolls marked with the SC, ST, BC and Women voters pursuant to the draft publication in Form-1 dated 27.10.2026, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. RAMALAKSHMANA REDDY SANEPALLI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri Rama Lakshmana Reddy Sanepalli, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2 and Sri A.S.C.Bose, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.3 and 5.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the 5th respondent in publishing the draft electoral rolls of the 62 wards of the Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation, marked with SC, ST, BC, and Women voters in Form-1, vide Roc.No.2213/2026/G1 dated 27.10.2026 without conducting the door-to-door survey.

3. It is contended that the petitioner, a registered voter of Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation, vide representation dated 28.10.20206, raised an objection regarding the draft electoral roll of SC, ST, BC, and Women voters published in Form-1, vide proceedings dated 27.10.2026, contending inter alia that the survey was not properly conducted and that the time granted for filing objections was insufficient and the time should have been extended due to the cyclone conditions prevailing in the area. The petitioner contends that the procedure adopted to conduct the door-to-door survey in the short time frame as fixed by the authorities before publication of the draft electoral rolls of STs, SCs and BCs, is in gross violation of the principles of natural justice. And further

contends that, publication of the draft lists of STs, SCs, BCs, and women voters without conducting a door-to-door survey is contrary to the G.O.Rt.No.1298 dated 23.10.2026.

4. The petitioner contends that, in response to the said representation, an endorsement dated 28.10.2026 was issued stating that the door-to-door survey was conducted on 25.10.2026 and 26.10.2026 and further informed that the cyclonic conditions, as pointed out by the petitioner, are not severe in the subject area and the office would be open from morning till late evening, 08:00 PM. Therefore, any further objections to the draft list would be examined in terms of G.O.Rt.No.1298 dated 23.10.2026. The petitioner has thus approached this Court.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner argues that, given the circumstances, the time for filing objections should have been extended. In this regard, the learned Government pleader appearing for the respondent placed before the Court the instructions that he has received in the case. A perusal of the same reflects that final ward-wise electoral rolls duly marking the Scheduled Tribe (ST), Scheduled Caste (SC) and Backward Classes (BC) voters have been prepared and published in Form-6 at the office of the Municipal Corporation and at the respective ward offices and offices of the RDO and MRO.

6. In the light of the publication of the final electoral lists of the ST, SC and BC voters and in the light of bar as envisaged under Article 243-ZG

of the Constitution of India, no further adjudication in this regard can be made and the grievance of the petitioner for granting further time to file the objections would not survive for further consideration,

7. With the above observations, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall also stand closed.

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 30.10.2026
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