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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: 31818/2026

Between:

1. MALIKA SUMAIYA,, W/O SHAIK FAISAL AHMED, AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS, OCC HOUSEWIFE, R/O H.NO.17/53-A,KHADAKPURA, KURNOOL CITY, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522238.
2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, A.P POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522503.
3. THE SUPERINTENDANT OF POLICE, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518001.
4. THE DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY/ COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, 'A' CAMP, KURNOOL CITY, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518001.
5. THE KURNOOL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REP BY ITS COMMISSIONER,VENKATARAMANA COLONY, KURNOOL CITY, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518004
6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, WARD NO.15, 0/O KURNOOL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KURNOOL CITY, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518004.

7. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, I TOWN POLICE STATION, I TOWN AREA, KURNOOL CITY, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518001.

...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 toissue a Writ, order or directions, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the respondents 1 to 5 in providing the extra police force i.e. central force in respect of polling booth Nos. 15/1,15/2/15/3,15/4 and 15/5 pertaining to the ward No.15 in Kurnool City within the jurisdiction of respondents 5 to 7 the subject polling booths are situated in front of the house of Nagad Jai Mahaboob Khan house as petitioner made nomination application No.9 for Corporator/Ward Member on 18-10-2026 in Ward No.15 inspite of petitioner representation dated. 25-10-2026 which is illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of Article 14 and 300A of the Constitution of India and Municipal Administration Act and consequently direct the respondents herein to provide the extra police force i.e. Central Force in respect of polling booth Nos. 15/1,15/2/15/3,15/4 and 15/5 pertaining to the ward No.15 in Kurnool City within the jurisdiction of respondents 5 to 7 the elections to be held on 01-11-2026

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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 herein to consider petitioner representation dated. 25-10-2026 and provide extra police force to the polling booth Nos. 15/1,15/2/15/3,15/4 and 15/5 pertaining to the ward No.15 in Kurnool City within the jurisdiction of respondents 5 and 6 forthwith election to be held on 01-11-2026, pending disposal of the Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. CHALLA SIVASANKAR

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard Sri Challa Sivasankar, learned counsel for the petitioner; and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 3 & 7, Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing for respondent No.4; and Sri P. Vengala Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for Municipal Corporations, appearing for respondent Nos.5 & 6.

2. Challenging the inaction of respondent Nos.1 to 5 in providing additional police force, in respect of polling booth Nos.15/1, 15/2, 15/3, 15/4 and 15/5, pertaining to Ward No.15 in Kurnool City, within the jurisdiction of respondent Nos.5 to 7, the instant Writ Petition has been filed.

3. The petitioner contends that she has submitted a representation to the State Election Commission. However, due to an inadvertent error, the said authority could not be impleaded as a party respondent. Having regard to the same, this Court *suo motu* impleads the State Election Commission as party respondent No.8, to the Writ Petition.

4. When the matter has been taken up for hearing, Ms. K. Shahin, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, appearing for the respondents, has placed before the Court a copy of the instructions received in the case. The same are taken on record. A perusal of the same would reflect that Ward No.15 is a highly sensitive area and that the Police have taken preventive measures, including deployment of shadow parties,

maintaining close surveillance over the movements of both parties, binding over troublemakers and deploying sufficient bandobust at the polling stations to ensure the peaceful conduct of free and fair elections. It is further stated that, if necessary, house arrest measures will also be taken against troublemakers on the polling day.

5. It is further stated that no specific threat warranting police protection to the petitioner has been established based on the information presently available with them. Nevertheless, it is stated that the respondent Police are maintaining vigilance to preserve public peace and tranquillity and will take appropriate legal action in accordance with law in the event of any threat or cognizable offence being brought to their notice.

6. Having regard to the above, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition, directing respondent Nos.3, 7 & 8 to take up appropriate measures in accordance with law to ensure the peaceful conduct of the scheduled elections to the Urban Local Bodies and to provide necessary police protection, if warranted.

7. In view of the above, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated:30.10.2026
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