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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: 31839/2026

Between:

1. DASARI KRISHNAMURTHY, S/O.DASARI PEDDA NALLAPPA, AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, RIO. D.NO.18-1-784, VENUGOPAL NAGAR, ANANTAPURAMU, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 515001

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (MA AND UD) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT- 522238.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY,1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD,VIJAYAWADA- 520010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE, ANANTAPURAMU, ANDHRA PRADESH -515001.
4. ANANTHAPURAMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER AND ADDITIONAL ELECTION AUTHORITY, ANANTAPURAMU- 515001.

5. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE DGP, A.P POLICE STATE HEAD QUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522503.
6. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANANTAPURAMU, ANDHRA PRADESH -515001.
7. THE RETURNING OFFICER, DIVISION NO. 3, ANANTHAPURAMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ELECTIONS - 2026, ANANTAPURAMU, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515001

...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 Direction, particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring that the inaction of the Respondents 2 to 7 herein in identifying and declaring Polling Stations No's. 3/1, 3/2, 3/3 and 3/4 situated at Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy School, Taraka Puram Kottalu Backside, Anantapuramu 3 rd Division as Sensitive / Hyper-Sensitive / Critical Polling Stations, and in not providing CCTV / webcasting / videography coverage and the other additional measures mandated for such polling stations by considering the Petitioner's representation dated.28.10.2026, as wholly arbitrary, illegal, and contrary to Circular No. 146/SEC- F1/2026 dated 18.09.2026 and Circular No. 161/SEC-F1/2026 dated 26.03.2026 issued by the 2nd Respondent respectively, Compendium of Instructions (2026) for Election to Municipal Corporations, 2026 issued by the 2 ' Respondent, besides being violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 21 of the Constitution of India, 1950

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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 2 to 7 herein to forthwith install CCTV cameras and undertake live webcasting at Polling Station Nos. 3/1, 3/2, 3/3 and 3/4 i.e. Division No. 3, Ananthapuramu Municipal Corporation, situated at Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy School, Taraka Puram Kottalu Backside, Anantapuramu, covering the entire poll proceedings on 01.11.2026

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. CKR ASSOCIATES

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR MUNCIPAL ADMN URBAN DEV
3. GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard Sri N. Sai Phanindra Kumar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner; Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for SEC appearing for respondent Nos.2 & 7 and Sri P. Vengala Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for Municipal Corporation, appearing for respondent Nos.5 & 6.

2. Challenging the inaction of the respondents 2 to 7 in identifying and declaring Polling Stations Nos. 3/1, 3/2, 3/3 and 3/4 situated at Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy School, Taraka Puram Kottalu Backside, Anantapuramu 3rd Division as Sensitive / Hyper-Sensitive / Critical Polling Stations, and in not providing CCTV/ webcasting / videography coverage and the other additional measures required for such polling stations, despite the representation dated 28.10.2026 submitted by the petitioner, the instant Writ Petition has been filed.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, learned Standing Counsel 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 the CCTV camera arrangements at Polling Station Nos.3/1, 3/2, 3/3 and 3/4, situated at Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy School, Taraka Puram Kottalu Backside, Anantapuramu, are under

process and would be completed by today (30.10.2026) on a war footing, as part of the extended arrangements.

6. Having regard to the above, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition, directing respondent Nos.2 to 7 to take up appropriate measures in accordance with law, to ensure the peaceful conduct of the scheduled elections in respect of the subject Urban Local Body namely *viz.,* Anantapuram Municipal Corporation.

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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