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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: 31835/2026

Between:

1. KOTA INDIRA, W/O JOHN PAUL, AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS, R/O 15-77, WILLIAMPETA, JAGGAIAHPETA, NTR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY IT'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (MA AND UD), SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI.
2. THE COMMISSIONER, MUNICIPAL AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, CRDA BUILDINGS, AMARAVATI.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, NTR DISTRICT, VIJAYAWADA.
4. THE JAGGAIAHPETA MUNICIPALITY, REP. BY IT'S COMMISSIONER, JAGGIAHPETA, NTR DISTRICT.
5. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY IT'S SECRETARY, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI.
6. THE ELECTION OFFICER/RETURNING OFFICER, JAGGIAHPETA MUNICIPALITY, JAGGIAHPETA, NTR DISTRICT.

...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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction Declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in not considering my representation dated 14.10.2026 and 22.10.2026 to modify the present

reservation category from General-woman to Sc-woman (or) SC-general to the post of Chairperson of the 4th respondent municipality inspite of the letters by the other respondent officials, as illegal, arbitrary, violative of provisions of AP Municipalities Act and contrary to Articles 14, 15, 243 and 341 of Constitution of India and consequently DIRECT the respondent officials to review the reservation category to the post of Chairperson of the 4th respondent municipality, in the interest of justice

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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 grant STAY of all further proceedings to the election to the post of Chairperson of the 4th respondent municipality scheduled to be conducted on 01.11.2026, in the interest of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. J.V.PHANIDUTH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard Sri J.V.Phaniduth, learned counsel for the petitioner; learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development appearing for respondent Nos.1 & 2; Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing for respondent No.3; Ms. Sireesha Rani Vallabhaneni, learned Standing Counsel for Municipality appearing for respondent No.4 and Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for Municipality, appearing for the respondent Nos.5 & 6.

2. Challenging the action of the 2nd respondent in not considering the petitioner's representation dated 14.10.2026 and 22.10.2026 to modify the present reservation category from General-woman to Sc-woman (or) SC-general to the post of Chairperson of the 4th respondent municipality inspite of the letters by the other respondent officials, the instant Writ Petition has been filed.

3. It is stated by the petitioner that she belongs to the Scheduled Caste community and that, though there is a considerable Scheduled Caste population in the 4th respondent Municipality, the post of Chairperson has never been reserved for the Scheduled Caste community. It is further stated that the said post has been reserved for General and Backward Classes on several occasions and, even in the present election, it has been reserved under the General-Woman category. The petitioner submits that she made

representations dated 14.10.2026 and 22.10.2026 requesting the authorities to change the reservation category from General-Woman to SC-Woman or SC-General, but the 2nd respondent has not considered the same..

4. The learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development appearing for the respondents would submit that the reservation is allotted on the basis of the population ratio in the respective Municipality.

5. Having regard to the submissions made, and as the representations submitted by the petitioner are pending consideration, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition, directing respondent No.2 to pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law, on the representations dated 14.10.2026 and 22.10.2026 submitted by the petitioner, forthwith.

6. 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.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated:30.10.2026
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