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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: 31840/2026

Between:

1. BANDI DEEPTHI, W/O BANDI NITHYANANDA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, RIO D.NO. 101/150-39, VISWANADHA PURAM, CHINTHA KOMMA DINNE, KADAPA, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, A.P-516004.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522238.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, OPP. INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT, A.P-520010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR CUM DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, KADAPA, A.P-516001.
4. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, DISTRICT POLICE OFFICE, MARIA PURAM, KADAPA, A.P-516001.
5. THE RETURNING OFFICER CUM MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, KADAPA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, NEAR TRAFFIC POLICE STATION, R.S. ROAD, KADAPA, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, A.P-516001.

...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 topleased to issue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 in not considering the representations of the Petitioner dated 28.10.2026 regarding submission of polling agent details and movement of General/Polling Agents and Relievers on the polling day, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 21 and 243-ZA of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 to consider the said representations and issue appropriate instructions to all the Presiding Officers and the Station House Officers within the limits of the Kadapa Municipal Corporation to receive the details of the Polling Agents of the Petitioner as per the election rules, to permit the Polling Agents and Relievers of the Petitioner to discharge their duties at the polling stations on 01.11.2026 and during the counting process on 03.11.2026 without any harassment or hindrance, and to ensure free and fair polling and counting, and pass

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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 pleased to direct the Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 to permit the Polling Agents and Relievers of the Petitioner to discharge their duties on the polling day and during the counting process on 03.11.2026 in accordance with the election rules without any harassment, and further direct the 4th Respondent to provide adequate police protection to the Petitioner and her Polling Agents and Relievers on the polling day i.e., 01.11.2026 and during the counting process on 03.11.2026, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. RAMALAKSHMANA REDDY SANEPALLI

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 Ramalakshmana Reddy Sanepalli, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, appearing for respondents 1 & 4 and Sri N. Ashwini Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for SEC appearing for the respondents 2 & 5.

2. Challenging the action of the respondents in not considering the representation of the petitioner dated 28.10.2026 submitted to the District Election Authority to issue instructions to all the Presiding Officers and the local police personnel against the demands made by the local police to submit the lists and personal details of the polling agents much before the polling date. In the said representation, it was further stated that the details of the polling agents would be submitted by them at the polling stations an hour before the polling begins. On the said representation, no orders were passed. However, the respondents have been requiring the petitioner to submit the details of their polling agents, the petitioner has approached this Court.

3. When the matter has been taken up for consideration, 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 from the Superintendent of Police, YSR Kadapa. The same are taken on record. A perusal of the same reflects that the police

department has no role in the appointment of polling agents. Even according to the petitioner's case, the forms are to be submitted to the Presiding Officer at the polling station one hour before the poll. The role of the police is confined to maintenance of law and order and bandobast, under the directions of the State Election Commission and the District Election Officer. No instructions have been issued by the police, directing any person to submit such details.

4. In view of the foregoing, no further adjudication is required in respect of the grievance of the petitioner as the same has been addressed as noted from the instructions of Superintendent of Police.

5. In view of the same, 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.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 30.10.2026
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