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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: 31854/2026

Between:

1. ANIL KUMAR VARIKUNTLA @ VARIKUNTLA ANIL, S/O VARIKUNTIA DAVID, AGED. 39, OCC BUSINESS, R/O D.NO.11-465-16-7, MAIN ROAD, VISWANADHAPURAM, PODILI, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.523240

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPT OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, A.P SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI.522238
2. THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER, NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI 110001
3. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, OFF ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA, FOR STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, ROOM NO.101, GROUND FLOOR, 4TH BLOCK PENUMAKA - AMARAVATHI ROAD, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR - 522237
4. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH 1ST FLOOR, NEW HOD BUILDING,

OPPOSITE INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH - 520002

5. THE DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITYCUM DISTRICT COLLECTOR, GOGULADINNE VILLAGE, MARKAPUR MANDAL, (MA AND UD) ANDHRA PRADESH-523332.

6. THE PODILI MUNICIPALITY, REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER, PODILI, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT-523332.

7. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, GANDHI BAZAR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT-523316.

8. THE ASST ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, PODILI MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT-523332.

...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 more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of respondent authorities in not including the name of the petitioner as voter in the electoral list (voters list) of Podili Municipality, Markapuram District with reference to the election notification to be issued on 30th of October, 2026 for conducting elections to the members and Chairman of Urban Local bodies as arbitrary, illegal and unconstitutional and consequently direct the respondent authorities to include name of the petitioner (EPIC No. GHH2039279) in the voters list of Podili Municipality, Markapuram District in order to enable him to participate in the upcoming Urban Local Body elections for the members and Chairman of Podili Municipality either as voter or contesting candidate or proposer

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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 respondent authorities to include the name of petitioner (EPIC No. GHH2039279) in the voters list of Podili Municipality, Markapuram District in order to enable him to participate in the upcoming Urban Local Body elections

for the members and Chairman of Podili Municipality, Markapuram District either as voter or contesting candidate or proposer

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. POSANI AKASH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

1. Heard Sri Posani Akash, learned counsel for the petitioner; learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development appearing for the respondents; and Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.4, 7 and 8.

2. Challenging the action of the respondents in not including the name of the petitioner in the electoral roll of Podili Municipality, Markapuram District, in connection with the election notification issued on 30.10.2026 for conducting elections to the members and Chairperson of Urban Local Bodies, the instant Writ Petition has been filed.

3. When the matter is taken up for consideration today, it is stated by the learned counsel that the issue involved in the present Writ Petition is squarely covered by the judgment rendered by this Court in W.P.No.30564 of 2026, dated 15.10.2026.

4. Following the aforesaid judgment, this Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the observations and directions contained therein. There shall be no order as to costs.

5. The Registry is directed to append a copy of the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.30564 of 2026 dated 15.10.2026, to this order.

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 30.10.2026
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