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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3458]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 31878 OF 2026

Between:

1. DUDEKULA DASTHAGIRI, S/O DUDEKULA VANNURSA, AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS, R/O H.NO. 5/6, SRINAGAR COLONY, MUNICIPALITY OFFICE BACK SIDE, BETHAMCHERLA, NANDYAL DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 518599

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, D.NO. 133, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, OPPOSITE INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH - 520010.
2. THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS ELECTION COMMISSIONER, NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI 110001.
3. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 522238.
4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 522503.
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, NANDYAL DISTRICT, NANDYAL, ANDHRA PRADESH -518501.

6. THE SUBDIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER, DHONE SUB-DIVISION, DHONE, NANDYAL DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 518222.
7. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, NANDYAL DISTRICT, NANDYAL, ANDHRA PRADESH -518501.
8. BETHAMCHERLA NAGAR PANCHAYAT, REP. BY ITS COMMISSIONER, BETHAMCHERLA, NANDYAL DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 518599

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. C SUMON

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE
3.

The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri C.Sumon, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The instant writ petition is filed seeking the following relief:

> *"to issue any writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in not deploying adequate police force at every polling station in Bethamcherla Nagar Panchayat, Nandyal District, for the poll scheduled on 01.11.2026, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 21 and 243ZA of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the Respondents to*

(i) deploy adequate armed police personnel at each and every polling station in Bethamcherla Nagar Panchayat, together with mobile / striking forces, on the date of poll, i.e., 01.11.2026, on the date of re-poll, if any, and at the counting centre on 03.11.2026;

(ii) provide webcasting / videography at all polling stations in Bethamcherla Nagar Panchayat and preserve such CCTV footage;

(iii) furnish to the Presiding Officers the list of electors in Part Nos. 260 to 291 marked as absent, shifted, dead or already enrolled in the Special Intensive Revision, and instruct them to strictly verify the identity of every such elector in accordance with the applicable rules before permitting him or her to vote; and

(iv) set up police check posts at the entry routes to Dhone Municipality from 48 hours before the close of poll to prevent the entry of outsiders, without obstructing genuine voters;

(v) consider the representations dated 26.10.2026 and 29.10.2026 submitted by the Petitioner,

and to pass……..”

3. Pursuant to the interim orders passed by this Court dated 30.10.2026, the representations of the petitioner was considered.

4. However, with respect to the relief sought by the petitioner namely preserving of CCTV footage, etc., Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents submits that the State Election Commission has issued Circulars dated 31.10.2026 & 01.11.2026 in the said regard.

5. In the light of the said Circulars of the State Election Commission and the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026, dated 27.10.2026, the writ petition is disposed of, as no further orders are required to be passed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 05.11.2026
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