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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: 31897/2026

Between:

1. NARAHARI HYMAVATHI, W/O SADASIVA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, OCC. HOUSEWIFE, R/O D.NO. 21/496, SRI RAM NAGAR, JAMMALAMADUGU TOWN, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT,522237.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT., REP BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER., NEW HOD'S BUILDING, OPP. INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M.G ROAD, VIJAYAWADA,520010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, KADAPA,516002.
4. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, KADAPA,516002.
5. THE RETURNING OFFICER / ELECTION OFFICER, JAMMALAMADUGU MUNICIPALITY, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT,516434.
6. THE JAMMALAMADUGU MUNICIPALITY, REP BY ITS COMMISSIONER, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT,516434.
7. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, JAMMALAMADUGU URBAN POLICE STATION, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT,516434.

...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 a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents 2 to 7 in not considering and disposing of the Petitioner's representation dated 28-10-2026 and in not providing protection to the Petitioner and her election agents and polling agents, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 21 and 243-ZA of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the 2nd and 5th Respondents to permit the Petitioner, being a contesting candidate for the office of Chairperson of Jammalamadugu Municipality, to appoint any elector enrolled in the electoral roll of Jammalamadugu Municipality, irrespective of the ward in which such elector is enrolled, as her election agent, polling agent or counting agent in any ward or polling station of the Municipality, including Ward Nos. 21, 24, 25 and 26, for the poll on 01-11-2026, the re-poll, if any, on 02-11-2026 and the counting on 03-11-2026, and to issue necessary written instructions to all the Returning Officers, Presiding Officers and other election officials in that regard further direct the 3rd, 4th and 7th Respondents to provide adequate police protection to the Petitioner, her election agents, polling agents and other authorised representatives during the poll, counting and all other electionrelated proceedings further direct the 4th and 7th Respondents to take preventive measures against the persons indulging in threats and intimidation and to register and investigate the complaints relating to the tearing of nomination papers and coercion of candidates in accordance with law

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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 2nd and 5th Respondents to permit the Petitioner to appoint any elector of Jammalamadugu Municipality as her election agent, polling agent or counting agent in any ward or polling station of the Municipality, including Ward Nos. 21, 24, 25 and 26, for the poll on 01-11-2026, the re-poll, if any, on 02-11-2026 and the counting on 03-11-2026, and to direct the 3rd, 4th and 7th Respondents to provide adequate police protection to the Petitioner and her election agents, polling agents and authorised representatives,

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. R PRASAD REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE

3. GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri R.Prasad Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2, learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondent Nos.4 and 7, and Sri G.Lakshmi Narayana, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.6.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.2 to 7 in not considering and disposing of the representation dated 28.10.2026 for providing police protection to the petitioner. As no orders have been passed on the said representation, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of the instant writ petition.

3. Having regard to the submissions made, and without going into the merits of the case, as the representation of the petitioner is pending for consideration, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 to pass appropriate orders forthwith in accordance with law on the representation of the petitioner dated 28.10.2026.

4. Accordingly, 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

Dated: 30.10.2026

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