APHC010584522026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

SATURDAY, THE 31st DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT
THE HONOURBALE SRI JUSTICE ALAPATI GIRIDHAR

WRIT PETITION NO: 31991 OF 2026

Between:

1. EEDIGA PRASAD GOWD, S/o. E. Yerriswamy, Aged 47 Years, Occ. Agriculturist, R/o. D.No.12-2-103, Gandhi Street, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515812.

2. Meenuga Basavaraju,, S/o. Late M. Gangappa, Aged 54 Years, Occ. Agriculturist, R/o.D.No.10-1-33/1, Uravakonda Bus Stand, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515812.

3. Asitappagari Sunkanna,, S/o. Ramanjineyulu, Aged 53 Years, Occ. Agriculturist, R/o.No.3, Budagavi, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515812.

4. D. Mallikarjuna,, S/o. D. Chinna Anjinaiah, Aged 36 Years, Occ.Agriculturist, R/o.D.No.3-85D, BC Colony, Budagavi, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515812.

5. Biridepalli Rajesh,, S/o. B. Lakshmi Narayana, Aged 43 Years, Occ. Agriculturist, R/o.D.No.4-110A, Bandala Veedhi, Amidala, Uravakonda, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515822.

6. Dubbala Devanjineyulu,, S/o. Ramanjineyulu, Aged 38 Years, Occ. Agriculturist, R/o.D.No.3-140, Aravakuru, Kuderu Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515711.

7. Vyasapuram Teja,, S/o. Thippanna, Aged 22 Years, R/o.D.No.1-219, BC Colony Amidala, Uravakonda, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515822.

8. Ramappagari Sriramulu,, S/o. Late Naganna, Aged 53 Years, Occ. Agriculturist, SC Colony, Amidyala, Uravakonda, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515822.

9. H. Obulesh,, S/o. Late Manuvula Mareppa, Aged 70 Years, Occ. Agriculturist, R/o.D.No.3-114, Anthara Ganga, Ipperu Post, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515711.

10. Avili Gonda Kuruba Chandra Shekar,, S/o. Balappa, Aged 48 Years, Occ.Agriculturist, R/o.D.No.3-45, Anthara Ganga, Ipperu Post, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515711.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State Of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522237.

2. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Police Headquarters, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522002

3. The Superintendent of Police, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

4. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Uravakonda Sub-Division, Ananthapuramu Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

5. The Station House Officer, Uravakonda Police Station, Ananthapuramu Ananthapuramu District Andhra Pradesh--515001

6. The Station House Officer, Anantapur II Town Police Station, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

7. The Station House Officer, Kuderu Police Station, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001

8. The Station House Officer, Vajrakarur Police Station, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

9. The Station House Officer, Kuderu Police Station, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

10. The Station House Officer, Vidapanakal Police Station, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

11. The Station House Officer, Beluguppa Police Station, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

12. The Station House Officer, Palthur Police Station, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh-515001

...Respondents

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 appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in

repeatedly calling the Petitioners to police stations and threatening arrest without reference to any complaint or FIRs registered against the Petitioners and without lawful necessity, in violation of the procedure prescribed by law, only on account of their political affiliation with YSRCP contesting candidates during the ongoing municipal election process, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and Consequently direct the Respondents not to take any coercive steps against the Petitioners without following due process of law

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 Respondents not to subject the Petitioners to repeated or arbitrary police station attendance or coercive action and not subjected to arbitrary interference with their lawful political participation except in accordance with the law

Counsel for the Petitioners: KALAKOTI SUNIL KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following order:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE ALAPATI GIRIDHAR

WRIT PETITION Nos.31991, 31994, 31996, 31997, 31998, 31999, 32004, 32007, 32009, 32010, 32011 and32012 of 2026

The Court made the following COMMON ORDER:

These Writ Petitions were assigned to this Court by way of House Motion.

2. Heard Sri Goli G.V.S. Sai, learned counsel representing Sri K. Sunil Kumar, learned counsel for the Writ Petitioners, and Ms.A.Jayanthi, Government Pleader for Home Department representingthe Respondent Nos.1 to 12.

3. The learned counsel for the Writ Petitioners submits that the Respondent-Police are repeatedly calling the Writ Petitioners to Respondent-Police Stations and made to sit them for the whole day and threatened them with arrest, without disclosing any complaint or FIR registered against them. Learned counsel for the Writ Petitioners also submitted that the Writ Petitioners are not contesting in any election but they are canvassing in the election in support of the contested candidates of YSR Party.

4. Whereas, the learned Government Pleader for Home Department appearing for the Respondent Nos.1 to 12 submits that some of Writ Petitioners have rowdy sheets and criminal antecedents against them, sought time to file the documents. Also submits that the respective Police have taken bind over proceedings from some of the Writ Petitioners only to ensure Law

and Order and also for smooth conducting of the Elections, and also sought to impose conditions on the Writ Petitioners and dispose of the Writ.

5. The Court perused the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Petition. The Writ Petitioners did not mention any date, time or place or the names of the Police Officers, in support of their contention. It appears there is no specific allegation but these are general allegations.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP(C) No.37476 of 2026),dated 27.10.2026,directed the State Election Commission of Andhra Pradesh and the Director General of Police to take all steps to conduct free and fair election and also deploy enough Police force for smooth conduct of elections.

6. In view of the above contentions, the Writ Petition is disposed of,holding that the Writ Petitioners are entitled to exercise their franchise in the election and canvass for MPTC and Z.P.T.C Elections as per law. The Writ Petitioners shall co-operate with the Authorities concerned for conducting free and fair Elections without any hindrance, to ensure compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

7. It is needless to mention that the Respondents shall act as per law to ensure free and fair elections. This order shall not come in the way of the Respondents for bind over proceedings or proceeding in a Criminal case as per law, duly furnishing a copy of the proceeding as per law.

8. The question involved in these Writ Petitions are identical, thus the Writ Petitions are disposed of by this common order.

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

JUSTICE ALAPATI GIRIDHAR

Dated: 31.10.2026

VSR/UPS