APHC010584892026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[0]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

SATURDAY, THE 31st DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE ALAPATI GIRIDHAR

WRIT PETITION NO: 32029/2026

Between:

1. V MURALI KRISHNA, S/O.VENKATA NARAYANA, AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS, BUSINESS R/O.DRR APARTMENTS LANE, GIDDALUR TOWN, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.
2. PALAGULLA NARSIMHA REDDY,, S/O.PEDDA VENKATA REDDY AGED 47 FARMER R/O.H.NO.8-17-175/2, SANJEEVA REDDY NAG GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.
3. PALAGULLA SUBBA REDDY, S/O.P.TIRUPATH REDDY, AGED 33 FARMER R/O.H.NO.8-17-175/15, SANJEEVA REDDY NA GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.
4. NELATURI SRI MITHRA REDDY, S/O.N.RAMAKRISHNA REDDY AGED 29 ESEVA R/O.H.NO.2-5-91, KASATTIVARI STREET, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.
5. PALLE SUDHAKAR REDDY, S/O.PALLE GOVINDA REDDY AGED 37 FARMER R/O.H.NO.2-4-136-A, SARMA STREET, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.
6. KANUMARLAPUDI SHIVA @ LIFESTYLE SHIVA, S/O. KASHAIAH, AGED 41, BUSINESS R/O.H.NO.5-12-118/163, KV ROAD, GAYATHRI NAGAR, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.
7. KOTHAPALLE BRAHMACHARY, S/O.TIRUMALAKONDA CHARY, AGED 48 FARMER R/O.H.NO.9-22-49, KOTHAPALLI, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.
8. POLEPALLY SHIVA, S/O.SATHYAM, AGED 48 BUSINESS R/O.H.NO.5-10-15, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.

9. SUREPALLE KHANNA, S/O.GURUVAIAH, AGED 44 MECHANIC SHOP R/O 8-17,127, 53-3A, NALLA BANDA BAZAR, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.

10. PALAKOLANU MAHESHWAR REDDY, S/O.SHANKAR REDDY, AGED 31 PRIVATE EMPLOYEE R/O.NALLABANDA BAZAR, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.

11. OBINABOYINA NARAYANA,, S/O. RAMANAIAH, AGED 32, FARMER R/O.BACK SIDE KRISHNA THREATER, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.

12. PANDITI MATHAIAH, S/O.BALAIAH, AGED 50 FARMER R/O.ABM PALEM, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.

13. BALLARI RAMBABU, S/ O.LAKSHMAIAH, AGE 56, FARMER R/O.H.NO.5-12-75, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, KURNOOL DISTRICT.522237

2. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MARKAPURAM, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT. 523316

3. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MARKAPUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT 523316

4. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, GIDDALUR URBAN POLICE STATION, GIDDALUR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT. 523357

...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 to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus to declare the action of the Respondents No.2 to 4 in trying to disturb the personal liberty of the Petitioners by detaining them in the Police Station, preventing the Petitioners to participate in the municipal elections of Giddalur Municipality scheduled to be held on 01-11-2026 even in spite of some of the Petitioners are contesting as Ward Members and in

some of the cases wife relatives of the Petitioners are contesting as Councillors without following due process of law as arbitrary, illegal and in violation of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondents No.2 to 4 not to disturb the personal liberty of the Petitioners on the day of elections of Giddalur Municipality scheduled to be held on 01-11-2026 in the interest of justice.

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 No.2 to 4 not to disturb the personal liberty of the Petitioners on the day of elections of Giddalur Municipality scheduled to be held on 01-11-2026 pending disposal of the Writ Petition in the interest of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. P NAGENDRA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE ALAPATI GIRIDHAR

WRIT PETITION No.32029 OF 2026

The Court made the following ORDER:

The Writ Petition was assigned to this Court by way of a House Motion.

2. Heard Sri P.Nagendra Reddy, learned counsel for the Writ Petitioners and Ms.A.Jayanthi, learned Government Pleader for Home Department representing the Respondent Nos.1 to 4.

3. The learned counsel for the Writ Petitioners submits that the Writ Petitioners Nos.2, 6 and 9 are contesting as a Counsellor in the Elections. Though, it is not mentioned in the Writ affidavit, it has now come to light that the Writ Petitioner No.11 is also contesting for the Election as a Counsellor. The wife of the Writ Petitioner No.3 is also contesting as Counsellor. The mother of the Writ Petitioner No.8 is contesting as Counsellor. The Writ Petitioner No.4 is contesting as an independent candidate for Municipal Chairperson. The Writ Petitioner Nos.5 & 7 are Election Agents. The brother of the Writ Petitioner No.12 is contesting as Counsellor. The Writ Petitioner No.13 is contesting for Ward Committee Member.

4. The learned counsel for the Writ Petitioners submits that on the allegation that the *de-facto* complainant, who is contesting for Ward No.3 was detained and warned to withdraw the nomination and to join Y.C.P Party. The contents of the F.I.R. are false. This F.I.R is registered only to ensure the Writ Petitioners shall not participate in the Election process.

5. The learned Government Pleader for Home Department appearing for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4 denied the allegation on the FIR, and submits that the F.I.R is registered and the case is under investigation. That nobody called the Writ Petitioners and detained them. The learned Government Pleader fairly submits that in view of ensuing Election tomorrow, they will not arrest as to ensure them to exercise their franchise and attend the counting process on 04.11.2026, who are contesting and participating in the election process, sought to impose conditions that they should not involve in any offence or violence, sought liberty to proceed as per law if they commit any offence.

6. The Court, in view of the submissions and the schedule elections, inclined to dispose of the Writ, recording the undertaking of the learned Government Pleader that they will not arrest the Writ Petitioners till 04.11.2026 in respect of Cr.No.256 of 2026. The Writ Petitioners/Accused shall assist the investigation and they shall not commit any offence or violence. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE ALAPATI GIRIDHAR

Dated: 31.10.2026

VSR/UPS

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE ALAPATI GIRIDHAR

W.P.No.32029 OF 2026

Date: 31.10.2026

VSR/UPS