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

TUESDAY, THE 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32053/2026

Between:

1. CHEVIREDDY HARSHITH REDDY,, S/O. CHEVIREDDY BHASKAR REDDY, AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, RESIDING AT D.NO.1-4, THUMMALAGUNTA, TIRUPATI RURAL MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT 517 502.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE, AMARAVATI-522238.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE, AMARAVATI-522238.
3. THE UNION OF INDIA, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001.
4. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT-520010.
5. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, AP POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522503.

6. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, TIRUPATI-515001.
7. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, TIRUPATI-515001.
8. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ZILLA PRAJA PARISHAD, TIRUPATI DISTRICT, TIRUPATI-515001.
9. THE RETURNING OFFICER, MPTC AND ZPTC ELECTIONS, TIRUPATI RURAL MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-515001.
10. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, TIRUPATI RURAL POLICE STATION, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-515001.

...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 more particularly in the form of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of the respondents in taking effective steps pursuant to the representation dated 31.10.2026 submitted by the petitioner for the conduct of a free and fair poll to the Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies and the Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency of Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati District, scheduled on 05.11.2026, is as per se illegal and arbitrary, aid consequently direct the respondents to a.) deploy adequate additional police force, preferably Central Armed Police Forces, at all polling stations in Tirupati Rural Mandal and particularly at the sensitive, hypersensitive and critical polling stations., b.) to arrange live webcasting at all polling stations and videography/CCTV coverage at the polling stations, the strong rooms and the counting centre., and c.) to restrain the respondents from placing the general agents, election agents and polling agents of the petitioner under house arrest or preventive detention and to permit them to function freely at the, polling stations and the counting centres,

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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 respondents to deploy adequate additional police force, preferably Central Armed Police Forces, at all polling stations in Tirupati Rural Mandal,

Tirupati District, and particularly at the sensitive, hypersensitive and critical polling stations, for the poll scheduled on 05.11.2026, pending disposal of the writ petition,

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. VMR LEGAL

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri Venkatesh B. Reddy, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for SEC appearing for the respondent No.4 and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, appearing for the respondent respondents.

2. The instant Writ Petition is filed seeking for the following relief:

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freely at the polling stations and the counting centres" and to pass ...."

3. When the matter is taken up for consideration today, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, appearing for the respondent No.8 has placed before the Court a copy of the instructions received in the case. The same are taken on record. A perusal of the same reflects that out of total 169 polling stations, 117 polling stations have been identified as Hypersensitive and 29 polling stations as Sensitive polling stations, while the remaining 23 polling stations have been identified as Normal Polling stations. It is further stated that all the 169 polling stations have been covered under the monitoring arrangements, comprising webcasting with Micro-observers at 146 Sensitive and Hypersensitive polling stations and laptop-based videography at the remaining 23 Normal polling stations.

4. In the light of the said submissions, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition, directing the respondents to ensure that the elections are conducted in a free, fair and peaceful manner by taking all necessary precautionary and preventive measures, in accordance with law, and in terms of the instructions/Order issued by SEC dated 01.11.2026 and the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026, dated 27.10.2026.

5. With the above observations, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 03.11.2026

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