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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: 32091/2026

Between:

1. KUNTURU MOUNIKA, W/O HARIBABU, AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS, OCC HOUSEWIFE, R/O. STREET NO. 2, NEW MANGAMPETA R.R.CENTER-1, OBULAVARIPALLE MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-516105.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYATHI RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522237.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522237.
3. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION OFFICER, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, OFFICE AT 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G.ROAD, VIJAYAWADA- 520010.
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-517501.
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, TIRUPATI, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-517501.
6. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, RENIGUNTA, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-517520.

7. THE CIRCLE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, RAILWAY KODUR POLICE STATION, RAILWAY KODUR MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-516101
8. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, OBULAVARIPALLI POLICE STATION, OBULAVARIPALLI MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT-516108.
9. THE ELECTION OFFICER/RETURNING OFFICER, MPTC/ZPTC ELECTION-2026, OBULAVARIPALLI MANDAL,TIRUPATI DISTRICT-516105.
10. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD OFFICER, OBULAVARIPALLI MANDAL, TIRUPATIDISTRICT-516105.
11. THE MANGAMPETA GRAM PANCHAYAT, REP. BY ITS PANCHAYT SECRETARY, MANGAMPETA VILLAGE, OBULAVARIPALLI MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT- 516105.

...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 topleased to issue writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the request of the Petitioner to ensure a peaceful, free and fair election and to protect Petitioners fundamental right to contest in the elections for the post of Member of the Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) of Mangampeta Mandal, Y.S.R Kadapa District (Tirupati District) in the ensuing MPTC elections without fear in view of representation/complaint on 31.10.2026 through registered post to the concerned authorities as illegal, arbitrary and violation of principles of natural and consequently direct the Respondent Nos.3 to 5 to consider the Petitioner's representation/complaint dt.31.10.2026 for providing adequate police protection to Petitioner and Petitioner's polling agents throughout the election process in accordance with law and to pass

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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 pleased to direct the Respondent Nos.3 to 5 to consider the Petitioner's representation/complaint dt.31.10.2026 for providing adequate police

protection to Petitioner and Petitioner's polling agents throughout the election process in accordance with law forthwith pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. MAHESWARI ARIKA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Ms. Maheswari Arika, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj Rural Development, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing for the respondents.

2. The petitioner contends that she is a contesting candidate in the scheduled elections for ZPTC/MPTC. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondents in not considering the representation dated 31.10.2026 for providing police protection.

3. The said representation was filed on 31.10.2026 stating that the petitioner has been receiving threats from persons who are insisting that the petitioner shall withdraw from the contest.

4. As no orders have been passed on the said representation, the petitioners have approached this Court by way of the instant Writ Petition.

5. Today, when the matter is taken up for consideration, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home has placed before the Court a copy of the written instructions received from the 4th respondent. A perusal of the same reflects as follows:

> *"8. It is submitted that providing personal security or police protection to an individual candidate and her polling agents, and registration and investigation of the complaint dated 22.10.2026,*

fall within the purview of the Police Department (Respondent Nos. 5 to 8). The Superintendent of Police, Tirupati is being requested to take necessary action on the petitioner's representation as per law and to ensure adequate bandobust at the Mangampeta polling stations on the poll day and during counting.

9. With regard to the apprehensions of the petitioner about the safety of her polling agents, it is submitted that the election authorities are taking necessary steps to ensure that all duly appointed and authorised agents are permitted to discharge their lawful duties in accordance with the applicable election rules and instructions of the State Election Commission. No unlawful restraint, intimidation or interference shall be permitted at the polling stations.

10. It is further submitted that the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad and Additional District Election Authority, Tirupati District, is coordinating with the District Election Authority, Superintendent of Police, Returning Officer (Respondent No. 9) and Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Obulavaripalli (Respondent No. 10) and other election authorities concerned to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the elections.

11. It is also submitted that the prayer in the writ petition refers to "Mangampeta Mandal, Y.S.R Kadapa District", whereas Mangampeta is an MPTC constituency in Obulavaripalli Mandal, Tirupati District. Further, Respondent No. 3 is described as "The Andhra Pradesh State Election Officer", whereas the authority is the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission.

12. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the petitioner has already filed her nomination and is contesting, and adequate monitoring, surveillance and security arrangements have been made covering all 51 polling stations of Obulavaripalli Mandal, including Mangampeta MPTC. Therefore, the

apprehensions expressed by the petitioner have been duly addressed through the measures detailed above."

6. 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 the respondents to pass appropriate orders forthwith in accordance with law on the representation dated 31.10.2026 submitted by the petitioner.

7. Registry is directed to mark a copy of this order to the 5th respondent as well.

8. 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.

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 03.11.2026
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