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

WEDNESDAY, THE 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32232 OF 2026

Between:

1. K. Manjula Devi, W/o Kona Baskhar Reddy Aged 48 years, R/o Thimmampalli Village, Y. Chintakayamanda, Putlur Mandal, Anantapur Dist-515465.

2. Gangireddy RaviTeja Reddy, S/O Gangireddy Raviteja Reddy Aged 31 years, R/o 5/89-1, Thimmampalli Village, Y. Chintakayamanda, Putlur Mandal, Anantapur District, 515465.

3. Meddi Pedda Tirupal, S/o Meddi Kullayappa, Aged 34 years, R/o 2-166, Vassapuram, Yellanur, Jangampalli, Anantapur, 515465.

4. Mekala Nagabhushanam, S/o Mekala Ankanna, Aged 51 years, R/o 2-197. Vassapuram, Yellanur, Jangampalli, Anantapur, 515465.

5. S. Pavan Kumar, S/o Saddaladinne Suryudu, Aged 28 years, R/o 2/165, Vassapuram, Yellanur, Jangampalli, Anantapur, 515465.

6. Saareddy Praveen Kumar Reddy, C/o Sareddy Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, aged 35 years, R/o 4-122, Venkatam Palle, Kalluru, anantapuram, 515465.

7. Chilla Bharat Kumar Reddy, S/o Chilla Bashkar Reddy Aged 38 yrs, R/o 4-59, Venkataam Palli, Yellanuru, Anantapur, 515465.

8. Chilla Hanumanth Reddy, S/o Chilla Chinna Gangi Reddy, Aged 68 years, R/o 4-99, Venkatam Palli, Yellanuru, Anantapur District- 515465

9. Chilla Siva Shankar Reddy, S/o Chilla Eswar Reddy (late), Aged 68 years, Rio 4/85, Venkatam Palli, Yellanuru, Anantapur District- 515465

...Petitioners

AND

1. The Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission, State Election Commissioner, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, 520001.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home Department A.P. Secretariat Office, Velagapudi. Guntur District-522237.

3. The District Collector, Anantapur, Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh-515001

4. The District Election Authority, Anantapur, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515001

5. The Superintendent of Police, Anantapur Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515001

6. The Station House Officer, Yellanur Police Station, Anantapur 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 to issue appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondent nos. 3 and 4, in not taking any steps pursuant to the letter No. 1476/SECB1/2026 dated 01.11.2026 forwarded by the 1st respondent and direct the respondent nos.3 to 6 to take appropriate steps for protection of candidates and the polling agents of the petitioners and other supporters who are participating in the process of elections and not to take any coercive steps against the petitioners and supporters

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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 respondent nos. 3 to 6 to ensure that the agents of the YSRCP Party participate in the Process of election for ZPTC and MPTC, pending disposal of the writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioners: G CHENNA KESHAVA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME Counsel for the Respondents:GP FOR REVENUE Counsel for the Respondents:

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ORDER:-

1. Heard Sri G.Chenna Keshava Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ashwin Kumar, learned Government Pleader for the respondents.
2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the inaction of respondent Nos.3 and 4 in not taking effective steps pursuant to the letter No.1476/SECB1/2026, dated 01.11.2026, issued by the 1st respondent, directing the concerned authorities to take appropriate steps for the protection of the candidates and polling agents participating in the election process.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the contesting candidates for ZPTC elections submitted a representation to the State Election Commissioner on 31.10.2026, requesting to take necessary measures to prevent outsiders from interrupting and interfering with the election process. They also sought directions for installation of CCTV cameras and video recording at every polling station and deployment of sufficient police personnel throughout the Mandal on the day of polling, besides other measures to ensure free and fair elections.
4. When the matter is taken up for consideration, the learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that, pursuant to the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No.37476/2026, the State Election Commission has already issued instructions to all the

concerned Collectors/District Election Authorities and Superintendents of Police, and also issued a copy of the same to the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, directing all the officers concerned to strictly comply with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the instructions issued by the State Election Commission, so as to ensure free and fair elections.

5. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respondents and the instructions stated to have already been issued by the State Election Commission, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition, directing respondent Nos.1, 3, 4 and 5 to ensure strict compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 27.10.2026, and the instructions issued by the State Election Commission dated 01.11.2026, so as to ensure the election process in a free, fair and peaceful manner.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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