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

WEDNESDAY, THE 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32290/2026

Between:

1. AMBATI VENKATA SUBBAMNNA, ZPTC CONTESTING CANDIDATE, W/O KONDAREDDY, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, R/O 204/6, PAMUR MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT-523108
2. DR. DADDALA NARAYAN YADAV,, S/O PEDA MALAKONDAIAH, AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS YSRCP INCHARGE, KANIGIRI CONSTITUENCY, MARKPURAM DISTRICT-523230

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP., BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP., BY ITS COMMISSIONER, STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HOD BUILDING, OPP. INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, MG ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT - 520010.
3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, AP POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT
4. THE COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, 0/O.COLLECTORATE, GOGULADINNE, MARKAPUR, MARKAPUR DISTRICT - 523332.
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT-523108
6. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ZILLA PRAJA PARISHAT, VEMULAKOTA, MARKAPUR DISTRICT - 523329.

7. THE RETURNING OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE MADALA PARISHATH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PAMUR MANDAL, MARKAPUR DISTRICT - 523108.

...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, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the failure of the respondent authorities to take and communicate effective, comprehensive preventive measures pursuant to the representation dated 12.10.2026 submitted by the 2nd petitioner and received on 15.10.2026, for the free, fair, peaceful, impartial and transparent conduct of the MPTC and ZPTC elections scheduled on 05.11.2026 in Pamur Mandal, Markapur District, as arbitrary, illegal and contrary to Article 243K of the Constitution of India and the applicable election laws, and consequently direct respondents 2 to 7 to (a) consider and dispose of the said representation forthwith (b) arrange and verify functional CCTV/videography or legally permissible equivalent camera coverage at every polling station in Pamur Mandal, with live monitoring wherever feasible, without compromising ballot secrecy (c) preserve the recordings in secure custody in accordance with the Commission's instructions (d) identify sensitive, hypersensitive and vulnerable polling stations and deploy adequate impartial police, reserve forces, mobile patrols and observers as assessed necessary (e) prevent intimidation, bogus voting, impersonation, booth capturing and unlawful interference with candidates, voters and duly authorised polling agents (f) establish an effective complaint-response and monitoring mechanism throughout polling, transport, strong-room custody and counting

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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 respondents 2 to 7 to immediately implement comprehensive police bandobast and polling-station-wise CCTV/videography or equivalent authorised coverage at all polling stations in Pamuru Mandai/Pamuru Town, Markapur District, after testing the equipment before the poll on 05.11.2026; ensure independent monitoring, secure preservation of recordings, protection of candidates, voters and authorised polling agents, and prompt consideration of the 2nd petitioner's representation dated 12.10.2026 pending disposal of the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. D.RAMASWAMY REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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

The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri C.Subodh, learned counsel appearing for Sri Daggubati Ramaswamy Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj & Rural Development appearing for the respondent No.1 and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant writ petition is against the inaction of the respondent authorities in taking effective, comprehensive preventive measures pursuant to the representation dated 12.10.2026 submitted by the 2nd petitioner for conducting of free and fair elections in impartial manner to MPTCs and ZPTCs scheduled on 05.11.2026, in respect of Pamur Mandal, Markapur District.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are apprehending a threat to their lives. It is further submitted that at the time of submission of nomination papers, incidents had taken place in which the nomination papers of the contesting candidates were torn causing difficulty in submitting the same.

4. It is contended that the petitioners, apprehending violence at the time of elections, submitted a representation to the 2nd respondent for taking effective measures for conducting elections in a free, fair and impartial manner. No orders have been passed on the said representation.

5. When the matter has been taken up for consideration, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the 2nd respondent has brought to the notice of the Court, the judgment of Hon'ble Apex Court in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026 dated 27.10.2026. In light of the said judgment, necessary Circulars/Orders have been issued to all the concerned election authorities. In the said regard, he has placed before the Court copies of the Circulars/Orders issued by SEC dated 31.10.2026 and 01.11.2026.

6. Having regard to the above and having regard to the Circulars dated 31.10.2026 and 01.11.2026 issued by the State Election Commission, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition, directing the respondent Nos.2 and 5 to ensure that the elections are conducted in a free and fair manner. It is also incumbent to ensure that law enforcement and maintenance of public order shall remain in tandem by taking all necessary precautionary and preventive measures, in accordance with law, and the directions issued by the Hon'ble Apex Court in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026 dated 27.10.2026, referred supra.

7. With the above direction, 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

Dated: 04.11.2026

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