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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: 32306/2026

Between:

1. TADIBOYINA SIVA GOPAIAH,, S/O LAKSHMAIAH, AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, RIO D.NO.1-0, CHINTALAPUDI VILLAGE, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522306.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522238.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HOD'S BUILDING, OPP. INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT, A.P-520010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, GUNTUR DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE, GUNTUR, A.P-522004.
4. THE RETURNING OFFICER, DUGGIRALA ZILLA PRAJA PARISHAD TERRITORIAL CONSTITUENCY, ZILLA PRAJA PARISHAD, GUNTUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT, A.P-522004.
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, GUNTUR DISTRICT, GUNTUR, A.P-522004.

...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 inaction of the respondents 2 to 5 in not considering the representation of the petitioner dated 25.10.2026 as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and

consequently direct the respondents 2 to 5 to record the poll on 05.11.2026 and the counting on 07.11.2026 in respect of Duggirala Zilla Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency through CCTV cameras and videography without interruption, and to preserve the footage until the expiry of the period for filing an election petition and furnish certified copies thereof to the petitioner,

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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 2 to 5 to record the entire proceedings of the poll on 05.11.2026 and of the counting on 07.11.2026 in respect of Duggirala Zilla Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency through CCTV cameras and videography without interruption, and to preserve the said footage, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. RAMALAKSHMANA REDDY SANEPALLI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri S.Rama Lakshmana Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.2 to 5 in not considering the representation of the petitioner dated 26.10.2026 submitted for video recording of the poll and counting of votes and for preservation of the same and the CCTV footage as well in respect of Duggirala Zilla Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency.

3. When the matter has been taken up for consideration, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2 has placed before the Court a copy of the Circular dated 31.10.2026 issued by the 2nd respondent - SEC. A perusal of the same reflects that the 2nd respondent – SEC has taken all measures in respect of the relief sought by the petitioner and instructions have already been issued to the District Election Authorities in the said regard.

4. In light of the said Circular of the 2nd respondent - SEC dated 31.10.2026, no further adjudication with respect to the grievance of the petitioner is required. Needless to observe that the said Circular of the SEC dated 31.10.2026 shall be scrupulously adhered to by all the Election Authorities in respect of the subject ZPTC .

5. With the above, 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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