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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: 32310/2026

Between:

1. SMT. D. SARADA,, D/O. D. SUBRAMANYAM, AGED ABOUT 36, OCC HOUSE WIFE, ZPTC CANDIDATE VADAMALAPETA, R/O. DOOR NO.2-15, BATTIKANDRIGA VILLAGE, VADAMALAPETA MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT -517571.
2. M. RAMAIAH,, S/O. LATE M. CHINNANNA, AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS, OCC FARMING, MPTC CANDIDATE, R/O. D.NO.5-122, VEDURUKUPPAM EAST H/W, VEDURUKUPPAM MANDAL AND POST, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.
3. SMT. NELAVAYI RADHIKA, , W/O. SRI P. PURANDHAR, AGED ABOUT 36, OCC HOUSE WIFE, ZPTC CANDIDATE VEDURUKUPPAM MANDAL, R/O. VEDURUKUPPAM VILLAGE AND POST, VEDURUKUPPAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT - 517569.
4. SMT. POLE DEVIPRIYA,, W/O. SRI B. JAGADISH, AGED ABOUT 40, OCC HOUSE WIFE, ZPTC CANDIDATE KARVETINAGARAM, R/O. D.NO.2-133, SEKUVARIPALLI VILLAGE, ALATHUR PANCHAYAT, KARVETINAGARAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT - 517582.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI. - 522238.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, NEW HODS BUILDING, MG ROAD, VIJAYAWADA - 520010.
3. THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT OF

ANDHRA PRADESH, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI. - 522238.

4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, TIRUPATI DISTRICT. - 517507
5. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. - 517001.
6. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, TIRUPATI DISTRICT. 517507.
7. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. - 517001.
8. THE RETURNING OFFICER CONCERNED, VADAMALAPETA MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT.
9. THE RETURNING OFFICER CONCERNED, VEDURUKUPPAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. -517551.
10. THE RETURNING OFFICER CONCERNED, KARVETINAGARAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. - 517569.
11. THE MANDAL ELECTION OFFICER, VADAMALAPETA MANDAL, TIRUPATI DISTRICT. -517551.
12. THE MANDAL ELECTION OFFICER, , VEDURUKUPPAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. - 517569.
13. THE MANDAL ELECTION OFFICER, , KARVETINAGARAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. - 517582
14. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, VADAMALAPETA POLICE STATION, TIRUPATI DISTRICT. -517551
15. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, , VEDURUKUPPAM POLICE STATION, CHITTOOR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH. - 517569.
16. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, , KARVETINAGARAM POLICE STATION, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. - 517582

...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 tomay be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the official Respondents to strictly implement the proceedings of the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission vide Order No.1470/SEC-F1/2026, dated 31-10-2026, and provide CCTV cameras, webcasting and continuous videography at all polling stations in Vadamalapeta, Vedurukuppam and Karvetinagaram

Mandals, along with UPS, inverters and sufficient battery backup to ensure uninterrupted recording of all permissible areas inside and outside the polling stations until completion of polling, preserve the recorded footage in accordance with the said proceedings, and consider and act upon the Petitioners' representation/e-mail dated 03-11-2026, by providing adequate police protection and necessary security arrangements to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections scheduled on 05-11-2026 and to pass such

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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 may be pleased to direct the official Respondents to forthwith implement the proceedings in Order No.1470/SEC-F1/2026, dated 31-10-2026, by providing CCTV cameras, webcasting and continuous videography at all polling stations in Vadamalapeta, Vedurukuppam and Karvetinagaram Mandals, with adequate UPS, inverters and battery backup to ensure uninterrupted recording until completion of polling on 05-11-2026, consider the Petitioners' representation/e-mail dated 03 11-2026 and provide adequate police protection pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. PASAPALA SUDHAKAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri Gundala Siva Prasad Reddy, learned counsel appearing for Sri Pasapala Sudhakar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondent Nos.3, 6, 7, 14 and 16, 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 Nos.2, 4, 5, 8 and 13.

2. The relief sought in the instant writ petition is the direction to the official respondents to strictly implement the proceedings of the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission vide order No.1470/SEC-F1/2026, dated 31.10.2026 and provide CCTV cameras, webcasting and continuous videography at all polling stations in Vadamalapeta, Vedurukuppam and Karvetinagaram Mandals.

3. 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 respondents 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.

4. 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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THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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