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

THURSDAY, THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32348 OF 2026

Between:

1. INUKURTHI SUBBAIAH @ SUBBA NAIDU, S/O RAMANAIAH, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O EDALAPALLI VILLAGE, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

2. GALI DHARMAIAH,, S/O YANAIAH, AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, OCC.BUSINESS R/O EDALAPALLI VILLAGE, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

3. YALLA SREENIVASULA REDDY,, S/O RAGHAVA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O MITTATMAKUR, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

4. PURINI RAMESH,, S/O VENKATASUBBAIAH, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O CHEMBADIPALEM, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

5. MODIBOYINA PRABHAKAR,, S/O KRISHNAIAH, AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O SANTHADASUPALLI, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

6. KUNKALA NARESH,, S/O KUNKALA RAVI, AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O SANTHADASUPALLI, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

7. INUKURTHI VENKAIAH,, S/O INUKURTHI RAMANAIAH, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O EDULAPALLI, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

8. KATTA YEDUKONDALU,, S/O KATTA SEENIAH, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O CHEMBADIPALEM, GUDUR

MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

9. MANUBOLU VENKATESWARLU,, S/O MANUBOLU RAMANAIAH, AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS, OCC.BUSINESS, R/O CHEMBADIPALEM, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

10. KUNKALA CHANDRAMOHAN,, S/O KUNKALA HARINADH, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O SANTHADASUPALLI, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

11. UMMADI KIRAN,, S/O UMMADI SESHAIAH, AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O SANTHADASUPALLI, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

12. PETTA VENKATESH,, S/O PETTA VENKATA KRISHNA, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O SANTHADASUPALLI, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

13. KUNCHALA VINOD,, S/O KUNCHALA VENKAIAH, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS, R/O CHEMBADIPALEM, VINDUR POST, GUDUR MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238.

2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503.

3. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH-524001.

4. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE DSP, GUDUR DIVISION, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT - 524101.

5. THE SUBINSPECTOR OF POLICE, GUDUR RURAL POLICE STATION, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT-524101.

6. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY,

ANDHRA PRADESH, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

7. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH - 524001.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. N RAVI PRASAD

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR REVENUE
2. GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri N.Ravi Prasad, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The petitioners claim that they are nominated as polling agents on behalf of the contesting candidate, for the post of Member, Santhadasupalli MPTC, Gudur Mandal. However, the Superintendent of Police, Gudur Police Station had telephonically directed the petitioner to appear at the police station and have shown highhandedness to detain the petitioner under preventive detention laws, only with an intention to see that the petitioners do not cast their vote. Thus, the instant writ petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents to preserve the CCTV footage and to install the CCTV cameras at all polling booths in compliance with the directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court dated 27.10.2026.

3. Pending disposal of the writ petition, the petitioners have also sought a direction not illegally detain them and allow them to cast their vote and act as polling agents on behalf of the contesting candidates.

4. The learned Standing Counsel, Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, appearing for State Election Commission, submits that the State Election Commission has already issued a Circular dated 01.11.2026, instructing all the officers concerned to ensure compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to ensure that the poll process is conducted in a free, fair and impartial manner, without giving scope for any complaints.

5. Considered the submissions.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioner has placed before the Court copies of the identity cards issued by the SEC recognizing the petitioner Nos.1, 6, 7, 10 & 11 has polling agents.

7. Having regard to the same, the respondents are directed that the petitioner Nos.1, 6, 7, 10 & 11 shall not be prevented or obstructed from entering the respective polling booths on the polling scheduled date i.e., 05.11.2026, subject to production of the identity cards issued by the competent election authority, permitting them to discharge their duties as polling agents with regard to the other relief sought by the petitioners with regard to the CCTV footage preservation etc., the same are addressed by the SEC vide circular orders dated 31.10.2026 and 01.11.2026 in the said regard.

8. In the said regard, no further orders are required to be passed in the instant Writ Petition. However, the authorities shall ensure compliance of the SEC circular orders and the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026, dated 27.10.2026.

9. With the above observations, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, all pending miscellaneous applications shall stand closed.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 05.11.2026
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