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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: 32326 OF 2026

Between:

1. SEELAKA NARASIMHA REDDY, S/O. S.KRISHNA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, R/O. D.NO. 1-23-4, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

2. VANGI REDDY PADMAVATHI, W/O. V.VENKATARAMI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-221, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

3. VANGI REDDY VENKATARAMI REDDY, S/O. V.NARAYANA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-221, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

4. SEELAKA NARAYANA REDDY, S/O. S.VENICATA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-123, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

5. SEELAKA BHARATHI, W/O. S.NARAYANA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-123, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

6. YERRAGUNTA SOMASEKHAR REDDY, S/O. Y.CHENNAREDDY, AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS, R/O.D.NO.1-146, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

7. YERRAGUNTALAKSHMINARAYANAMMA, W/O. Y.SOMASEKHAR REDDY, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, R/O.D.NO.1-146, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

8. VANGIREDDY NARYANA REDDY, S/O. V.NAGIREDDY, AGED

ABOUT 77 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-109, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

9. VANGIREDDY VANI, W/O. V.NARAYANA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 71 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-109, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

10. KONDREDDY VENKATA SIVA REDDY, S/O. K.RAMI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-110, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

11. KONDREDDY BRUHATHI REDDY, D/O. K.VENKATA SIVA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS, R/O. 1-1322-401, ADCC BANK COLONY, D.S MAX APARTMENT, NEAR NH 44, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

12. VANGIREDDY RAMANAREDDY, S/O. V.OBIREDDY, AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-109, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

13. PONNAPATI SARASWATHI, W/O. V.RAMANA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.6-3-149, RAM NAGAR, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

14. VANGIREDDY VAISHNAVI, D/O. V. RAMANAREDDY, AGED ABOUT 22 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-109, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

15. VANGIREDDY RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, C/O. V.OBIREDDY, AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1-103, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

16. LAKKIREDDYVIMALADEVI, W/O. Y. BHANU PRAKASH REDDY, AGED ABOUT 1-146, KATIGANIKALVA VILLAGE, ANANTAPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY - 522237.

2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH - 520001.
3. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER ANDHRA PRADESH, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT, BUILDING NO. 5, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI. -522237
4. THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,ANANTAPURAMU, ANANTAPURDISTRICT- 515001
5. THE KATIGANIKALVAGRAM PANCHAYAT, KATIGANIKALVA, ANANTAPUR RURAL MANDAL, ANANTAPURDISTRICT- 515001 REP. BY ITS SECRETARY.
6. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER ERO, ANANTAPURDIVISION, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT- 515001

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. P SRAVAN KUMAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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

The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri P.Sravan Kumar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, Sri Sasanka Bhuvanagiri, learned Standing Counsel for Gram Panchayat and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The petitioner contends that they are residents of Katiganikalva Village and their names have been reflected in the Electoral Roll of the said village up to the year 2025. However, subsequently the same were deleted and petitioners were never put on notice. Immediately on noticing the same the

petitioners have filed a respective applications in prescribed format namely form VI for including the names of the petitioners in the Electoral Roll. The said applications were processed and EPIC card was also generated. However, the names are still not reflected in the electoral roll of Katiganikalva Village. On their enquiry, they were informed that the cut off date would be 06.02.2026 and the entries made and reflected in the Electoral Roll up to the date of the said cut off would be considered at the time of publication of the photo electoral rolls.

3. The petitioner contends that the Gram Panchayat elections are likely to be notified any time soon therefore, approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondents to include their name in the electoral roll that would be published.

4. The proviso to Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, specifically provides that any amendment, transposition or deletion of any entry in the electoral roll, or any inclusions of names in the electoral roll up to the date of election notification shall be carried out in the electoral roll of the Gram Panchayat and any such names included shall be added to the part relating to the last Ward.

5. In light of the said provisions of the Act and having regard to the status of the applications of the petitioners filed along with the writ petition, the respondent No.2 is directed to verify and pass orders for publication of the

names of the petitioners in the electoral roll as expeditiously as possible before issuing the election notification for Gram Panchayats.

6. With the above direction, 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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