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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32628 OF 2026

Between:

1. Chiluvuri Pavan NSRK Raju, S/o SatyaNarayanaraju Chalikuri, aged 36 years, R/o 6-69, flat no. 207, Orchid block, Rayalam bypass, SG County, Rayalam (rural), West Godavari, 534208.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District-522237.

2. The Andhra Pradesh State, Election Commission, Rep. by its Secretary, 1 st Floor, New HODS Building, M.G. Road, Vijayawada - 520010.

3. The DistrictElection Authority and District Collector, West Godavari, West Godavari-534001

4. The Returning Officer, Bhimavaram Municipal Corporation Elections, Bhimavaram, West Godavari District-534001

5. The Electoral Registration Officer, 59- Bhimavaram Assembly Constituency, West Govadari District-534001

...RESPONDENTs

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 to issue appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the respondents In not reflecting and updating my name, bearing EPIC No.WQQ0321604, in the 45th Ward Electoral Roll of Bhimavaram Municipal Corporation In terms of my approved registration at Serial No. 1019, Part No. 172-Rayalam, 59-Bhimavaram Assembly Constituency, as arbitrary, illegal, contrary to the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and violative of Articles 14 and 243-ZA of the Constitution of India and consequently direct respondents to immediately update the municipal electoral roll by including my name and pass

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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 pleased to direct the Respondents No's 2 to 4 to consider and accept my nomination along with all requisite forms and deposits for contesting as a Member of the 45th Ward in the Bhimavaram Municipal Corporation pursuant to the Bhimavaram Municipal Notification, treat me as a duly registered elector under Serial No. 1019 of Part No. 172, 59- Bhimavaram Assembly Constituency and permit me to participate in the scrutiny and contest the election, pending disposal of the writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: G CHENNA KESHAVA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondents: GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri Chenna Keshava Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development and Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent Nos.2, 4 & 5.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the inaction of the respondents in not reflecting and updating the electoral roll duly reflecting the name of the petitioner, with EPIC No.WQQ0321604, in the 45th Ward Electoral Roll of Bhimavaram Municipal Corporation.

3. It is contended that the petitioner is a resident of Chintaparru, Palakollu, West Godavari District. Earlier, the petitioner was enrolled as an elector in 128-Chintaparru, 57-Palakole Constituency. Upon permanently shifting residence to Rayalam (rural), West Godavari District, the petitioner submitted an application in Form-8 for transposing his name in the electoral roll. The application was accepted by Respondent No. 5; in pursuance thereto, an updated EPIC was also issued, reflecting her enrollment in Part No.172-Rayalam. It is contended that the respondent No.2 released the Election schedule on 14-10-2026 to conduct the urban local body elections; however, no election notification was issued in respect of Bhimavaram Municipality. The election notification in respect of the subject municipality would be issued at any time. In such an election, if a notification is issued, the

petitioner intends to participate and contest the office of Ward Member. Thus, the petitioner approached this Court by way of the instant Writ Petition seeking a direction to incorporate his name in the electoral roll.

4. Having regard to the contentions advanced, as the application of the petitioner for transposition has already been processed and verified and approved as noted from the latest EPIC status filed along with the writ petition(Voter Information), having regard to the provisions of Section 11 of the APMC Act and the circulars/orders of the State Election Commission dated 14-10-2026, as the petitioner contends that he is proposing to contest the ensuing local body elections, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction to the respondents to pass appropriate orders forthwith to incorporate in the Municipal Electoral Roll the name of the petitioner as per the approved registration and latest EPIC card bearing No.WQQ0321604.

5. With the above observation, 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: 11-11-2026
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