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

WEDNESDAY, THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32683/2026

Between:

1. MACHANURU VEERA SANTHOSH KUMAR REDDY,, S/O MACHANURU BALA VEERA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O MACHANURU VILLAGE, PENDLIMARRI MANDAL, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT, A.P.-516218.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTURDISTRICT,A.P.-522238.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, VIJAYAWADA, A.P.-520010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT, KADAPA, A.P.-516004.
4. THE RETURNING OFFICER, MACHANURU GRAM PANCHAYAT, PENDLIMARRI MANDAL, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT, A.P.-516218.

...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 declaring the inaction of the Respondents No.2 and 3 in not considering the representation dated 09.11.2026 submitted by the Petitioner, and the action of changing the plade of filing nominations for Machanuru Gram Panchayat to Moilakalva village, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 21 and 243K of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the Respondents No.2 and 3 to consider the said representation in terms of paragraph 13 of the order dated 27.10.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Civil Appeal arising out of

S.L.P. (C) No. 37476 of 2026 and accordingly cause the nominations for Machanuru Gram Panchayat to be received by the Respondent No.4 at Machanuru village itself or at an additional unit established there, together with an additional facility for receipt of nominations before the District Collector at the District Headquarters, with CCTV camera coverage at the place of receipt of nominations, scrutiny and withdrawals and preservation of the footage as directed in the said order, and 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 Respondents No.2 and 3 to cause the nominations for Machanuru Gram Panchayat to be received at Machanuru village itself, with CCTV camera coverage, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition, and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. RAMALAKSHMANA REDDY SANEPALLI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

The Court made the following:

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri V.R.Reddy Kovvuri, learned counsel appearing for Sri S.Rama Lakshmana Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development appearing for the respondent No.1, 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 and 3 in not considering the representation of the petitioner dated 09.11.2026 and the action of changing the place of filing nominations for Machanuru Gram Panchayat to Moilakalva Village.

3. The petitioner contends that in the ensuing 2nd ordinary elections to the local bodies, the respondent authorities have proposing to change the place of filing of nomination papers in respect of the Machanuru Gram Panchayat to Moilakalva Village, which is around 15 KMs from Machanuru Gram Panchayat.

4. It is further contended that the Machanuru Gram Panchayat is highly sensitive village and there is every threat to the life of the contending candidates, if they are to travel a distance of 15 KMs for the purpose of submission of nomination papers and there is every chance that they would

be prevented in the mid-way from filing the nomination papers. It is contended that the SEC is under an obligation to ensure free and fair election process.

5. Having regard to the same, the petitioner has made a representation to the SEC and District Election Authority not to change the place of filing nominations from Machanuru Gram Panchayat to Moilakalva Village.

6. Having regard to the same, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition, directing the respondent authorities to consider and pass appropriate orders on the representation of the petitioner 09.11.2026, forthwith.

7. 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:11.11.2026

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