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

TUESDAY, THE 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32727/2026

Between:

1. INDIRADEVI GUMMAL, W/O. VISWANATH REDDY AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS, OCC HOUSE WIFE, R/O.EGUVAPALLI, RAMPATADU PANCHYATH, PENDLIMARRI MANDAL, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516216

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP., BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY PANCHYATH RAJ DEPARTNNENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522238
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT., REP BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER., NEW HOD'S BUILDING, 0PP. INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIAPAL STADIUM M.G ROAD, VIJAYAWADA. 520010 ,
3. THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICERCUMDISTRICT COLLECTOR, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516004
4. THE RETURNING OFFICER, , PENDLIMARRI MANDAL Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516216
5. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, 126-KADAPA

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, Y.S.R KADAPA DISTRICT.516001

6. THE DISTRICT PANCHYATH OFFICER, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516001

...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 toissue an appropriate Writ, Order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of the respondents in disposing of the FORM-8 application, dated 17.10.2026 seeking transfer of my electoral registration from Co-operative colony, Kadapa District to Eguvapalli, Rampatadu Panchyath, Pendlimarri Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, as arbitrary, illegal, contrary to the well established legal principles apart from being violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed to me under Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to dispose off the Form 8 Application, dated 17.10.2026 bearing Application Reference NO.SOI 12608C1710261200030 and include my vote in the Electoral Roll of Rampatadu Grama Panchyath, Pendlimarri Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District

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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 direct the respondents to dispose off the Form 8 Application, dated 17.10.2026 bearing Application Reference NO.S0112608C1710261200030, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. V R REDDY KOVVURI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri V. R. Reddy Kovvuri, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Ashwini Kumar, leaned Standing Counsel for SEC appearing for respondent No.2, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj & Rural Development appearing for respondent Nos.1 & 6 and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue appearing for respondent Nos.3 to 5.

2. The instant Writ Petition is filed challenging the inaction of the respondents in disposing of the petitioner's application submitted in Form-8, dated 17.10.2026, seeking transfer of her electoral registration from Co-operative Colony, Kadapa District, to Eguvapalli Village, Rampatadu Gram Panchayat, Pendlimarri Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District.

3. It is stated by the petitioner that her electoral registration was earlier relatable to the Municipal Corporation, Kadapa. Having shifted her residence to Eguvapalli Village, Rampatadu Gram Panchayat, Pendlimarri Mandal, she submitted an online application in Form-8, dated 17.10.2026, seeking transfer of her electoral registration to her present place of residence. It is contended that the petitioner is intending to contest for the office of Sarpanch of Rampatadu Gram Panchayat in the ensuing Gram Panchayat

elections, subject to fulfillment of the statutory qualifications and other applicable conditions.

4. It is further stated that the petitioner's Form-8 application is still pending consideration and that the election notification for Gram Panchayat elections is scheduled to be issued on 13.11.2026. Hence, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of the instant Writ Petition, for inclusion of her name in the electoral roll.

5. Considered the submissions.

6. The status of the application filed by the petitioner in Form-8, reflects that ***the application filed by the petitioner was accepted on 09.11.2026***.

7. Having regard to the same, in the light of the provisions of Section 11(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and the Circulars/Instructions dated 14.10.2026 issued by the State Election Commission, this Court deems it appropriate to direct respondent Nos.2 and 3 to consider and pass appropriate orders on the petitioner's application dated 17.10.2026 forthwith, so as to ensure that the petitioner's electoral registration is reflected in the electoral roll of the Eguvapalli Village, Rampatadu Gram Panchayat, Pendlimarri Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, before issuance of the notification for the Gram Panchayat elections.

8. Accordingly, 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:10.11.2026
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