APHC010598752026

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

THURSDAY, THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32774 OF 2026

Between:

1. Paleti Singaiah, S/o Subbaiah aged 58 years, Occ Cultivation R/o 486 Cherukuru Village Parchur Mandal Bapatia District Erstwhile Prakasam District

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department Secretariat Velagapudi Amaravati Guntur District 522 238

2. The Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission, Rep by its Secretary Vijayawada NTR District 520 010

3. The District Collector and District Election Authority, Bapatia District at Bapatia 522 101

4. The District Panchayat Officer, Bapatla District at Bapatia 522 101

5. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Chirala Revenue Division at Chirala Bapatla District 523 155

6. The Tahsildar cum Returning Officer, Parchur Mandal Bapatia District 523 169

7. The Electoral Registration Officer, 104-Parchur ParchurMandal Bapatla District 523 169

8. The Cherukuru Grama Panchayat, Rep by its Executive Authoritycum Panchayat Secretary Cherukuru Parchur Mandal Bapatla District 523 169

...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 a writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the inaction of Respondents particularly Respondents 2 to 8 in not incorporating the petitioners vote acceptance bearing EPIC No SYX1380716 accepted on 09102026 in the electoral roll of 115Cherukuru Grama Panchayat Parchur Mandal Bapatia District as illegal arbitrary contrary to the proviso to Section 111 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act 1994 and Rules 2 and 6 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Preparation and Publication of Electoral Rolls Rules 2000 and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct Respondents 2 to 8 to forthwith incorporate and publish the petitioner nabe in the said electoral roll in the part relating to the last Ward of said Gram Panchayat or by way of a supplementary list before the election notification for the said Grama Panchayat is issued and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 Respondents 2 to 8 to forthwith incorporate the petitioner's vote and acceptance bearing EPIC No. SYX1380716 in the electoral roll of 115-Cherukuru Grama Panchayat, Parchur Mandal, Bapatia District and consequently direct that, if the election notification is issued before such incorporation, the Respondent or the Returning Officer concerned shall receive and consider his nomination for the office of Sarpanch of the said

Grama Panchayat, treating his name as included in the said electoral roll, pending disposal of the main Writ Petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: PALA KARTHI KIRAN

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following Order:

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32774 OF 2026

The Court made the following Order:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent Nos.2 & 3 and Sri Sasanka Bhuvanagiri, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent No.8.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the inaction of the respondent Nos.2 to 8 in including the name of the petitioner in the electoral roll of 115-Cherukuru Gram Panchayat, Parchur Mandal, Bapatla District.

3. It is contended that the petitioner filed an application on 24.08.2026, for transposing his electoral roll from Chirala Municipality to 115-Cherukuru Gram Panchayat and the application was accepted on 09.10.2026 and his name was duly included and issued fresh voter card bearing EPIC No.SYX1380716, by deleting the earlier entry in Chirala Town. Despite the same, the petitioner's name is not reflecting in the electoral roll of Cherukuru Gram Panchayat.

4. It is argued that, pursuant to the election schedule dated 14.10.2026, the 2nd respondent, by letter dated 14.10.2026, directed that all additions, deletions and modifications made in the Assembly electoral rolls up to the respective dates of election notifications be incorporated in the local body electoral rolls.

5. Thus the petitioners contends that as the Gram Panchayat elections are likely to be notified at any time, seeks a direction to the respondents to include the name in the electoral roll of the subject Gram Panchayat.

6. Considered the submissions.

7. 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 that Ward.

8. Having regard to the status of the EPIC issued by the ECI (downloaded on 15.10.2026) and in light of the provisions of Section 11 of the AP Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and having regard to the circular instructions of the State Election Commission dated 14.10.2026, the respondent Nos.2 & 3 are directed to verify and pass appropriate orders for publication of the name of the petitioner in the electoral roll of the subject Gram Panchayat namely Cherukuru as expeditiously as possible before issuing the election notification for Gram Panchayats.

9. 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: 12-11-2026
MSI

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32774 OF 2026

Dated: 12-11-2026
MSI