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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: 32823 OF 2026

Between:

1. RELLU PADMAVATHI, w/o. ReIlu Venkata Ramana, Aged about 56 years, Occ.Housewife R/o. rellu veedhi, opp tappiti krishna rao rice mill, Chilkalapalle,Parvathipuram Manyam District - 535557.

2. ReIlu Venkata Ramana,, s/o. V.Venkatarami Reddy, Aged about 63 years, Occ.Retired DEO R/o. rellu veedhi, opp tappiti krishna rao rice mill, Chilkalapalle,Parvathipuram Manyam District - 535557

...PETITIONERs

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, Parvathipuram Manyam, Parvathipuram Manyam District - 535557

5. The Chilakalapalli Gram Panchayat, Balajipeta Mandal, Parvathipuram Manyam District - 535557 Rep. by its Secretary.

6. The Electoral Registration Officer, Revenue Divisional Officer Parvathipuram Manyam District - 535557

...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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring the action of the respondents in failing to include the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll pertaining to Chilakalapalli Village, Balijipeta Mandal, Parvathipuram Manyam District, for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections, despite the petitioners having submitted applications for transfer of their names to the said village, which were duly accepted by the respondent authorities, and their electoral particulars having been updated on the official website of the Election Commission of India with new Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) numbers having been generated, as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable and contrary to the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and violative of Articles 14, 21 and 326 of the Constitution of India and consequently, direct the respondents to include the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of Chilakalapalli Village, Balijipeta Mandal, Parvathipuram Manyam District, in accordance with law, before the issuance of the election notification for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections, so as to enable the petitioners to exercise their franchise in the said elections,

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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 to direct the respondents to take all necessary steps to include the name of the petitioners in the electoral roll of Chilakalapalli Village, Balajipeta Mandal,

Parvathipuram Manyam District, before issuance of Gram panchayat election notification, during pendency of the Writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioners: P SRAVAN KUMAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Court made the following order:

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri P. Sravan Kumar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent Nos.2 to 4 and Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent No.5.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant Writ Petition is against the inaction of the respondents in including the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of Chilakalapalli Village, Balijipeta Mandal, Parvathipuram Manyam District for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections, despite their applications seeking transfer of their names to the said Village, and the same have been duly accepted by the respondent authorities.

3. It is contended that the petitioners are natives of Chilakalapalli Village, Balijipeta Mandal, Parvathipuram Manyam District, but they were residing at Vizianagaram on account of the employment of the 2nd petitioner. Upon his retirement as a District Educational Officer on 31.05.2024, the petitioners have shifted their residence permanently to their native Village and accordingly changed their Aadhaar addresses. It is further contended that in July and August 2026, the petitioners have submitted applications to ECI in Form-8 seeking transfer of their electoral rolls from Vizianagaram to Chilakalapalli Village. The said applications were duly processed, transposing their votes and new EPICs, were also generated with their respective electoral

particulars. However, the petitioners names were not reflected in the final electoral roll of the Gram Panchayat published for the scheduled Gram Panchayat elections. On an enquiry, the petitioners were informed that as their applications were accepted after the cut-off date of 06.02.2026 prescribed for preparation of the electoral rolls and therefore their names were not included. The petitioners contends that the Gram Panchayat elections would be notified at any time, therefore, approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondents to include their name in the electoral roll of the subject Grampanchayat that would be published. It is also contended that the petitioners have also made a representation on 10-11-2026 to the authorities.

4. Considered the submissions.

5. 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.

6. Having regard to the status of the EPIC issued by the ECI (downloaded on 18-10-2026 in the case of the 1st petitioner and in the case of the 2nd petitioner downloaded on 10-09-2026,) 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 and pass appropriate orders on the representation of the petitioners for publication of name of the petitioners in the photo electoral roll of the subject Gram Panchayat viz., Chilakalapalli, as expeditiously as possible before issuing the election notification for Gram Panchayats

7. 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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