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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: 32840/2026

Between:

1. MAHALASHMI KANDALA ALIAS KANDALA KANAKA DURGA NAGAR SITA MAHALAKSHMI, W/O. KANDALA RAVINDRANATH, AGED 49 YEARS, OCC HOUSE WIFE, R/O.D.NO. D.NO 67-10/A-1, VIDYUT NAGAR, KAKINADA, KAKINADA CITY AND DISTRICT

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA, REP.BY ITS SECRETARY, NIRVACHANSADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110001
2. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522237
3. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, D.NO. 133, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, OPP. INDIRA GANDHI, MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA - 520010
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, KAKINADA DISTRICT - 533004
5. KAKINADA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REP.BY ITS COMMISSIONER, KAKINADA, KAKINADA DISTRICT - 533001
6. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, KAKINADA RURAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT - 533004
7. THE TAHSILDAR, KAKINADA RURAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT - 533006

...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 tothis Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the Respondents in inclusion of name of the Petitioner bearing Election Voter Id No. CVB3340874 in Photo Electoral Roll in Division No.61 of Kakinada Municipal Corporation despite shifting of the same under Form No.8 as arbitrary, illegal, unjust and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 and A.P Municipal Corporations(preparation and publication of Electoral Rolls) Rules, 2001 and consequently direct the Respondents to include the name of the Petitioner bearing Election Voter Id No. CVB3340874 in Photo Electoral Roll in Division No.61 of Kakinada Municipal Corporation and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

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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 forthwith consider the Representation dated 10- 11-2026 of the Petitioner and include the name of the Petitioner bearing Election Voter Id No. CVB3340874 in Photo Electoral Roll in Division No.61 of Kakinada Municipal Corporation and pass su

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SODUM ANVESHA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR REVENUE
2. GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
3.

The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Ms. Sodum Anvesha, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri D.S.Siva Darshan, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.1, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.3, 4 and 6 and Sri M.Krishna Rao, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.5.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondents in not including the name of the petitioner bearing Election Voter Id No. CVB3340874 in Photo Electoral Roll in Division No.61 of Kakinada Municipal Corporation, despite shifting of the same pursuant to the application filed in Form No.8, depriving the petitioner to exercise her right to cast her vote and to contest as Corporator in the upcoming elections of Kakinada Municipal Corporation.

3. The petitioner contends that she is intending to contest as Corporator in the upcoming elections of Kakinada Municipal Corporation. The petitioner contends that she has submitted applications in Form-7 seeking deletion of her electoral roll from Ward Division No.131 as well as an application in Form-8 seeking incorporation of her name in Ward Division No.61. The same was processed and an EPIC number was also issued in EPICNo.CVB3340874 in Part No.125 of 38-Kakinada Rural Assembly Constituency. However, her name is not reflected in the electoral roll of the Kakinada Municipal Corporation. In the said regard, the petitioner made a representation dated 10.11.2026 to the respondent No.2 seeking incorporation

of her name in the electoral rolls of Division No.61. As the same was not considered, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondents to consider her request for incorporation of her name in the electoral rolls of the Corporation.

4. Considered the submissions.

5. In light of the provisions of Section 12 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, read with Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporation Preparation and Publication of Electoral Rules, 2001, and the provisions of Representation of the People Act, 1950, having regard to the status of the application of the petitioner, as reflected in the EPIC, this Court deems it appropriate to direct respondent Nos.2, to 4 or the authorized officer in the said regard, to pass appropriate orders on the representation of the petitioners dated 10.11.2026 forthwith to publish the name of the petitioner in the Photo Electoral Rolls before the election notification for Urban Local Bodies is issued.

6. 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.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated:11.11.2026

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