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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: 32853 OF 2026

Between:

1. CHINDADI BEULA GRACE, W/o. Mundru Salman Raju, Aged about 30 years, Occ House Wife, Rio. D.No.176-1, Padatadika, Chinagollapalem Village, Kruthivennu Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh -534281.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, , Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District, 522237.

2. The State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Secretary, 1st Floor, New HODs Building, M.G. Road, Vijayawada, 520010.

3. The Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh, General Administration (Elections) Department, Building No.5, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, 522237.

4. The District Election Officer / District Collector, Krishna District, Machilipatnam, 521001.

5. The District Panchayat Officer, Krishna District, Machilipatnam, 521001.

6. The Electoral Registration Officer, 74-Pedana Assembly Constituency, Krishna District, 521366.

7. Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat, Rep. by its Panchayat Secretary, Kruthivennu Mandal, Krishna District, 521324.

...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 not incorporating the name of the Petitioner in the electoral roll of Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat, Kruthivennu Mandal, Krishna District, for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections, though her name has been included in the electoral roll of 74-Pedana Assembly Constituency at Part No.212, Serial No.949 (EPIC No. RCU0720095) for shifting of her residence from Undi to Chinagollapalem, as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the proviso to Section 11(1) read with Sections 14 and 17 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct Respondents 2 and 4 to 7 to incorporate the name of the Petitioner in the electoral roll of Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat, in the part relating to the last ward, before the issuance of the election notification, so as to enable the Petitioner to exercise her franchise and to contest the ensuing elections including for the office of Sarpanch and to pass

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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 pleased to direct Respondents 2 and 4 to 7 to take all necessary steps to incorporate the name of the Petitioner in the electoral roll of Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat, Kruthivennu Mandal, Krishna District, in the part relating to the last ward, before the issuance of the election notification for Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat; or, in the alternative, to permit the Petitioner to file her nomination for the office of Sarpanch of Chinagollapalem

Gram Panchayat subject to the result of the writ petition; pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: YARKAREDDY SUSHMA

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following order:

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Ms. Y. Sushma, 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 Y. Koteswara Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent No.7.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant Writ Petition is against the inaction of the respondents in including the name of the petitioner in the electoral roll of Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat, Kruthivennu Mandal, Krishna District.

3. It is contended that the petitioner filed an application in Form-8 on 30.09.2025, for transposing the electoral roll of the petitioner from 60-Undi Assembly Constituency to 74-Pedana Assembly Constituency and the application was accepted on 10.10.2025 and her name was duly included in Part No.212, Serial No.949, bearing EPIC No.RCU0720095, by deleting the earlier entry in the Undi constituency. Despite the petitioner's name having been included in the Pedana Assembly electoral roll well before the cut-off date of 06.02.2026, the petitioner's name is not reflecting in the electoral roll of Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat. It is contended that a representation has also been submitted to the authorities on 11.11.2026 in the said regard.

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 the last Ward.

8. Having regard to the status of the Form-8 as on 23-10-2026, submitted by the petitioners and in the light of the provisions of Section 11 of the AP Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and having regard to the orders/Circulars instructions of the State Election Commission dated 14.10.2026, the respondent Nos.2 & 3 are directed to consider and pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 11.11.2026 of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible for publication of names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of the subject Gram Panchayat viz., Chinagollapalem Gram Panchayat 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: 11-11-2026
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