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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: 32855 OF 2026

Between:

1. Penumatsa Satya Narayana, Raju, S/o. Jagannadha Raju, Aged about 50 years, Occ Business, R/o. D.No.2-5, Main Road, Near VuyyalaStambala, Jinnuru Village, Poduru Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh - 534265.

...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,522 237,..

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, West Godavari District, Bhimavaram.

5. The District Panchayat Officer, West Godavari District, Bhimavaram,534201.

6. The Electoral Registration Officer, 57-Palacole Assembly Constituency, West Godavari District,534260.

7. Jinnuru Gram Panchayat, rep. by its Panchayat Secretary. Poduru Mandal, West Godavari District,534265.

...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 Jinnuru Gram Panchayat, Poduru Mandal, West Godavari District, for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections, though his name has been included in the electoral roll of 57 Palacole Assembly Constituency at Part No.12, Section No.3, Serial No.748 (EPIC No. IMH0099622) on shifting of his residence from Bhimavaram to Jinnuru, 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 Jinnuru 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 his 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 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 Jinnuru Gram Panchayat, Poduru Mandal, West Godavari District, in the part relating to the last ward, before the issuance of the election notification for Jinnuru Gram Panchayat;

or, in the alternative, to permit the Petitioner to file his nomination for the office of Sarpanch of Jinnuru 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 & 6 and Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent No.7.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the inaction of the respondents in including the name of the petitioner in the electoral roll of Jinnuru Gram Panchayat, Poduru Mandal, West Godavari District.

3. It is contended that the petitioner filed an application in Form-8 for transposing the electoral roll of the petitioner from 59-Bhimavaram Assembly Constituency to 57-Palacole Assembly Constituency and after due verification, the application was accepted and his name was duly included in Part No.12, Serial No.03, Serial No.748, bearing EPIC No.IMH0099622, by deleting the earlier entry in the Bhimavaram Assembly Constituency. Despite the petitioner's name having been included in the Palacole 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 Jinnuru 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 petitioner 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 petitioner and in light of the provisions of Section 11 of the AP Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and having regard to the orders/Circular 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 name of the petitioner in the electoral roll of the subject Gram Panchat viz.,

Jinnuru Gram Panchayat before issuing the election notification for Gram Panchayat

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.

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 11-11-2026
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