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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: 32867/2026

Between:

1. GANDHODI SRAVANI, W/O. K. PARAMESH, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, OCC. HOUSE WIFE, R/O.D.NO.6-54, PARAMATA VEEDHI, KOTHAPALLI VILLAGE, VTC, GANGAVARAM MANDAL, KEELAPATLA POST, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA -520010.
2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, CHITTOOR DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE,CHITTOOR.517001
3. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, PALAMANER ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, ADDITIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR, SAMAGRA SIKSHA, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.517001
4. THE ASSISTANT ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER AND TAHSILDAR, GANGAVARAM MANDAL, TAHSILDAR OFFICE, GANGAVARAM, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.517408
5. THE BOOTH LEVEL OFFICER CONCERNED, HAVING JURISDICTION OVER KOTHAPALLI VILLAGE, GANGAVARAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.517408
6. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522237.
7. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, CHITTOOR DISTRICT,

CHITTOOR.517001

8. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER/ EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY, GANGAVARAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.517408
9. THE KOTHAPALLI VILLAGE GRAMA PANCHAYATH, REP. BY IT'S PANCHAYATH SECRETARY, GANGAVARAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.517408

...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 toissue a WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the respondents in not including the petitioner name with EPIC No.RGM0594481, in the final Gram Panchayat Electoral Roll of Kothapalli Village, despite the petitioner active registration in the Electoral Roll to the present residential address, as arbitrary, illegal, contrary to Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, voilative of the fundamental rights guaranteed to the petitioner under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to verify the petitioner electoral records and include the petitioner name in the Kothapalli Gram Panchayat Electoral Roll in accordance with law, pending adjudication of the above writ petition

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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 verify the petitioner electoral registration bearing EPIC No.RGM0594481 and take necessary steps for inclusion of the petitioner name in the Kothapalli Gram Panchayat Electoral Roll in accordance with law

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. S PARINEETA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. GP FOR REVENUE
3.

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri S.Praneeta, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2 and learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development appearing for the respondent No.7.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.2 to 9, in not including and incorporating the name of the petitioner, in the Electoral Roll of Kothapalli village, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District.

3. The petitioner contends that she has submitted an application for enrolment as a voter of Kothapalli Village. The same was processed and the EPIC number was also generated, bearing EPIC No.RGM0594481 duly reflecting the name of the petitioner in Palamaner Assembly Constituency. In light of the same, the petitioner seeks a direction under the provisions of Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, to include her name in the electoral roll of Kothapalli Village, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District, in the scheduled elections that would be conducted for the subject Gram Panchayat.

4. Considered the submissions

5. Having regard to the status of the application of the petitioner for enrolment as a voter and EPIC issued/generated in the case of the of the petitioner 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 is directed to consider and pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 10.11.2026 of the petitioner for publication of name of the petitioner in the photo electoral roll of the subject Grampanchayat viz., Kothapalli Village as expeditiously as possible before issuing the election notification for Gram Panchayats .

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.

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 11.11.2026

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