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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: 32861/2026

Between:

1. PATNEEDI SATHIRAJU,, S/O.LATE PADDARAJU, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O.D.NO.2-32, VEMULAVADA VILLAGE, KARAPA MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY - PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522238
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS CEO, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G.ROAD, VIJAYAWADA- 520010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, KAKINADA, KAKINADA DISTRICT. 533001
4. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, KAKINADA, KAKINADA DISTRICT.533001
5. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, KARAPA MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT.533462
6. THE RETURNING OFFICER, WARD NO.2, VEMULAVADA GRAM PANCHAYAT, KARAPA MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT.533462
7. VEMULAVADA GRAM PANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS SECRETARY, VEMULAVADA, KARAPA MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT.- 533462
8. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, 38-KAKINADA ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, KAKINADA, KAKINADA DISTRICT. 533001

...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, or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring the action of the respondents in not including the name of the petitioner, EPIC No. IMZ2409522, in the final Gram Panchayat Electoral Roll of 7th Respondent Village, despite petitioner's active registration in the Assembly Electoral Roll, as illegal, arbitrary and contrary to Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and consequently direct the respondents to verify the Petitioner's electoral records and include his name in the 7th Respondent Gram Panchayat Electoral Roll,

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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 grant interim direction directing the the respondents to verify the petitioner's electoral registration bearing EPIC No. IMZ2409522 and take necessary steps for inclusion of the name of the petitioner in the 7th Respondent Gram Panchayat Electoral Roll, pending disposal of the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. KONA N.D.V.RAMANA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri Kona N.D.V.Ramana Rao, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent Nos.2,3,6 & 8 and learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development appearing for respondent Nos.1 &4.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.2 to 8, in not including and incorporating the name of the petitioner, in the Electoral Roll of Vemilavada, Karapa Mandal, Kakinada District.

3. The petitioner contends that he has submitted an application for enrolment as a voter of Vemulavada Village. The same was processed and the EPIC number was also generated, bearing EPIC No.IMZ2409522 duly reflecting the name of the petitioner in Kakinada Urban 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 Vemulavada Village, Karapa Mandal of Kakinada District, in the ensuing elections that would be conducted for Gram Panchayats. It is contended that a representation has also been submitted to the District Election authorities.

4. Considered the submissions

5. Having regard to the status of the EPIC issued by the ECI (downloaded on 16-10-2026) 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 petitioner dated 10-11-2026 for publication of name of the petitioner in the photo electoral roll of the subject Grampanchayat viz., Vemulavada Village, Karapa Mandal of Kakinada District, 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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THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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