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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: 32865/2026

Between:

1. BATTULA NAGENDRAMMA, W/O. SUBBA RAO, AGED 52 YEARS, R/O. VOLETIVARIPALEM VILLAGE AND MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT-523116.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522237.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS SECRETARY,1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G.ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRAPRADESH-520010.
3. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH, VIJAYAWADA - 520001.
4. THE DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY/DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, ONGOLE - 523001.
5. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICERERO, KANDUKURU ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.
6. DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, PRAKASAM DISTRICT AT ONGOLE.
7. THE RETURNING OFFICER/ GRAM PANCHAYAT ELECTION OFFICER, VOLETIVARIPALEM GRAM PANCHAYAT AND MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
8. VOLETIVARIPALEM GRAM PANCHAYAT, REP.BY ITS SECRETARY,

VOLETIVARIPALEM VILLAGE AND MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

...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, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the inaction of Respondents in updating my name in the relevant electoral roll of the 8TH respondent Gram Panchayat, despite my name having been duly entered and approved under Section 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 in the serial number 648 of Part No. 11 in Voletivaripalem - Kandukur Assembly Constituency (109) and in consequence thereof, thereby arbitrarily depriving me of my constitutional right of filing my nomination and contesting as a candidate in the elections to the 8TH respondent Gram Panchayati as being illegal, arbitrary, unauthorized, contrary to Section 11 of the AP Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to update and register my name in the Gram Panchayat Electors list forthwith and permit me to contest in the said election

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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 Respondents to update and register my name in the 8TH respondent Gram Panchayat Electoral roll forthwith and permit me to contest in the said election by virtue of Part No. 11, Serial No. 648, pending disposal of the present Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. PANGULURU RACHANA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri P.Rachana, 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 8, in not including and incorporating the name of the petitioner, in the Electoral Roll of Voletivaripalem village and Mandal, Prakasam District.

3. The petitioner contends that he has submitted an application for enrolment as a voter of Voletivaripalem Village. The same was processed and the EPIC number was also assinged, bearing EPIC No.YDR2125748 duly reflecting the name of the petitioner in Kandukur 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 Voletivaripalem village and Mandal, Prakasam District, in the ensuing elections that would be conducted for Gram Panchayat Elections.

4. Considered the submissions

5. Having regard to the status of the EPIC issued by the ECI (downloaded on 09-11-2026) 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 verify and pass appropriate orders for publication of name of the petitioner in the photo electoral roll of the subject Grampanchayat viz., Voletivaripalem 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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