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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3458]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32964 OF 2026

Between:

1. CHENNAKESWAVULA NAGAMANI, W/O SUBBARAYUDU, AGED 45 YEARS, R/O DOOR NO.1-120D, MAIN ROAD, THURIMELLA VILLAGE, KAMBHAM (CUMBUM) MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523372.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, A.P SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522237.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA - 520010.
3. THE DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, MARKAPURAM-523316
4. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, MARKAPURAM-523316.
5. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, 112 - GIDDALUR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT-523316

...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 toWrit of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in not including my name in the electoral roll of Ward No.2 of Thurimella Gram Panchayat, published by them, and in not considering my representations dated 09-11-2026, though my name is listed in Voters' Service Portal of Election Commission of India bearing Voter ID - (EPIC No. UYD2645299, as the same is arbitrary, illegal and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India, and Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Preparation and Publication of Electoral Rolls) Rules, 2000, and against the well settled principles of natural justice, and consequentially direct the Returning Officers/Respondent Authorities to permit the petitioner to cast vote and receive and process petitioner's nomination papers to contest in the local body elections (Sarpanch, Ward member etc.,) in accordance with the law, without raising any objections of whatsoever

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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 permit the petitioner to cast vote and to receive and process petitioner's nomination papers to contest in the local body elections (Sarpanch, Ward member etc.,), pending the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. LEO LAW ASSOCIATES LLP

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondents in not including the name of the petitioner in electoral roll of Thurimella Grama Panchayat, Kambham Mandal, Markapuram District (bearing EPIC No.UYD2645299).

3. The petitioner contends that her electoral registration was registered in 112-Giddalur Assembly Constituency. In the said regard, EPIC as downloaded on 22.10.2026 duly reflects the name of the petitioner in Giddalur Assembly Constituency. However, the petitioner's name is not reflecting in the Electoral Roll of Thurimella Grama Panchayat. Seeking publication of her name in the Electoral Roll, the petitioner had made a representation dated 09.11.2026 to the respondent Nos.3 & 4. As the same was not considered, petitioner has approached this Court seeking consideration of her request for incorporation of her name in the Electoral Roll.

4. The petitioner contends that the Gram Panchayat elections are likely to be notified any time soon and that no orders have been passed on the said representation. Therefore, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking a

direction to the respondents to include the name in the electoral roll that would be published for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections.

5. Considered the submissions.

6. 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 that Ward.

7. Having regard to the status of the EPIC issued by the ECI (downloaded on 22.10.2026) 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.3 & 4 are directed to verify and pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 09.11.2026 of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible before issuing the election notification for Gram Panchayat.

8. Accordingly, 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: 12.11.2026
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