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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: 32972/2026

Between:

1. POOLA VENKATA RAMANA, S/O. LATE P. SIDDANNA, AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS, OCC RETIRED HEADMASTER, RIO. D.NO.1-80, RAMAPURAM (VILLAGE AND POST), GURRAMKONDA MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517 291.
2. POOLA VIJAYALAKSHMI,, W/O. POOLA VENKATA RAMANA, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, OCC HOUSEWIFE, RIO. D.NO.1-80, RAMAPURAM (VILLAGE AND POST), GURRAMKONDA MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517 291

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY IT'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT 522 238.
2. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT-516269
3. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, D.NO.133, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HOD'S BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA 520 010.
4. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, 163 PILERU ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT-517214

...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 an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring the action of the Respondents, more particularly the Respondents No.2 and 4, in not including the names of the petitioners (e-EPIC Nos.IAX1831536 and IAX1831593) in the electoral roll of Ramapuram Gram Panchayat, Gurramkonda Mandal, Annamayya District, for the ensuing elections to the Gram Panchayats, despite the entries of the petitioners having been transferred to their native address, D.No.1-80, Ramapuram, in the electoral roll of 163 Pileru Assembly Constituency on 22.09.2026, and in proposing to conduct the said elections on the basis of the electoral roll published on 15.04.2026 without adding the petitioners and the other voters newly added thereafter, as illegal, arbitrary, unjust, contrary to the proviso to Section 11(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and the Rules made thereunder, violative of the principles of natural justice and of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondents to forthwith include the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of Ramapuram Gram Panchayat, in the part relating to the last ward, by way of a supplementary list, before the issuance of the election notification, so as to enable the petitioners to exercise their right to vote in the ensuing elections to the said Gram Panchayat

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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 include the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of Ramapuram Gram Panchayat, by way of a supplementary list, before the issuance of the election notification on the basis of their eEPICs bearing Nos.IAX1831536 and IAX1831593,

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. S VARADARAJULU CHETTY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri S.Varadarajulu Chetty, learned counsel for the petitioners, 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 petitioners in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondents in not including the name of the petitioners in the electoral roll of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat, Gurramkonda Mandal, Annamayya District (bearing EPIC Nos.IAX1831536 and IAX1831593).

3. The petitioners contend that their electoral registration was initially registered in Tummalagunta, Tirupati District. On account of shifting of their residence permanently to their native village, Ramapuram, they have filed applications in prescribed format, in Form-8 seeking transposition of their electoral roll. The same was accepted, processed and updated transposing the name of the petitioners in the Electoral Roll of 163-Pileru Assembly Constituency as reflected in the EPICs, downloaded on 22.09.2026 duly reflects the names of the petitioners in Pileru Assembly Constituency. However, the petitioners names are not reflecting in the Electoral Roll of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat. The petitioners contend that such non publication will deprive their right to cast their vote in the ensuing Gram Panchayat Elections. Seeking publication of their name in the Electoral Roll of the Gram Panchayat, the petitioners have approached this Court.

4. Considered the submissions.

5. 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.

6. Having regard to the status of the EPIC issued by the ECI (downloaded on 22.09.2026) 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 is directed to pass appropriate orders for publication of the names of the petitioners in the electoral roll of the subject Gram Panchayat viz., Ramapuram Gram Panchayat, Gurramkonda Mandal, Annamayya District as expeditiously as possible before issuing the election notification for Gram Panchayat.

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. 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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