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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: 32986/2026

Between:

1. P MADHAVI, W/O M. SRINIVASULU, AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS, OCC.HOUSEWIFE, R/O D.NO.6-165/A, RAMASAGARAM VILLAGE, H/O MARALA, YADALANKAPALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT, BUKKAPATNAM MANDAL, SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT - 515159.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE, TULLUR MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT -522238.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HOD BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA - 520010.
3. THE COMMISSIONER, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH -522501.
4. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE, TULLUR MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT -522238.
5. THE DISTRICT COLLECTORCUMDISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT, PUTTAPARTHI, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515134.
6. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT, PUTTAPARTHI, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515134.

7. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, 159- PUTTAPARTHI ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, OFFICE OF THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, PUTTAPARTHI, SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT - 515134.

8. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MPDO, BUKKAPATNAM MANDAL, SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT -515144.

9. THE RETURNING OFFICER/ELECTION OFFICER, YADALANKAPALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT, BUKKAPATNAM MANDAL, SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT -515159.

10. THE BOOTH LEVEL OFFICER, PART NO.61, MANDAL PARISHAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, SEEKAYAKUNTAPALLI, BUKKAPATNAM MANDAL, SRI SATHYA SAI DISTIICT515159.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. P L NARASIMHA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri P.L. Narasimha Rao, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Sri Sasanka Bhuvanagiri, learned Standing Counsel for Gram Panchayat 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 the electoral roll of Yadalankapalli Grama Panchayat, Bukkapatnam Mandal, Sri Sathya Sai District (bearing EPIC No.AYM3018165).

3. The petitioner contends that her electoral registration was initially registered in 167-Tirupati Assembly Constituency. On account of shifting of her residence permanently to her native village, Yadalankapalli, she had filed an application in prescribed format, in Form-8 seeking transposition of her electoral roll. The same was accepted, processed and updated transposing the name of the petitioner in the Electoral Roll of 159-Puttaparthi Assembly Constituency as reflected in the EPICs, downloaded on 02.11.2026 duly reflects the name of the petitioner in Puttaparthi Assembly Constituency. However, the petitioner’s name is not reflecting in the Electoral Roll of Yadalankapalli Grama Panchayat. The petitioner contends that such non publication will deprive her right to cast her vote in the ensuing Gram Panchayat Elections. Seeking publication of her name in the Electoral Roll,

the petitioner had made a representation dated 10.11.2026 to the respondent authorities. 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 02.11.2026) 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 authorities are directed to consider and pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 10.11.2026 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

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