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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: 32982/2026

Between:

1. DEVUPALLI VEERESU ALIAS VEERESH, S/O LATE GANGAYYA ALIAS GANGAIAH, AGED ABOUT 73 YEARS, OCC DY.C.T.O. (RETD) RIO. D.NO.4-15, SC COLONY, KASIPURAM VILLAGE, DEVARAPALLI MANDAL, ANKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-531030

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDING, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, ANDHRA PRADESH 522238.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH 520010.
3. THE COMMISSIONER, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 522501.
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, ANKAPALLI, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-531002.
5. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, ANKAPALLI, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-531001.

6. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER ERO, 27 MADUGULA ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, CONCERNED DIVISION, ANKAPALLI, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-531001.

7. THE RETURNING OFFICER / ELECTION OFFICER, KASIPURAM GRAM PANCHAYAT, 27-MADUGULA, DEVARAPALLE MANDAL, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT., ANDHRA PRADESH 531030.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SATHEESH KUMAR EERLA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri Satheesh Kumar Eerla, 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 Kasipuram Grama Panchayat, Devarpalli Mandal, Ankapalli District (bearing EPIC No.XBO0361923).

3. The petitioner contends that his electoral registration was registered in Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam District. It is contended that the petitioner had filed an application in prescribed format of Form-8 seeking transposition of his name to Kasipuram Grama Panchayat, the same was processed transposing the name of the petitioner in the Electoral Roll of 27-Madugula Assembly Constituency. In the said regard, EPIC was also downloaded on 21.10.2026 duly reflects the name of the petitioner in Madugula Assembly Constituency. However, the petitioner's name is not reflecting in the Electoral Roll of Kasipuram Grama Panchayat and the petitioner is intending to contest of Office of Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat in the ensuing Gram Panchayat Elections. Seeking publication of his name in the Electoral Roll, the petitioner had made a representation dated 21.10.2026 to the respondent No.2. As the

same was not considered, petitioner has approached this Court seeking consideration of his request for incorporation of his 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 21.10.2026) 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 No.2is directed to consider and pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 21.10.2026 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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