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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3311]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Friday, the 13th day of November, 2026

Honourable Ms. Justice B. S. Bhanumathi

Present

Writ Petition No: 33098 of 2026

Between:

Smt. B. Malleshwari **... Petitioner**

and

State of Andhra Pradesh and others **... Respondents**

Counsel for the petitioner:

1. J. Jayanand

Counsel for the respondents:

1. G.P. for Panchayat Raj Rural Dev.

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed to declare the action of the respondent authorities in not including the name of the petitioner as voter in the electoral rolls (voters List) with reference to the election notification to be issued on 16.11.2026 for conducting elections to Gram Panchayats as illegal and consequently, direct the respondent authorities to include name of the petitioner (EPIC No. ZI0O0677138) in the voters list of Buddapalli Village of Tarlupadu Mandal, Markapuram District in order to enable her to participate in the Gram Panchayat elections scheduled to be notified on 16.11.2026 either as voter or contesting candidate or proposer.

02. The case of the petitioner is, stated briefly, as follows:

a. The petitioner was resident of Rayavaram Village of Markapuram Mandal and her name was included in the voters list meant for that village. Later, the petitioner shifted her residence to Kethagudipi Village of Trlupadu Mandal, Markapuram District. Accordingly, she submitted an application for transfer of her vote to Kethagudipi Village.

b. After due verification, her vote was transferred on her application and she was given EPIC No. ZI0O0677138 by the respondent authorities. Apart from the electoral rolls being published only with effect from 1st January of the every year, respondent authorities shall also publish supplementary / amended voters list consisting of persons whose votes are transferred or who became eligible between 1st January of the year and the date of election notification either for the general elections or of the local bodies.

c. But, the name of the petitioner was not published in the supplementary voters list after transfer of her vote. Therefore, she submitted a representation to the respondents Nos. 1 to 4 on 11.11.2026 requesting to update the voters list by including her name so as to enable him to participate in the local body elections. This writ petition has been filed as there has been no response from the respondents so far in this regard.

03. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that local body elections for gram panchayats were scheduled to be held on 16.11.2026 for phase – II and therefore, there is urgency to grant the relief to the petitioner. He further referred to the decision of this Court dated 18.10.2026 in W.P. (S.R.) No. 45108 of 2026, wherein under similar circumstances, this Court directed the respondent authorities to consider the representation of the petitioner therein forthwith and pass appropriate orders to add the name of the petitioner in the electoral roll to enable him to participate ensuing / scheduled elections, for which election notification would be issued in that case for Zilla Parishads.

04. Sri K. Ajay Kumar, learned counsel, representing the learned Standing Counsel for the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission / respondent No. 3 submitted that the respondent No. 3 issued instructions to the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh on 14.10.2026 to make proper changes by giving schedule of the dates and therefore, all necessary changes would be made accordingly. He further submitted that since the date of notification for election of gram panchayat relating to phase – II is scheduled on 16.11.2026, there is no basis for the petitioner to apprehend non-inclusion of her name in

the voters list as it would be finalized and published soon before the schedule date.

05. Considering the representations on both the sides and the previous order passed by this Court in the case cited above, this writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents Nos.3 & 4 to consider the representation of the petitioner forthwith and pass appropriate orders to add the name of the petitioner in the electoral roll to enable her to participate in the ensuing and scheduled local body elections.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this writ petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE B.S. BHANUMATHI

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