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

Friday, the 13th day of November, 2026

Present

Honourable Ms. Justice B. S. Bhanumathi

Writ Petition No: 33135 of 2026

Between:

Azmatulla Shaik **... Petitioner**

and

The State Election Commission and others **... Respondents**

Counsel for the petitioner:

1. Pilli Sundeep

Counsel for the respondents:

Nil

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed to declare the action of the respondents, in failing to take appropriate steps for inclusion of the name of the petitioner in the physical photo electoral roll pertaining to the Thurakapalem Dokiparru Village, Medikonduru Mandal, Guntur District, with reference to election notification to be issued for conducting of Gram Panchayats elections, despite issuance of EPIC card with No. UQO0824664, and confirmation of enrolment of vote at serial No. 882 within No. 86, Tadikonda (S.C.) Assembly Constituency limits as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents to include the name of the petitioner (EPIC No. UQO0824664) in the physical photo electoral roll of Thurakapalem Dokiparru Village / panchayat, Medikonduru Mandal, Guntur District in order to enable him to participate, either as voter or to contest in the panchayat elections.

02. 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.

03. 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.

04. 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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