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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3458]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 33487/2026

Between:

1. R LAKSHMI DEVI, W/O. T. GANGARAJU, AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS OCC. AGRICULTURE, R/O. KONDA SANTHIVAH PAILI VENGAMVARIPALLI, NIMMANAPALLI MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH -517280.
2. D. REDDY RANI, W/O. D. REDDY SEKHARA, AGED ABOUT 25 YEARS OCC. AGRICULTURE, RIO. VENGAMVARIPALLI NIMMANAPALLI MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH -517280.
3. B. VENU PRASAD, S/O. RAMACHANDRA, AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS OCC. AGRICULTURE, R/O. 9-8, YARRATHI VARI PAILI REDDIVARIPALLI, NIMMANAPALLI MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 517280.
4. M. DAWOOD KHAN, S/O. M. ASHRAF ALL KHAN, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS OCC.AGRICULTURE, R/O. B-146, KANDUR ROAD NIMMANAPALLI, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH - 517280.
5. K. SANTHAMMA, W/O. K. CHENDRAYUDU, AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS OCC. AGRICULTURE, R/O. KOMIREDDY GARI PAILI MUSTOOR, NIMMANAPALLI MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 517280.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA -520010.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL

SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT A. P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI-522238

3. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI-522238
4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522503
5. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, MADANAPALLE, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT-517325
6. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MADANAPALLE, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT-517325
7. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ZILLA PRAJA PARISHAD, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT
8. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, NIMMANAPALLI MANDAL, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT-517280
9. THE PRESIDING OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, NIMMANAPALLI ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT-517280
10. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, NIMMANAPALLI POLICE STATION, ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT-517280.

...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 a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the Respondents in acting upon the representation dated 13.11.2026 and the proceedings Ref. H1/662/2026 dated 14.11.2026, and in taking preventive and protective measures for the conduct of the Special Meeting and election of the Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of Nimmanapalli Mandal Praja Parishad scheduled on 19.11.2026, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a) and 21 of the Constitution of India, and contrary to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 27.10.2026 in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026, and consequently direct the Respondents to (a) through Respondent Nos.4, 6 and 10, provide adequate police protection to the Petitioners from their residences to the Mandal Praja Parishad Office, Nimmanapalli and back on 19.11.2026 (b) arrange adequate police bandobast at and around the venue and regulate entry (c) ensure that the meeting is conducted by the authorised

Gazetted Officer strictly in accordance with the 2006 Rules and Notification No.1750/SEC-B1/2026-1 dated 10.11.2026 (d) arrange videography of the entire proceedings and preserve the footage and records in terms of the order dated 27.10.2026 in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026 and Order No.1470/SEC-F1/2026 dated 31.10.2026 (e) act upon the proceedings Ref. H1/662/2026 dated 14.11.2026 and communicate the action taken to the Petitioners before 19.11.2026

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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, in respect of the Special Meeting and election of the Member (Co-opted), President and VicePresident of Nimmanapalli Mandal Priaja Parishad scheduled on 19.11.2026 to (a) through Respondent Nos.4, 6 and 10, provide adequate police protection to the Petitioners from their residences to the Mandal Praja Parishad Office, Nimmanapalli and back; (b) arrange dequate police bandobast at and around the venue and permit entry only to iDersons legally entitled or authorised to attend; (c) ensure that the meeting i conducted by the authorised Gazetted Officer strictly in accordance with the 2006 Rules and Notification No.1750/SEC-B1/2026-1 dated 10.11.2026, without interference by outsiders; and (d) arrange videography of the entire proceedings and preserve the footage, along with the notices, attendance, minutes and voting records, in terms of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 27.10.2026 in SLP (C) No.37476 of 2026 and Order No.1470/SEC-F1/2026 dated 31.10.2026;

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. MOHAMMED ABDUL BASITH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. GP FOR HOME
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The Court made the following:

ORDER:-

Heard Sri Mohammed Abdul Bashith, learned counsel for the petitioners, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.1, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development appearing for the respondent No.2, learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondent Nos.3, 4, 6 and 10 and Sri Sasanka Bhuvanagiri, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.7, 8 and 9.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant writ petition is against the inaction of the respondents in acting upon the representation dated 13.11.2026 and in taking preventive and protective measures for conduct of the Special Meeting and election of the Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of Nimmanapalli Mandal Praja Parishad scheduled on 19.11.2026.

3. It is contended that pursuant to the election Notification dated 19.10.2026 for conduct of election to the office of Member, MPTC and ZPTCs, the petitioners have contested as candidates from the YSRCP Party and were declared elected. The 1st respondent issued Notification under Sections 200 & 201 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 for conduct of election to the office of Member, President & Vice-President of MPPs and ZPPs. The nomination schedule for the said election commences on 19.11.2026 at 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

4. It is contended that the subject elections are indirect elections and all the elected MPTCs will have to travel to the venue of the Special Meeting to elect the Member(s), President, Vice-President, respectively. Apprehending obstructions by opponents to reach the designated place, the petitioners made a representation dated 13.11.2026 through their representative to the 1st respondent and the same was forwarded to the 5th and 6th respondents. The same was in turn forwarded to the office of the 7th and 8th respondents for appropriate action. It is contended that despite such forwarding of the representation, no orders have been passed on the said representation.

5. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the 1st respondent - SEC would submit that the SEC has issued instructions/directions in the said regard vide Circular dated 10.11.2026, that would address the grievance of the petitioners.

6. From the record, it appears that the representation dated 13.11.2026 has been forwarded by the 1st respondent by e-mail to the 5th and 6th respondents on 14.11.2026. The 5th respondent, in turn, forwarded the said representation by e-mail to the 6th, 7th and 8th respondents.

7. Having regard to the contentions advanced and in the light of the Circular / Instructions issued by the SEC dated 10.11.2026, the 6th respondent is directed to pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 13.11.2026 said to have been filed on behalf of the petitioners by one

P.Venkata Siva Raj Kumar. For better appreciation, the relevant portion of the same is extracted hereunder:

"XI. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS:

It is the endeavour of the State Election Commission to create an environment conducive for free and fair elections where elected Members of MPPs and ZPPs can exercise their electoral right freely without being subjected to any Intimidation, threat or illegal confinement by vested interests for political gains.

The Commission, therefore, directs the Collectors & District Election Authorities and Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police to take the following measures.

1) The Collectors & District Election Authorities along with Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police shall finalize stringent bandobust arrangements to ensure that supporters of candidates, crowds and anti-social elements do not gain entry into the venue of the special meeting to create trouble. Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 shall be imposed on the day of election and even on the day preceding the day of election, if necessary. Section 163 of BNSS, wherever imposed, should be observed rigorously.

2) The area in the vicinity of the venue of Special Meeting in all the MPPs and ZPPs should be cordoned off with barricading.

3) If any elected member of MPP or ZPP makes a request for providing security, he should be provided with the same immediately after assessing the threat perception."

8. Having regard to the above, the 6th respondent is directed to pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 13.11.2026 filed on behalf of the petitioners, forthwith.

9. With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall also stand closed.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 17.11.2026

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THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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