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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: 33488/2026

Between:

1. J VIJAY KUMAR, S/O J. NARAYANA SWAMY AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS OCC AGRICULTURE R/O 1 105 ELAKAPALLI RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH
2. G. SAROJAMMA, W/O G. PANJAPYA AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS OCC AGRICULTURE R/O 2 115 SC COLONY MOOGAVADI RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH
3. K. VANI, W/O K. GANGADHAR AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS OCC AGRICULTURE R/O 1 23 1 KAPPALLE RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH
4. N. GANGADRI, S/O N. VENKATRAMANA AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS OCC AGRICULTURE R/O PAIGADDA ELAVANELLORU RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH
5. Y. KALPANA, W/O Y. SREENIVASULU AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS OCC AGRICULTURE R/O 7 18 THAPPASANI PALLE PEDDAKURAPALLE RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH
6. K. SHOBHA, W/O K. KRISHNAMURTHY AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS R/O 3 124 SREE RAMULAPALLE R. NADIMPALLE RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH
7. C. RADHIKA, W/O C. JAYARAMI REDDY AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS R/O 3 44 T. GOLLAPALLI ARIKELA RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER 1ST FLOOR NEW HODS BUILDING M.G. ROAD VIJAYAWADA 520010
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT A.P. SECRETARIAT VELAGAPUDI AMARAVATI 522238
3. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED 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 CHITTOOR 517001
8. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, RAMASAMUDRAM MANDAL ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517417
9. THE PRESIDING OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD RAMASAMUDRAM ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517417
10. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, RAMASAMUDRAM POLICE STATION ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT 517417

...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 considering the representation dated 13.11.2026 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 Ramasamudram 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 Honble 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 Ramasamudram 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/SECF1/2026 dated 31.10.2026

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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 pleased to direct the Respondents, in respect of the Special Meeting and election of the Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of Ramasamudram Mandal Praja 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, Ramasamudram and back; (b) arrange adequate police bandobast at and around the venue and permit entry only to persons legally entitled or authorised to attend; (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, 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; and pass

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
3. GP FOR REVENUE
4.

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 considering 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 Ramasamudram 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. It is contended that despite such 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. 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:***
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> *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."

7. 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.

8. 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.

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 17.11.2026

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