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

WEDNESDAY, THE 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 33792 OF 2026

Between:

1. SHAIK SHABNAM, W/O SHAIK GHOUSE AZAM AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS HOUSEWIFE R/O DNO 2 142 A MATAM VEEDHI PEDDACHEPPALI VILLAGE AND POST KAMALAPURAM MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516289
2. SHAIK GHOUSE AZAM, S/O NOORULLA AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS R/O DNO 2 142 A MATAM VEEDHI PEDDACHEPPALI VILLAGE AND POST KAMALAPURAM MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516289
3. SHAIK SHABNAM, W/O SHAIK HARIF HUSSAIN AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS HOUSEWIFE R/O DNO 1 64 C MAIN BAZAR PEDDACHEPPALI VILLAGE AND POST KAMALAPURAM MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516289
4. PALLA LAKSHMI DEVI, W/O PALLA VARA PRASAD AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS HOUSEWIFE R/O NEW KONDAYAPALLI CHINNACHEPPALI KONDAYAPALLE POST KAMALAPURAM MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516289
5. PANGA RAMADEVI, W/O PANGA KRISHNAYYA AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS HOUSEWIFE R/O DNO 3 17 EDIGAPALLI KONDAYAPALLI VILLAGE AND POST KAMALAPURAM MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516289

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY HOME DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS

VELAGAPUDI AMARAVATHI GUNTUR DISTRICT 522237

2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP BY ITS SECRETARY 1ST FLOOR NEW HODS BUILDING OPP INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM MG ROAD VIJAYAWADA NTR DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH 520001

3. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT KADAPA ANDHRA PRADESH 516001

4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT KADAPA ANDHRA PRADESH 516001

5. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, KAMALAPURAM POLICE STATION KAMALAPURAM MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516289

...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 Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of the Respondents in considering and acting upon the urgent representations of the Petitioners dated 18.11.2026 submitted to the Respondent Nos. 2 3 and 4 seeking immediate police protection adequate police deployment and safe access to enable the Petitioners intending candidates and or their respective proposers to freely and safely reach the designated nomination centres and file their nomination papers for the Second Phase Gram Panchayat Elections in Peddacheppalli and Kondayapalli Gram Panchayats Kamalapuram Mandal YSR Kadapa District in terms of Article 243K of the Constitution of India Rule 8 1 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Conduct of Elections Rules 2006 the judgment of the Honble Supreme Court in Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party vs The State of Andhra Pradesh and Ors SLP No 37476 of 2026 dated 27.10.2026 as illegal arbitrary unconstitutional and in violation of Articles 14 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondents more particularly Respondent Nos 2 3 and 4 to forthwith provide adequate and effective police protection and security escort to the Petitioners intending candidates and or their respective proposers to safely reach the designated nomination centres and submit their nomination papers without any physical attack obstruction intimidation or unlawful interference from any quarter and pass

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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, more particularly Respondent Nos. 2, 3 and 4, to forthwith provide adequate and effective police protection and security escort to the Petitioners/intending candidates and/or their respective proposers to enable them to safely reach the designated nomination centres and submit their nomination papers for the Second Phase Gram Panchayat Elections in Peddacheppalli and Kondayapalli Gram Panchayats, Kamalapuram Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, pending disposal of this writ petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. GUMMA ITIHAAS

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri Gumma Itihaas, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The petitioners contend that the petitioner Nos.1 to 3 are intending to contest the schedule election to the office of Sarpanch of the Peddachepalli Gram Panchayat and petitioner Nos.4 & 5 are intending to contest the schedule election to the office of Sarpanch of the Kondayapalli Gram Panchayat, which have been scheduled in the 2nd phase of the election notification. The schedule dates for filing of the nominations are between 18.11.2026 to 20.11.2026 and the poll date has been fixed on 29.11.2026. Apprehending threat from his opponents, the petitioner filed the representation before the respondents on 18.11.2026, seeking police protection.

3. It is contended that a request for police security was made to ensure the safe and peaceful filing of the nominations. In view of the continuous threats and physical attacks allegedly being made against the petitioner during the election process and as the said representation was not considered, the instant Writ Petition is filed.

4. Today, when the matter is taken up for consideration, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent No.3, has placed before the Court

a copy of the Circular/instructions dated 13.11.2026 issued by the State Election Commission and contends that the same would address the grievance of the petitioner. The Circular/instructions are taken on record. For better apprehension, the relevant clauses are reproduced hereunder:

> *"1. The Collectors & DEAS are requested to provide Videography/CCTV Camera coverage at all Nomination Receiving Centers. If there is any constraint, videography can be undertaken using a mobile instrument with memory card and tripod. Videography / CCTV coverage shall be done at Polling Stations and Counting Centers.*
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> *2. The Commission vide its Order No.1470/SEC-F1/2026, dated 31.10.2026 has issued instructions that the footage shall be preserved in the safe custody of MPDO concerned with the supervision of the District Panchayat Officer concerned. The footage shall be preserved for 60 days. Where any Election Petition is filed, the footage shall be preserved beyond 60 days and till final disposal of the election petition. The footage shall be permanently deleted from the laptops/video recording devices, and it shall be ensured that the personnel entrusted with this activity shall not retain copies of the recorded footage in their devices. They shall not share, transmit or circulate such footage to any person or on social media platforms.*
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> *3. Necessary Police protection shall be provided to the candidates, who request for such protection, based on the threat perception assessment conducted by the Police Department. The Director General of Police is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Superintendents of Police concerned in this regard."*

5. Having regard to the contentions advanced and having regard to the instructions issued by the State Election Commission vide Circular dated 13.11.2026, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition,

directing the respondent authorities to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 18.11.2026 and pass appropriate orders forthwith in terms of the said Circular/instructions of the State Election Commission dated 13.11.2026.

6. With the above direction, 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

Dated: 19.11.2026
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Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	19.11.2026	**KM,J** The Writ Petition is disposed of. (Vide Separate Order) **KM, J** BSK	