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

FRIDAY, THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 33839 OF 2026

Between:

1. VANGALA RAGHAVENDRA REDDY, S/O LATE VANGALA DHAMODHAR REDDY AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS OCC AGRICULTURE R/O DNO 5 42 KAPU STREET MORAGUDI VILLAGE JAMMALAMADUGU MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT

2. SMT VANGALA VENKATALAKSHUMMA, W/O DHAMODHAR REDDY AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS OCCUPATION AGRICULTURE R/O DNO 5 42 KAPU STREET MORAGUDI VILLAGE JAMMALAMADUGU MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS VELAGAPUDI AMARAVATI GUNTUR DISTRICT 522237

2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER 1ST FLOOR NEW HODS BUILDING MG ROAD VIJAYAWADA ANDHRA PRADESH 520010

3. THE COMMISSIONER PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH TADEPALLI GUNTUR DISTRICT 522501

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

5. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT KADAPA 516001
6. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, JAMMALAMADUGU MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516434
7. THE RETURNING OFFICER ELECTION OFFICER, JAMMALAMADUGU MANDAL YSR KADAPA DISTRICT 516434

...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 to issue an appropriate Writ Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in altering the previously existing Gram Panchayat nomination cluster arrangement in Jammalamadugu Mandal YSR Kadapa District particularly in attaching Moragudi and S Uppalapadu Gram Panchayats to Dharmapuram Cluster without due consideration of voter strength geographical proximity road connectivity accessibility and convenience of the residents and prospective candidates as arbitrary unreasonable and violative of Article 14 read with Article 243K of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents a) To consider and dispose of the representation dated 18.11.2026 submitted by the 1st Petitioner by passing a reasoned order after examining the voter strength geographical location distance road connectivity and accessibility of Moragudi S Uppalapadu and Dharmapuram Gram Panchayats b) To reconsider the altered nomination cluster arrangement in Jammalamadugu Mandal and take appropriate corrective measures in accordance with law c) To consider restoration of the previously existing Moragudi nomination Cluster comprising Moragudi Ponnathota and S Uppalapadu Gram Panchayats or alternatively establish Jammalamadugu being the Mandal headquarters as a separate nomination centre for the affected Gram Panchayats wherever legally permissible d) To ensure that the administrative arrangements for any remaining election phases and future Gram Panchayat elections provide reasonable geographical accessibility and equal opportunity to all eligible candidates e) To provide adequate police protection and impartial supervision at the nomination centres and ensure that every eligible candidate is permitted to submit nomination papers peacefully and without intimidation obstruction or political interference

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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

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. PAPUDIPPU SASHIDAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. GP FOR REVENUE

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri Papudippu Sashidar Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Sri Sasanka Bhuvanagiri, learned Standing Counsel for Gram Panchayat and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. Challenging the action of the respondents in not considering the representation dated 18.11.2026 submitted by the petitioners for restoration of the previously existing nomination clusters in Jammalamadugu, the present writ petition is filed.

3. It is contended that the given present arrangement of nomination centers made by the respondent authorities the petitioners are supposed to travel a distant place located at 15 KMs to submit their respective nomination papers. The contesting candidates will have better advantage if the nomination center is situated in nearest cluster.

4. In the said regard, it is contended that the Jammalamadugu being a recognized nomination center in the previous elections if the nomination cluster is created in Jammalamadugu covering the petitioners village and other surrounding villages it would be conducive to all of them for smooth filing of the nominations.

5. It is contended that pointing out all the issues, the petitioners have submitted a representation on 18.11.2026. However, as no orders have been passed. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking consideration of the representation.

6. Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission would submit that after Form-1 notice is issued, the authorities will take a decision on the nomination centers by taking into consideration geographical location population figures and other the criteria relevant for creation of clusters. In the present case, the same would be published tomorrow i.e., 21.11.2026.

7. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submits that while taking the said decision the respondents may be directed to take into consideration the grievance of the petitioners also. He further contends that the representation dated 18.11.2026 filed by them before the State Election Commission has already been forwarded to the District Election Authority, however, no orders have been passed on the said representation.

8. Having regard to the contentions advanced, without going into the merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondents to consider and pass appropriate orders on the representation dated 18.11.2026 filed by the petitioners, forthwith.

9. Accordingly, 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: 20.11.2026
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Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
02.	20.11.2026	**KM,J** The Writ Petition is disposed of. (Vide Separate Order) **KM, J** BSK	