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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: 33851 OF 2026

Between:

1. KUMARI JAGARLAMUDI, W/O SUBBARAO, AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR SARPANCH (UR-W), KOTCHERLA GRAM PANCHAYAT, R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, 1PURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

2. MACHA SRINIVASACHARI, S/O GOVINDARAJULU, AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 1 (BC), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

3. MULLAMURI PRASAD, S/O GOVINDU, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 2 (UR), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, 1PURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

4. PACHANARASAIAH, S/O VENKATESWARLU, AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 3 (UR), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

5. LINGISETTY LINGAIAH, AGED 53, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 4 (UR), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, 1PURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

6. INEDHIRAMADEVI, W/O ANKAMMARAO, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 5 (UR-W), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, 1PURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

7. SHAIK FHATIMA, W/O MIYA SAHEB, AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 6 (BC-W), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

8. PASAMVENKATESWARLU, S/O PARAMAYYA, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 7 (BC), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

9. PALLEPOGUKOTESWARAMMA, W/O PEDDAANAKARAO, AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 8 (UR-W), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

10. KOTA MANOHARA, W/O ITTADI VENKATA KOTESWARARAO, AGED 23, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 9 (UR-W), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

11. PALADUGUYESAMMA, W/O PEDDA RAMBABU, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 10 (SC-W), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

12. CHINNAPOTHULA RAMESH, S/O POLAIAH, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 11 (ST), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

13. JAGARLAMUDIPOORNAMMA, W/O VENKATARAMAIAH, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 12 (UR-W), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

14. NANDYALAANKAMMA, W/O BALAKRISHNA, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 13 (BC-W), R/O KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, IPURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

15. PALLEPOGUPETHERU, S/O PEDDA RAMAIAH, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, CONTESTING CANDIDATE FOR WARD NO. 14 (SC), RIO KOTCHERLA VILLAGE, 1PURU MANDAL, PALNADU

DISTRICT 522647.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI 522237.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, OPP. IGMC STADIUM, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA 520010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, PALNADU DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE, NARASARAOPET 522601.
4. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, PALNADU DISTRICT, DISTRICT POLICE OFFICE, NARASARAOPET 522601.
5. THE RETURNING OFFICER, KOTCHERLA GRAM PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS, 1PURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522658.
6. THE SUBINSPECTOR OF POLICE, 1PURU POLICE STATION, 1PURU MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT 522658.
7. THE CIRCLE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, VINUKONDA RURAL CIRCLE, VINUKONDA, PALNADU DISTRICT 522647.

...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 a Direction more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus declaring the high-handed and illegal action of the Respondents 6 and 7police in summoning the petitioners, who are validly nominated candidates for the offices of Sarpanch and Ward Members of Kotcherla Gram Panchayat, 1puru Mandal, Palnadu District, to the police station and pressuring and coercing them to withdraw their nominations on or before 21.11.2026 under threat of false criminal cases, as illegal, arbitrary, mala fide, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14, 21, 243-D and 243-K of the Constitution of India and the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and consequently direct (a) Respondents 2 to 5 to

immediately consider and act upon the petitioners' representation dated 18.11.2026 by restraining the Respondents 6 and 7 policefrom summoning the petitioners, their proposers or agents to the police station or threatening them to withdraw their nominations, (b) The respondents to provide adequate armed police protection and escort to the petitioners during their election campaign, on the day of poll scheduled on 26.11.2026 and until the declaration of results, and (c) The respondents to deploy Special Forces, armed police pickets, an independent Micro-Observer, and continuous videography and live webcasting inside and outside all 14 polling stations from the commencement of poll until the declaration of results, (d) 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 Respondents 2 to 5 to forthwith consider the petitioners' representation dated 18.11.2026 and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. P SAI SURYA TEJA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri P.Sai Surya Teja, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of respondent Nos.6 and 7 in repeatedly summoning the petitioners to the concerned Police Station and threatening them to withdraw the respective nominations filed by them for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections.

It is contended that, in this regard, a representation was also submitted to the State Election Commission (SEC) on 18.11.2026. As no orders have been passed on the said representation, the petitioners have approached this Court seeking consideration of said representation.

Today, when the matter is taken up for consideration, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home has placed before this Court a copy of the written instructions dated 20.11.2026 received from the 6th respondent. The same is taken on record. A perusal of the same reflects that respondent Nos.6 and 7 have never summoned the petitioners to withdraw their nominations. It is further stated that respondent No.6 shall provide adequate and necessary police protection to the petitioners and take appropriate

preventive measures to ensure their safety and security and to facilitate their peaceful participation in the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections, without any unlawful interference.

In view of the foregoing, the grievance of the petitioners is addressed and, therefore, no further adjudication is necessary in the instant Writ Petition.

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
01.	20.11.2026	**KM,J** The Writ Petition is disposed of. (Vide Separate Order) **KM, J** BSK	