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

WEDNESDAY, THE 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 34053 OF 2026**

**Between:**

1. BATHULA PAVAN KALYAN,, S/O. SREENU, AGED 27 YEARS, OCC PRIVATE EMPLOYEE, RIO. D.NO.3-113, BUDDAPALLI VILLAGE, KETHAGUDIPI GRAM PANCHAYAT, TARLUPADU MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522 237.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY / STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HOD BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT-520 010.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTORCUMDISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT AT MARKAPURAM - 523 316.
4. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, MARKAPURAM ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, OFFICE OF THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, MARKAPURAM - 523 316.
5. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT AT MARKAPURAM -523 316.
6. THE RETURNING OFFICER CUM ELECTION OFFICER, KETHAGUDIPI GRAM PANCHAYAT, TARLUPADU MANDAL,

MARKAPURAM DISTRICT - 523 316.

7. B MALLESHWARI, , W/O SESHAGIRI, AGED 36 YEARS, OCC HOUSE WIFE, R/O KETHAGUDIPI VILLAGE, TARLUPADU MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT- 523 316.

**...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 action of the respondents in not considering and not passing a speaking order on the petitioner's objections dated 16.11.2026 submitted by the petitioner against the inclusion of the name of 7th respondent in the Electoral Roll of Kethagudipi Gram Panchayat, as illegal, irregular, irrational, violative of the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and offends Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to forthwith consider the said objections, examine the relevant records, afford the petitioner a hearing and pass a reasoned speaking order

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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 may be pleased to direct the respondents not to include the name of 7th respondent in the Electoral Roll of Kethagudipi Gram Panchayat, pending disposal of the main Writ Petition and pass such

**Counsel for the Petitioner:**

1. PALA KARTHI KIRAN

**Counsel for the Respondent(S):**

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

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**ORDER:**

Heard Sri Pala Karthi Kiran, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of respondent Nos.3 to 5 in not passing a speaking order on the objections dated 16.11.2026 submitted by the petitioner against the inclusion of the name of respondent No.7 in the Electoral Roll of Kethagudipi Gram Panchayat.

3. The petitioner contends that the electoral authorities, without following the procedure prescribed under the Act, have included the name of unofficial respondent No.7 in the Electoral Roll of the subject Gram Panchayat.

4. It is contended that unofficial respondent No.7 is a resident of Rayavaram Village, Markapuram Mandal, and that her name was initially included in the Electoral Roll of the said village. Subsequently, respondent No.7 shifted her residence to Kethagudipi Village, pursuant thereto her vote was transposed to the Electoral Roll of Kethagudipi Village.

5. Considered the submissions.

6. Based on the status of the Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) and pursuant to the directions issued by the authorities, the name of unofficial respondent No.7 was published in the supplementary Electoral Roll of the Subject Gram Panchayat.

7. If the petitioner's grievance is that unofficial respondent No.7 is not entitled to cast her right to vote in the subject Gram Panchayat. He is at liberty to file an appropriate application in the prescribed format seeking deletion of the vote before the appropriate authority. Without following the prescribed procedure, a direction cannot be issued to the respondents for deletion of entry in the electoral roll, which has been incorporated after following the due procedure.

8. With the above observation, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

**JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**

Dated: 25.11.2026
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**PROCEEDING SHEET**

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| | 25.11.2026 | **KM,J**<br><br>The Writ Petition is disposed of.<br><br>(Vide Separate Order)<br><br>**KM, J**<br><br>BSK | |