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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: 34048 OF 2026

Between:

1. PODILI VENKATESWARLU, S/O. MUSALAIAH,AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, OCC. CANDIDATE FOR SARPANCH ANKEPALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT, R/O ANKEPALLI VILLAGE, MARRIPUDI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AP SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522203
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AP SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT522203.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE COMPLEX, ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.523001.
4. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER CUM APPELLATE AUTHORITY, KANDUKUR REVENUE DIVISION, KANDUKUR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.523501.
5. THE TAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI MANDAL, TAHSILDAR OFFICE, MARRIPUDI, PRAKASAM DISTRICT. 523514.
6. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 3RD FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, MG ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, 520010.

7. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER DPO, PRAKASAM DISTRICT AT ONGOLB 523001.
8. THE RETURNING OFFICER, HOLDING JURISDICTION OF ANKEPALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT, MARRIPUDI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
9. THE ANKEPALLI GRAMA PANCHAYAT, REP. BY SECRETARY, ANKEPALLI VILLAGE, MARRIPUDI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
10. MANCHA NAGESWARA RAO, S/O. VENKATA RAO, AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS, OCC. CANDIDATE FOR SARPANCH OF ANKEPALLI GRAM PANCHAYT, ANKEPALLI VILLAGE, MARRIPUDI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT

...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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the arbitrary action of the respondents No. 3 to 5 in issuing the fake BC caste certificate to the Respondent No. 10, and the action of the respondent No 8 in receiving and accepting the nomination papers for the post of Sarpanch of Ankepalli Gram Panchayat, Marripudi Mandal, Prakasam Distict, filed by the Respondent No. 10 as being illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and contrary to the provisions of law and consequently direct the respondents specifically Respondent No. 4 to reject the nomination papers of the Respondent No. 10, forthwith, based on the objections submitted by the petitioner, dated 19-11-2026

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. GUNDALA SIVA PRASADA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. SASANKA BHUVANAGIRI (SC FOR NON SERVICES ZPPS MPPS GP FOR RAYALASEEMA SPSR NELLORE PRAKASAM)
3. GP FOR REVENUE
4. GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

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ORDER:

Heard Sri Gundala Siva Prasada Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue, 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. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant writ petition is against the action of respondent Nos.3 to 5 in issuing the fake BC caste certificate to respondent No.10 and accepting the nomination papers to the office of Sarpanch, Ankepalli Gram Panchayat, Marripudi Mandal, Prakasam District, based on the said alleged fake certificate, without considering the objections filed by the petitioner.

3. It is stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner that, pursuant to the complaint filed by the petitioner, the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), conducted an enquiry, and submitted a report to the District Collector for necessary action. Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks a direction to the District Collector to consider the report submitted by the RDO and pass appropriate orders. Consequently, a further direction is sought to the respondent authorities to reject the nomination of unofficial respondent No.10 since the polling is scheduled to be held tomorrow.

4. Given the relief sought by the petitioner, I am afraid that such a direction cannot be granted in the present writ petition. However, the petitioner is at liberty to file a fresh representation before the District Collector or initiate separate proceedings to challenge the caste certificate issued to respondent No.10.

5. In view of the foregoing, without going into the merits of the issue, the Writ Petition is disposed of, granting liberty to the petitioner to avail alternative remedy by way of an election petition before the Election Tribunal, if advised.

6. 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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Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	25.11.2026	**KM,J** The Writ Petition is disposed of. (Vide Separate Order) **KM, J** BSK	