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

SATURDAY, THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 34151 OF 2026

Between:

1. B.LAKSHMI DEVI,, W/O.CHANDRA OBUL REDDY, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, OCC CONTESTING CANDIDATE R/O. D.NO.1-98-A, MAIN ROAD, CHIRAJUPALLE GRAM PANCHAYAT, YERRAGUNTLA MANDAL,Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516310

2. VARDHIREDDY KANTHAMMA,, W/O. JAGAN MOHAN REDDY AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, OCC CONTESTING CANDIDATE R/O.D.NO.5/10A, CHIRRAJUPALLE, CHIRAJUPALLE GRAM PANCHAYAT, YERRAGUNTLA MANDAL,Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516310

3. GANGIREDDY PARVATHI,, W/O. JAYAPRAKASH REDDY AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS, OCC CONTESTING CANDIDATE RIO. D.NO.5-12, CHIRRAJUPALLE, CHIRAJUPALLE GRAM PANCHAYAT, YERRAGUNTLA MANDAL,Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516310

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP., BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY PANCHYATH RAJ DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522238

2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT., REP BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER., NEW HOD'S BUILDING, OPP. INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIAPAL STADIUM, M.G ROAD, VIJAYAWADA. 520010

3. THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICERCUMDISTRICT COLLECTOR, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516004

4. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, , KADAPA, Y.S.R. KADAPA

DISTRICT.516001

5. THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR CHILAMAKUR GRAM PANCHAYAT, YERRAGUNTLA MANDAL, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.516310

6. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, YERRANGUNTLA POLICE STATION, KADAPA, Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT. 516 309

...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 a Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction on the part of the respondents in providing adequate police protection to us and our proposers on the date of filing of nomination for the post of Sarpanch of Chirrajupalle Gram Panchayat, Yerraguntla Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, in view of the serious apprehension of threats, intimidation and obstruction, particularly having regard to the incidents that had taken place during Phase-I of the Gram Panchayat elections, as arbitrary, illegal, contrary to the well established legal principles apart from being violative of the fundamental and the Constitutional rights guaranteed to us under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to provide adequate police protection to us and our proposers including necessary escort at and around the office of the Returning Officer, on the date and time of filing his nomination

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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 No.2 to 4 to provide police protection to us enabling us to file nominations to the post of Sarpanch of Chirrajupalle Gram Panchayat, Yerraguntla Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, by consider the representation, dated 20.11.2026 submitted by us, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition and pass such

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. V R REDDY KOVVURI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri V.R.Reddy Kovvuri, learned counsel for the petitioners, the learned 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 inaction of the respondents in providing the police protection for filing the nomination of the petitioner for the office of Sarpanch of Chirrajupalle Gram Panchayat, Yerraguntla Mandal, YSR Kadapa District.

3. The petitioners contend that they have been facing threats from certain villagers who are political opponents of the petitioners. It is further contended that the respondents, acting at the instance of the said political opponents, are preventing the petitioner from filing of their nominations. The petitioners apprehend that, at the time of submission of filing their nomination papers, the said political opponents would threaten them and obstruct them from submitting the nomination papers. Hence, the petitioners seek police protection to ensure that they can safely approach the concerned authorities and submit their nomination papers and contest in the elections. In the said regard, although the petitioners had submitted representation dated 20.11.2026 to respondents seeking police protection, no action has been taken. Hence, the present writ petition is filed seeking a direction to provide adequate police protection to enable them to file their nominations and contest the elections.

4. Having regard to the contentions advanced, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 4th respondent to issue necessary instructions to the 6th respondent-SHO concerned, to provide police security to the petitioner so as to enable them to submit their nomination forms, which may be between 11.00 AM and 2.00 PM of the date chosen by the petitioners. The petitioners shall inform in advance the respondent No.4 & 6 indicating the date and time for respective submission of their nominations. Upon such filing the respondent No.4 shall issue necessary instructions to the concerned Station House Officer for providing police security so as to enable the petitioners to submit their nominations at the designated nomination centers, without hindrance.

5. The 6th respondent shall make necessary arrangements forthwith to provide police protection to the petitioners on the date chosen by the petitioners, between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm, so as to enable them to submit their nomination papers without any hindrance. The said arrangement would apply only to the extent of submission of nominations and only for one day.

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

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

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JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 21.11.2026
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01.	21.11.2026	**KM,J** The Writ Petition is disposed of. (Vide Separate Order) **KM, J** BSK	