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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: 34150/2026

Between:

1. P PULIRAJU, S/O P. NADIPIGANGANNA, AGED 44 YEARS, R/O H.NO. 1/186, IGUDURU VILLAGE, IGUDURU, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTAPUR - 515415

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELGAPUDI, AMARAVATI - 522237
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR. NEW HOD BUILDINGS, OPP. INDIRA GANDHI MUNICIPAL STADIUM, M.G.ROAD, VIJAYAWADA - 520001
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT, ANANTAPUR - 515001
4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, ANANTBAPUR DISTRICT, 10/294-E, DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR ROAD, GULZARPET, ANANTAPURAMU -515001
6. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, TADIPATRI RURAL POLICE STATION, TADIPATRI SUB DIVISION, ANANTHAPUAM - 515411

...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, direction, order, more one in nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the actions of the respondents in not providing police protection to enable the petitioner to submit his nomination papers for Sarpanch of Igudur village, Tadipatri Mandal, Ananthapur district, despite specific directions dated 18-11-2026 from the respondent No.2 as illegal, arbitrary and in violation of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution and consequently direct the respondents to forthwith provide adequate police protection, including escort to the petitioner from his residence to the designated nomination receiving centre enabling him to approach returning officer and submit his nomination papers in light of Orders of Honble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No. 37476 of 2026 and further guidelines

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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 direct the respondents to forthwith provide police protection to the petitioner to enable him to submit his nomination papers in designated centre for post of Sarpanch

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. MAMIDI VAIBHAV RAJ

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri Mamidi Vaibhav Raj, learned counsel for the petitioner, 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 petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondents in not providing the police protection for filing the nomination of the petitioner for the office of Sarpanch of Igudur Village, Tadipatri Mandal, Ananthapur District.

3. The petitioner contends that he has been facing threats from certain villagers who are political opponents of the petitioner. It is further contended that the respondents, acting at the instance of the said political opponents, are preventing the petitioner from filing his nomination. The petitioner apprehends that, at the time of his submission of filing his nomination papers, the said political opponents would threaten him and obstruct him from submitting the nomination papers. Hence, the petitioner seeks police protection to ensure that he can safely approach the concerned authorities and submit his nomination papers and contest in the elections. In the said regard although the petitioner had submitted representation dated 16.11.2026 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 him to file his nomination and contest the elections.

4. Having regard to the contentions advanced, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 5th respondent to issue necessary instructions to the 6th respondent-SHO,

Tadipatri Rural Police Station, Ananthapuam, to provide police security to the petitioner so as to enable him to submit his nomination form, which may be between 11.00 AM and 2.00 PM of the date chosen by the petitioner. The petitioner shall inform in advance the respondent Nos.5 & 6 indicating the date and time for respective submission of his nomination. Upon such filing the respondent No.5 shall issue necessary instructions to the concerned Station House Officer – respondent No.6 for providing police security so as to enable the petitioner to submit his nomination at the designated nomination centre, without hindrance.

5. The Respondent No.6 shall make necessary arrangements forthwith to provide police protection to the petitioner on the date chosen by the petitioner, between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm, so as to enable him to submit the nomination papers without any hindrance. The said arrangement would apply only to the extent of submission of nomination 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.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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