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

MONDAY, THE 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 34266/2026**

**Between:**

1. M. SAI GEETHA,, W/O. M. LAKSHMI NARAYANA, AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.NO.2/35, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515411.

2. B. VARALU (BANDARU VARALU),, D/O. BANDARU VENKATA RAMUDU, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER R/O. H.N0.2A-37, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-515411.

3. B. NAGALAKSHMI,, W/O. B. NAGARJUNA, AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER R/O. H.N0.2-5-A, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-515411.

4. TALARI GURRAMMA,, W/O. TALARI PEDDA RANGAIAH, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.N0.1-12-2A, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-515411.

5. TALARI RAMANAMMA,, W/O. T. BALA VARDHIRAJU AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.NO.1-54, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515411.

6. ARIGALA ANANTHAMMA,, W/O. ARIGALA NALLAPPA AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.NO.2/35, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL,

ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515411.

7. TALARI NAGARATNAMMA,, W/O. TALARI CHINNA PEDDAIAH AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.NO.1/41, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515411.

8. TALARI CHINNA NAGAIAH,, S/O. TALARI RANGAPPA AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.NO.14-26, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515411.

9. T. RADHA LAKSHMI,, W/O. T. DASTAGIRI BABU, AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.NO.2-209, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515411.

10. TALARI CHINNA RANGAMMA,, W/O. LATE TALARI CHINNA VENKATAIAH, AGED ABOUT 80 YEARS, OCC HOUSE WIFE, R/O. H.NO.1/41, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-515411.

11. NEERUGANTA SIVA SANKAR @ PINNEPALLI SIVASANKAR,, S/O. N. CHINNI RAMUDU, AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS, OCC DAILY WAGE WORKER, R/O. H.NO.1-123A, HUSSAINAPURAM VILLAGE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-515411.

**...PETITIONER(S)**

**AND**

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT- 522238.

2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT- 522238.

3. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING M.G. ROAD,VIJAYAWADA- 520010.

4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE DGP A P POLICE STATE HEAD QUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522503.
5. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE, ANANTHAPURAMU, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515001.
6. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANANTHAPURAMU, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515001.
7. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, , ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, ANANTHAPURAMU, ANDHRA PRADESH- 515001.
8. THE SUBDIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER, , TADIPATRI SUB-DIVISION, TADIPATRI, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, A.P.515001.
9. THE MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND ELECTION AUTHORITY, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT, A.P.-515001.
10. THE RETURNING OFFICER, HUSSAINAPURAM GRAM PANCHAYAT, NOMINATION RECEIVING CENTRE NO.3, GANNEVARIPALLI-3 SWARNA GRAMAM OFFICE, TADIPATRI MANDAL, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT.
11. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, TADIPATRI RURAL POLICE STATION, TADIPATRI, ANANTHAPURAMU DISTRICT ANDHRA PRADESH-515001.

**...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, particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring that the inaction of the Respondent No s. 3 to 11 herein in considering the Representations dated. 16.11.2026, 17.11.2026 and 20.11.2026, submitted on behalf of the Petitioners seeking adequate police protection to enable the Petitioners to file their nominations as Sarpanch and Ward Member candidates of Hussainapuram Gram Panchayat, Tadipatri Mandal, Ananthapuramu District, A.P respectively in the ensuing Phase-Ill Gram Panchayat Elections, 2026 as wholly arbitrary, illegal, non exercise of powers, contrary to the Circular/Instructions dated 13.11.2026 and Order No.1470/SEC-F1/2026 dated 31.10.2026 issued by the 3rd Respondent respectively, besides being violative of Petitioners rights

guaranteed under Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 21 of the Constitution of India, 1950 and consequently direct the Respondents to consider the Petitioners representations dated.16.11.2026, 17.11.2026 and 20.11.2026 and pass 1 appropriate orders forthwith by providing adequate police protection to the Petitioners, their proposers, supporters and family members, including police escort from Hussainapuram Village to the Nomination Receiving Centre and back on the day of nominations, to enable them to file their nominations including CCTV/WebcastingA/ideography coverage and other additional measures as may be required, and thereafter during scrutiny, withdrawal, campaign, poll and counting of votes, till the declaration of results

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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 Respondent No's. 3 to 11 herein to forthwith provide adequate police protection and CCTV/ Webcasting/ Videography coverage including other additional measures as may be required to the Petitioners herein for filing their respective nominations at Nomination Receiving Centre No.3, Gannevaripalli-3 Swarna Gramam Office, Tadipatri Mandal and to receive the nominations of all the Petitioners who present themselves within the prescribed time by considering the Petitioner's representations dated. 16.11.2026, 17.11.2026 and 20.11.2026 and pass such

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

1. CKR ASSOCIATES

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

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

**The Court made the following:**

**ORDER:-**

Heard Sri CKR Associates, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Home and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the respondent Nos.3 to 11 in not providing the police protection for filing the nomination of the petitioners for submission of nominations in respect of the scheduled elections for the office of Sarpanchs/Ward Members of Hussainapauram Gram Panchayat, Tadipatri Mandal, Ananthapuramu District.

3. It is contended that the petitioners 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 petitioners from filing of nominations. The petitioners apprehend that, at the time of submission of nomination papers, the said political opponents would threaten the petitioners and obstruct the petitioner from submitting the nomination papers. Hence, the petitioners seek police protection to ensure that they can safely approach the concerned authorities and submit the nomination papers and contest in the elections. In the said regard, although the petitioners had submitted representation to the 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 the petitioners to file nominations and contest the elections and submits that today is the last date for submission of nomination papers.

4. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the SEC would submit that, in that regard, the SEC has issued Circulars dated 01.11.2026 and 13.11.2026, and the same would address the grievance of the petitioners.

5. Having regard to the contentions advanced, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 6th respondent to issue necessary instructions to the 11th respondent-Station House Officer, to provide police security to the petitioner, so as to enable the petitioners to submit nomination forms before 5 PM, without hindrance.

6. In the said regard, the petitioners shall assemble before the 11th respondent from where the 11th respondent shall make necessary arrangements forthwith to provide police protection to the petitioners, so as to enable the petitioners to submit the nomination papers without any hindrance. The said arrangement would apply only to the extent of submission of nominations and only for one day.

7. With regard to other reliefs sought by the petitioners with reference to preservation of CCTV footages, the election authorities are

directed to duly abide by and act in terms of the circulars of the SEC issued dated 01.11.2026 and 13.11.2026.

8. With the above direction, 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**

Dated: 23.11.2026

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