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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: 34270 OF 2026

Between:

1. LOMADA UMA DEVI,, W/O. L. VENKATA RAMANA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1/97, ULURU VILLAGE, YERRAGUNTIA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT - 516312.
2. PEYYALA RANGANAYAKULU,, S/O. RANGANNA, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1/126, ULURU VILLAGE, YERRAGUNTIA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT - 516312.
3. MOPURI HYMAVATHI,, W/O. DASTAGIRI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1/124, ULURU VILLAGE, YERRAGUNTIA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT - 516312.
4. SEKHAR JANGAM,, S/O. DAVEEDU, AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.2/13 LLLURU VILLAGE, YERRAGUNTIA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT - 516312.
5. MAHESWARI MOPURI,, W/O. DASTAGIRI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, R/O. D.NO.1/90, LLLURU VILLAGE, YERRAGUNTIA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT - 516312.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522237.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT, ANDHRA

PRADESH - 520001.

3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503.

4. THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, KURNOOL RANGE, KURNOOL DISTRICT-518001.

5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, KADAPA -516001.

6. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, JAMMALAMADUGU SUB-DIVISION, JAMMALANNADUGU, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT - 516434.

7. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, KADAPA, - 516001.

8. THE CIRCLE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, YERRAGUNTIA RURAL POLICE STATION, YERRAGUNTIA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT - 516312.

9. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, KALLAMALLA POLICE STATION, YERRAGUNTIA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, - 516312.

...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 of mandamus or any appropriate Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in providing necessary police protection to the petitioners despite their representation dated 22.11.2026 regarding serious threats to their lives, criminal intimidation, apprehension of foisting false criminal cases and obstruction of their attempts to file nominations for the respective Ward Member posts of Uluru Gram Panchayat, Yerraguntia Mandal, YSR Kadapa District, in the third phase of Gram Panchayat elections, as arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14 and 21 read with Article 243-K of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the respondents to provide adequate police protection and escort to the petitioners and Mr. Mopuru Dastagiri Reddy, S/o. Mopuru Krishna Reddy, who will accompany and assist the petitioners in completing their nomination formalities, from their respective residences at Uluru Village to the designated

nomination centre at Kallamalla Village on 23.11.2026, facilitate their peaceful access to the competent Returning Officer for submission of their respective nomination papers in accordance with law, prevent any threats or obstruction and ensure their safe return to the petitioner's residence,

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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 respondents to provide adequate police protection and escort to the petitioners and Mr. Mopuru Dastagiri Reddy, S/o. Mopuru Krishna Reddy, who will accompany and assist the petitioners in completing their respective nomination formalities, from their respective residences at Illuru Village to the designated nomination centre at Kallamalla Village on 23.11.2026, facilitate peaceful submission of all four sets of nomination papers before the competent Returning Officer in accordance with law and ensure their safe return without any threat or obstruction, pending disposal of the above writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. G SEKHAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri G Sekhar Reddy, 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 respondents in providing the police protection for filing the nomination of the petitioners for the office of Sarpanch of Illuru Grama Panchayat, Yerraguntla Mandal, YSR Kadapa 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 nomination. The petitioners apprehend that, at the time of submission of nomination papers, the said political opponents would threaten the petitioners and obstruct the petitioners from submitting the nomination papers. Hence, the petitioners sought 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 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 nomination and contest the elections and submits that today is the last date for submission of nomination papers.

4. Having regard to the contentions advanced, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 5th respondent to issue necessary instructions to the 9th respondent-Station House Officer, to provide police security to the petitioners, so as to enable the petitioners to submit nomination form, without hindrance.

5. The petitioners shall assemble before the 9th respondent from where the 9th 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 nomination and only for one day.

6. 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.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 23.11.2026
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Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	23.11.2026	**KM,J** The Writ Petition is disposed of. (Vide Separate Order) **KM, J** BSK	