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

TUESDAY, THE 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 34317/2026

Between:

1. SHAIK BARA SHAREEF, , S/0 MAHABOOB PEERA, AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS OCC BUSINESS, R/O.PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

2. SHAIK KALESHA BASHA, CONFIRM FULL NAME, PARENTAGE AND AGE , OCC BUSINESS, R/O. HOUSE NUMBER AND STREET, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

3. SHAIK GAYAZ, S/O. MAHABOOB BASHA, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O. D.NO.2-343, RACHURIVARI VEEDHI, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

4. LRRI KRISHNA REDDY, S/O. SRINIVASULU, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O D.NO.1-22, KAPU STREET, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

5. SHAIK KHAJA NAYAB RASOOL, S/O. HUSSAIN, AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS, OCC RETIRED EMPLOYEE, R/O. D.NO.6-95, STATE BANK BACK STREET, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

6. SHAIK THIRAGALADINNE MAHAMMAD HUSSAIN, S/O. PEDDA CHAND BASHA, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O. D.NO.6-777-1, PETA COLONY, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

7. SHAIK PIILA KASIM GARI RAFI, S/O. JILANI BASHA, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O. D.NO.6-765, CHAKALA VEEDHI,

PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

8. PATAN SHARU KHAN, S/O. PATAN ABDUL KHADAR, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O. D.NO.6-547-1, CURRENT OFFICE, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

9. SHAIK RIYAZ, S/O. MAHAMMAD ALI, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O. D.NO.6-224-4, YARRACHATTU, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

10. SHAIK RAVASHA, S/O. CHAND BASHA, AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS, D.NO.4-93, NANASAHEB STREET, OCC BUSINESS, R/O. , PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

11. YATA RAGHAVENDRA, S/O. YATA CHINNA RAGHAVULU, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURIST, R/O. D.NO.1-181, THURUPU STREET, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

12. SIDDAVATAM ANENDRA REDDY, S/O. ANJANEYULU, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O. D.NO.1-147-2, THURPU VEEDHI, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

13. PIKKILI RAMANAIAH, S/O. VENKATARAMAIAH, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURIST, R/O. D.NO.1-178-2, EAST STREET, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

14. SHAIK HAJIGOUSE, S/O. MAHABOOB SAHEB, AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, OCC BUSINESS, R/O D.NO.5-90, SEETAMVARI VEEDI, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

15. SHAIK VASEEM, S/O. SULTAN, AGED ABOUT 25 YEARS, OCC FRUIT VENDOR, R/O. D.NO.6-75, STATE BANK ROAD, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

16. SHAIK RAHEEM, S/O. SULTAN, AGED ABOUT 24 YEARS, OCC FRUIT VENDOR, R/O. D.NO.6-75, STATE BANK ROAD, PAMUR

TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

17. SHAIK KHAJAVALI, S/O VALI, AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS , OCC BUSINESS, R/O., PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108.

18. AMBATI KONDA REDDY, CONFIRM PARENTAGE AND AGE , OCC BUSINESS, R/O., PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH -523108.

19. SHAIK KHADAR BASHA, S/O RASHEED, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURE, R/O RASHEED, 4-58-5, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523108

20. SHAIK KUTAGULLA KALESHAVALI, S/O RANTU SAHEB, OCC AGRICULTURE, R/O 424, SBI ROAD, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH -523108

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HOME DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238.

2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT - 520010.

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

4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, MARKAPURAM - 523316.

5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT, MARKAPURAM - 523316.

6. THE RETURNING OFFICER CONCERNED FOR THE PHASE I GRAM PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS, PAMURU GRAM PANCHAYAT, PAMUR

MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT - 523108.

7. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, PAMUR POLICE STATION, PAMUR TOWN AND MANDAL, MARKAPURAM DISTRICT - 523108

...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 to issue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Mandamus declare the action of the respondent police in repeatedly calling the petitioners to Pamur Police Station without lawful basis and thereby obstructing or intimidating them in connection with their lawful campaign in the Phase I Gram Panchayat elections in Pamur Mandal as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India. Consequently Direct respondent Nos. 2 and 4 to 7 to take necessary measures to enable the petitioners to exercise their franchise freely and peacefully at their respective allotted polling stations until 26.11.2026 in Phase I, and not to take coercive steps without lawful authority on petitioners and to pass

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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 pleased pleased to direct respondent Nos. 3, 5 and 7 to refrain from unnecessarily calling the petitioners to the police station and from taking coercive steps without lawful authority until Phase I Gram Panchayat elections in Pamur Mandal pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. D.RAMASWAMY REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri Daggubati Ramaswamy Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners; learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondent Nos. 1, 3, 5 & 7; Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the State Election Commission, appearing for respondent Nos.2 & 6; and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue, appearing for respondent No.4.

2. Declaring the action of the respondents in repeatedly calling the petitioners to Pamur Police Station without any lawful basis, thereby obstructing and intimidating them in connection with their lawful election campaign during Phase I of the Gram Panchayat elections in Pamur Mandal, as illegal and arbitrary, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondent authorities not to resort to such coercive measures against them.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home submits that as part of preventive measures to maintain law and order during the elections, respondent No.7 had called certain persons to the Police Station only with a view to cautioning them against indulging in unlawful activities and to prevent any untoward incidents during the election process. It is further stated that the petitioners are at liberty to undertake lawful election-related activities, including canvassing and campaigning during the permitted hours, and to

exercise their franchise at their respective allotted polling stations, subject to the applicable election laws.

5. Having regard to the above submissions, respondent Nos.5 & 7 are directed not to interfere with the personal liberty of the petitioners, except in accordance with law. If the respondent police intend to take any action against the petitioners, the same shall be taken strictly in accordance with law. The petitioners shall not, under the guise of this order, indulge in any criminal activity and shall abide by model code of conduct. the petitioners shall not, under the guise of this order, indulge in any unlawful activities and shall strictly abide by the Model Code of Conduct.

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

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Date: 24.11.2026
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