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

WEDNESDAY, THE 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 34340 OF 2026

Between:

1. DAVULURI ARUNA, W/O D. SRINIVASA RAO, OCC HOUSE WIFE AGED 51 YEARS, R/O CHINAKANCHARLA VILLAGE, SAVALYAPURAM MANDAL, PALNADU - 522649 (ERSTWHILE GUNTUR DISTRICT)

...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, PALNADU DISTRICT, NARASARAOPETA, GUNTUR - 515001
4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, PALNADU DISTRICT, ARUNDELPET, NARASARAOPETA, GUNTUR - 522601
6. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER SHO, SAVALYAPURAM POLICE

STATION, PALNADU DISTRICT - 522646

...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 or order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the actions of the respondents in not providing police protection to the petitioner, who is contesting for Sarpanch of Chinakancharla village, Savalyapuram Mandal, Palnadu district during election campaign, despite her representation dated 21-11-2026 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 of two police personnel, including escort to the petitioner during election campaign till the date of election, ensuring that her election campaign is carried out smoothly without any hindrance, provide CC TV cameras in vantage points and especially near polling stations of the village and pass any such other order or orders that may deem fit and proper in the light of circumstances.

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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 to forthwith provide police protection to the petitioner to enable her to campaign in the village for her candidacy as Sarpanch of Chinakancharla village, Savalyapuram Mandal, Palnadu district and pass any such

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. K S MURTHY ASSOCIATES

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME
2. GP FOR REVENUE

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ORDER:

Heard Sri K S Murthy, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for State Election Commission appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is against the action of the respondents in not allowing the petitioner to campaign in the scheduled Gram Panchayat elections.

3. The petitioner is a contesting candidate for the office of Sarpanch, Chinnakancharla Gram Panchayat, Savalyapuram Mandal, Palnadu District. It is contended that after filing of nominations the same was accepted and petitioner was accordingly allotted election symbol. In furtherance of the same, the petitioner had started election campaign in the village. During the said campaign that her political opponents have caused serious obstructions to the petitioner in pursuing her election campaigning. In the said regard, the petitioner has filed a representation to the authorities for providing police security, as the said representation was not considered, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of instant writ petition seeking direction to the respondents to provide police security to her throughout the campaign.

4. Sri K.S.Murthy, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the subject village is highly sensitive and accordingly urges for establishment of a police outpost or police picket to ensure smooth polling process in a conducive manner. In the said regard, the matter was adjourned for obtaining necessary instructions from the respondents.

5. When the matter is taken up for further consideration today, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home has placed before the Court a copy of the written instructions received from the Sub-Inspector of Police, Savalyapuram Police Station, Savalyapuram, Palnadu District. For adjudication of the grievance of the petitioner, the relevant portion of the said written instructions/remarks of the respondents is extracted hereunder:

> *"It is respectfully submitted that Respondent has no intention whatsoever to obstruct or prevent the petitioner from carrying on her lawful election campaign. The Police Department shall take all necessary precautionary and preventive measures, including monitoring and surveillance through designated teams, deployment of Special Strike Forces and route mobile patrols, and binding over persons who are likely to create trouble or disturb public peace in the village. Further, adequate police bandobust shall be arranged at the polling stations on the day of polling. The Bhaskarnagar, Guntupalem Village Gram Panchayat, in coordination with the Police Department, shall take all necessary security measures within its lawful authority and available resources to maintain law and order, prevent any untoward incidents,*

and ensure the conduct of free, fair and peaceful elections at Bhaskarnagar, Guntupalem Village Gram Panchayat, thereby enabling all candidates to exercise their democratic rights and participate in the election process without fear, threat or obstruction."

6. Having regard to the above submissions of the respondents, as the respondent police have stated that the sufficient police force has been deployed to ensure free and fair elections, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction to the respondent police to make available sufficient police deployment as stated by them to ensure that the polling process takes place in a peaceful and conducive manner duly bearing in mind the Circular/instructions of the SEC dated 01.11.2026 & 13.11.2026.

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

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 25.11.2026
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Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
	25.11.2026	**KM,J** The Writ Petition is disposed of. (Vide Separate Order) **KM, J** BSK	