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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: 34540/2026

Between:

1. SAYAMMA NARU, W/O PEDAVENKATA REDDY, AGED 58 YEARS
2. POLLAMMA NARU, W/O VENKATESWARA REDDY, AGED 68 YEARS
3. VENKATA REDDY MALAPATI, S/O YOGI REDDY, AGED 47 YEARS
4. NAGAMANI NARU, D/O SUBBA REDDY, AGED 26 YEARS
5. CHINNAKKA AMBATI, W/O PENI REDDY AMBATI, AGED 83 YEARS
6. BRAHMANANDA REDDY AMBATI, S/O PEN I REDDY, AGED 53 YEARS
7. PULLA REDDY AMBATI, . S/O PEN I REDDY, AGED48 YEARS
8. GALLEMMA AMBATI, W/O BRAHMANANDA REDDY, AGED 48 YEARS
9. PERAMMA CHINTALAPUDI, W/O CHINNA NAGI REDDY, AGED 58 YEARS
10. KOTAMMA MALAPATI, W/O CHINNA YOGI REDDY, AGED 78 YEARS
11. PEDDA VENKATA REDDY MALAPATI, S/O YOGI REDDY, AGED 44 YEARS
12. MALLESWARI MALAPATI, W/O VENKATA REDDY MALAPATI, AGED 44 YEARS

13. VENKATESWARA REDDY TAMMINENI, S/O BALAIAH, AGED 68 YEARS
14. HAJARATHAMMA DEVIREDDY, AGED 73 YEARS
15. NAGARATHAMMA CHINEGA, W/O GALL REDDY, AGED 70 YEARS
16. SRILAKSHMI DEVIREDDY, W/O TIRUPATHI REDDY, AGED 49 YEARS
17. SRINIVASA REDDY PILLI, S/O LAKSHMI REDDY, AGED 33 YEARS
18. PEDDA NAGIREDDY DEVIREDDY, S/O ROSIREDDY, AGED 78 YEARS
19. GALIREDDY CHINEGA, S/O PEDA VENKATA REDDY, AGED 77 YEARS
20. CHINNANAGI REDDY DEVIREDDY, S/O ROSIREDDY, AGED 76 YEARS
21. MANGAMMA DEVIREDDY, W/O PEDDA NAGIREDDY, AGED 68 YEARS
22. TIRUPATHI REDDY DEVIREDDY,, AGED 58 YEARS,
23. LAKSHMI REDDY PILLI,, S/O NAGAIAH, AGED 88 YEARS,
24. KANAKAMMA PILLI,, W/O LAKSHMI REDDY, AGED 83 YEARS,
25. NAGIREDDY PILLI,, S/O LAKSHMI REDDY, AGED 53 YEARS.
26. SUBBAMMA PILLI,, W/O NAGIREDDY, AGED 48 YEARS.
27. NAGIREDDY DEVIREDDY, S/O CHINANAGIREDDY, AGED 53 YEARS.
28. VENKATANARAYANAMMA DEVIREDDY,, W/O NAGIREDDY, AGED 48 YEARS.
29. PEDANAGIREDDY KARNATI, S/O VENKATAREDDY, AGED 53 YEARS.
30. ARUNA KARNALI, W/O SIVANAGIREDDY, AGED 42 YEARS.
31. RAJASEKAHARA REDDY KARNALI, S/O PEDANAGIREDDI KAMATI,

AGED 27 YEARS.

32. HARSHAVARDHAN REDDY NARU, S/O SRINIVASA REDDY, AGED 28 YEARS.

33. CHENCHU REDDY NARU, S/O PULLAREDDY, AGED 58 YEARS.

34. VENKATA NAGA MANI DERASANI, W/O CHINA CHENCHU REDDY DERASANI, AGED 46 YEARS.

35. PITCHI REDDY NARU, S/O VENKATAREDDY NARU, AGED 24 YEARS.

36. MANIKANTAREDDY NARU, S/O VEERANAGIREDDY NAM, AGED 21 YEARS.

37. CHENNAREDDY RACHAMALLU, S/O ANKIREDDY, AGED 63 YEARS.

38. SUBAMMA RACHAMALLU, W/O CHENNAREDDY, AGED 58 YEARS.

39. VIJAYA LAKSHMI POLAKA,, W/O NAGARJUNA POLAKA, AGED 54 YEARS.

40. SUBBAREDDY POLAKA, S/O ALLURAREDDY POLAKA, AGED 53 YEARS.

41. AADILAKSHMI POLAKA, W/O SUBBAREDDY, AGED 48 YEARS.

42. CHANDRA SEKHARA REDDY POLAKA,, S/O NAGARJUNAREDDY POLAKA, AGED 32 YEARS.

43. SUBBAREDDY POLAKA, S/O CHANDRAREDDY, AGED 83 YEARS.

44. KASAMMA POLAKA, W/O SUBBAREDDY, AGED 78 YEARS.

45. NARU RAJESWARI, W/O NARU VENKATA KASI REDDY, AGED 31 YEARS.

46. VENKATESWARAREDDY NARU, S/O VENGALA REDDY, AGED 68 YEARS.

47. GOVINDAREDDY NARU, S/O VENGALA REDDY, AGED 53 YEARS.

48. MAHALAKSHMAMMA NARU, W/O GOVINDAREDDY, AGED 48 YEARS.

49. SUBBAREDDY NARU,, S/O GOVINDAREDDY NARU, AGED 25 YEARS.

50. KOTAMMA CHILAKALA,, W/O KOTI REDDY, AGED 78 YEARS.

51. RAMALAKSHMAYYA GAJALLAKONDA, S/O GAALIAH, AGED 53 YEARS.

52. RAMALAKSHMAMMA GAJALLAKONDA, W/O RAMALAKSHMAYYA, AGED 50 YEARS.

53. SUBBAYYA GAJALLAKONDA, S/O LAKSHMAYYA, AGED 34 YEARS.

54. KOTAMMA BOOMIREDDY, W/O KONDA REDDY, AGED 73 YEARS.

55. CHINAGALI REDDY NARU, S/O MUSALAREDDY, AGED 63 YEARS.

56. NARAMMA NARU, W/O CHINAGALI REDDY, AGED 58 YEARS.

57. PEDAGALI REDDY NARU, S/O MUSALAREDDY NARU, AGED 66 YEARS.

58. SUBBAREDDY NARU, S/O PEDAGALI REDDY, AGED 41 YEARS.

59. MUTTIAH KATTA, S/O ELLANNA, AGED 78 YEARS.

60. VIJAYA LAKSHMI MALAPATI, W/O VENKATA REDDY, AGED 58 YEARS.

61. RAMI REDDY MALAPATI, S/O VENKATA REDDY, AGED 39 YEARS.

62. LAKSHMAN REDDY MALAPATI, S/O VENKATA REDDY, AGED 34 YEARS.

63. ATCHAMMA CHINTALAPUDI, W/O PEDANAGIREDDY, AGED 63 YEARS.

64. LAKSHMI NARAYANAMMA GAJALLAKONDA, W/O VENKATA SUBBA RAO G, AGED 29 YEARS.

65. CHINA KONDA REDDY CHINTALAPUDI, S/O CHINA NAGI REDDY, AGED 83 YEARS.

66. VENKATAMMA CHINTALAPUDI, W/O CHINA KONDA REDDY, AGED 78 YEARS.

67. VENKATARAMANAMMA CHINTALAPUDI, W/O BALA VENKATA NAGI REDDY CHINTALAPUDI, AGED 38 YEARS.

68. LAVANYA CHINTALAPUDI, D/O VENKATA NAGI REDDY CHINTALAPUDI, AGED 23 YEARS.

69. VENKATA NAGI REDDY CHINTALAPUDI, S/O PELUGONDA REDDY CHINTALAPUDI, AGED 51 YEARS.

70. VENKATARAMANAMMA CHINTALAPUDI, W/O VENKATA NAGI REDDY CHINTALAPUDI, AGED 44 YEARS.

71. POLI REDDY KOPPULA, S/O KONDA REDDY, AGED 77 YEARS.

72. SUBBAMMA KOPPULA, W/O POLI REDDY, AGED 72 YEARS.

73. VENKATAREDDY NARU, S/O PEDAVENKATA SUBBA REDDY NARU, AGED 53 YEARS.

74. NAGAMANI NARU, D/O VENKATA VEERA NARAYANA REDDY, AGED 24 YEARS.

75. GURAVA REDDY NARU, S/O VEERA REDDY, AGED 63 YEARS.

76. ADI LAKSHMAMMA NARU, W/O GURAVA REDDY, AGED 58 YEARS.

77. VENKATA SUBBA RAO GAJJALAKONDA, S/O LAKSHMIAH, AGED 34 YEARS

78. PADMA NARU, W/O VEERA NAGI REDDY, AGED 43 YEARS.

79. SUBAMMA DEVIREDDY, W/O KOTI REDDY, AGED 46 YEARS.

80. KONDA REDDY AMABATI, S/O PULLA REDDY, AGED 58 YEARS.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGSVELAGAPUDI GUNTUR DISTRICT 522 237.

2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI

GUNTUR DISTRICT 522 237.

3. THE AP STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, . REP BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, MG ROAD VIJAYAWADA KRISHNA DISTRICT 520010.
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR CUM CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, PALNADU DISTRICT, NARASARAOPET. 520061
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, PALNADU DISTRICT, NARASARAOPET. 520061
6. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, . NARASARAOPET, PALNADU DISTRICT. 520061
7. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE RURAL, VINUKONDA POLICE STATION, PALANADU DISTRICT. 520061
8. THE SUBINSPECTOR OF POLICE, SAVALYAPURAM POLICE STATION, SAVALYAPURAM, PALNADU DISTRICT.520061
9. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, NARASARAOPET, PALNADU DISTRICT. 520061
10. THE RETURNING OFFICER, GUNTUPALEM GRAM PANCHAYAT, . SAVALYAPURAM MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT. 520061

...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 other appropriate Writ Order or direction declaring the inaction on the part of the respondents on representations dated 2 11.2026 to provide Police protection to the eligible voters of Bhaskar Nagar Village to cast their votes in Polling Booth situated in Guntupalem village and Gram panchayat, Savalyapuram Mandal, Palnadu District for the Guntupalem Gram Panchayat elections scheduled on 26- 11-2026, and issue a consequential direction to the respondents to provide adequate Police protection and safe passage to the petitioners from the Bhaskar Nagar Village to the polling booths situated at Guntupalem Village for the Gram Panchayat elections scheduled on 26-11-2026, as illegal arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(a) and 21

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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 in particular respondent Nos. 7 & 8 to consider our representations dated 23-11-2026 and provide adequate Police Protection to the voters of the Bhaskar Nagar Village on the date of Polling on 26-11-2026 to come to Guntupalem Village to cast their votes to the elections of Guntupalem Gram panchayat Village in pursuant to the Election Notification dated 13-11-2026 to the Post of Sarpanch, Ward Members of Guntupalem Gram Panchayat, Savalyapuram Mandal, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. D KRISHNA MURTHY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri D. Krishna Murthy, learned counsel for the petitioners, Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the State Election Commission, appearing for respondent Nos.3 & 4.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant writ petition is with regard to the action of respondent Nos.3 to 5 in not considering the representation of the petitioners dated 02.11.2026, to provide police protection to the eligible voters of Bhaskar Nagar Village to cast their votes in Polling Booth situated in Guntupalem Gram panchayat, Savalyapuram Mandal, Palnadu District for the elections scheduled to be held on 26.11.2026.

3. When the matter has been taken up for consideration, the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondents has placed before the Court a copy of the instructions received in the case. The same are taken on record. A perusal of the same reflects that sufficient police deployment has been made. For adjudication of the petitioners' grievance, the relevant portion of written instructions are extracted, which reads as:

"1. xxxx

In this regard, adequate police force was deployed, and necessary instructions were issued to the police personnel to ensure the peaceful conduct of the polling process. The deployment particulars are as follows:

	Nature of Duties	***Deployment of force***
1.	*Special Striking Force*	*Addl. SP AR, ASI/HC/PC-7*
2.	*Polling Station Locations*	*ASI/HC/PCs, HG's -14*
3.	*Route Mobile*	*SI's -8, HC's/PC's -8*
4.	*Striking Force*	*CI's -4, HC's-4, PC's-8*
5.	*Weapon Party*	*ARPCs (5)*

7. It is respectfully submitted that the respondent police authorities have not neglected the representation submitted by the petitioner and have taken necessary action upon receipt of the same. The police security arrangements made at the concerned polling stations demonstrate that appropriate measures have been initiated by the respondent police authorities within their jurisdiction. Hence, the allegation of inaction on the part of the respondent police authorities is incorrect and contrary to the facts stated hereinabove."

4. Having regard to the above and in the light of the measures that have been already taken by the police, no further direction for providing police protection to enable the petitioners to cast their vote can be granted. Needless to observe that the Circulars issued by the State Election Commission dated 31.10.2026, 01.11.2026 and 13.11.2026, shall be scrupulously adhered to by all the Election Authorities concerned in respect of the subject Gram Panchayat elections.

5. With the above observations, 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: 25.11.2026

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THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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