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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: 34529/2026

Between:

1. PIDUGU SRINIVASA REDDY,, S/O.RANGA REDDY, AGED 48 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURIST, GADIKOTA VILLAGE, GIDDALUR MANDAL, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.
2. KODURI PRATAP REDDY, S/O.YELAMANDA REDDY, AGED 42 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, R/O.GADIKOTA VILLAGE, GIDDALUR MANDAL, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.
3. KUPPALA MAHESH REDDY, S/O.VENKATA NARAYANA REDDY, AGED 26 YEARS, OCC CULTIVATION, R/O.DEVANAGARAM VILLAGE, GADIKOTA VILLAGE, GIDDALUR MANDAL, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.
4. PIDUGU LAKSHMI DEVI, W/O.P.SRINIVASA REDDY, AGED 40 YEARS, CONTESTING AS SARPANCH OF GADIKOTA VILLAGE, GIDDALUR MANDAL, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.
5. PIDUGU LAKSHMI RANGA REDDY, S/O.RANGA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURIST, RIO. GADIKOTA VILLAGE, GIDDALUR MANDAL, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY IT'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY(HOME) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HOD BUILDINGS, OPP

INDIRAGANDHI MUNCIPAL STADIUM, MG ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT.

3. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MARKAPUR, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.

4. THE SHO, GIDDALUR UPS, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.

5. BAINENI SWAMY DAS, S/O.YADARUDU, AGED 48 YEARS, OCC NOT KNOWN TO THE PETITIONERS, R/O.DEVANAGARAM VILLAGE, GIDDALUR MANDAL, MARKAPUR DISTRICT.

...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 appropriate Writ Order or direction more particulalry one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of Respondents No3 to 5 registered Crime No2672026 DT21112026 registered in the 4th respondent police station showing the peitioners 1 to 3 as Accused No1 to 3 but Petitioners No4 5 not accused but trying to implicate them as Accused at the behest of 5th respondent and trying to preventing the petitioners and their family members to participate in Sarpanch Election in Gadikota Village Giddalur Mandal Markapur District as arbitrary illegal against Art19 21 of Constitution of India and Elelction Rules 2006 and consequentially direct the respondents No3 4 not to take any action against the petitioners family members till completion of Sarpanch Ward Members Election of Gadikota Village Giddalur Mandal Markapur District by registering above false crime against them 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 direct the Respondents not to call for the Petitioners to the Police Station in connection with the false Crime No.267/2026, Dt:21.11.2026 reigstered U/Sec.126(2), 137(2) r/w.62 r/w.3(5) of BNS, 2023 at the behest of 5th respondent trying to arrest them by preventing to participate in election campaign in the ensuing election to the post of Sarpanch and Ward Members of Gadikota Gram Panchayat till completion of election on 26.11.2026 and from exercising their right to vote on 26.11.2026 and to provide them adequate police protection, in accordance with the applicable election rules pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. CHALLA SIVASANKAR

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri Challa Sivasankar, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondent Nos.1, 3 & 4 and Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the State Election Commission appearing for respondent No.2.

2. The grievance of the petitioners in the instant writ petition is against the action of the respondents in preventing the petitioners and their family members from participating in the Sarpanch and Ward Members elections in Gadikota Village, Giddalur Mandal, Markapur District, and consequently sought a direction to the respondent Nos.3 & 4 not to take any action against the petitioners and their family members until completion of the elections.

3. When the matter has been taken up for consideration, the learned Government Pleader for Home, appearing for the 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 as follows:

> *"5. It is submitted that the respondent police are discharging their duties impartially and strictly in accordance with law, with the object of maintaining law and order and ensuring the peaceful conduct of the election. No action has been taken by the 4th respondent with any political or personal motive, and the petitioners*

have not been prevented by the respondent police from exercising their lawful democratic rights.

6. It is submitted that the respondent police have no intention to interfere with the lawful election campaign of the petitioners or their family members. The police will continue to act in a fair, neutral and impartial manner and will take action, if any is warranted, only in accordance with law and on the basis of relevant facts."

4. In the light of the same, the respondents are directed not to prevent the petitioners participating in the election process except in accordance with law. It is needless to mention that the petitioners shall not cause any violence or law and order issues in the area and shall strictly abide by the model code of conduct and shall not indulgence in any activities, which breaches the peace of public law and order.

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

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