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

WEDNESDAY, THE 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 28325/2026

Between:

1. A RAMBABU, A. RAMBABU, S/O. LATE A. S. SARMA, AGED ABOUT 63 YEARS, ACC INCOME TAX PRACTITIONER R/O D.NO.19-595/2, OPP. FREEMASONS HALL, BESIDE MASONIC GROUNDS, MITTOOR, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT 517001

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI
2. THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, APCRDA PROJECT OFFICE, 4TH FLOOR, RAYAPUDI POST, TULLURU MANDAL, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 522237
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT, CUM SPECIAL OFFICER, VIVEKANANDA BHAVAN, VELLORE ROAD, CHITTOOR, ANDHRA PRADESH 517001
4. THE CHITTOOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHUDA, REPRESENTED BY ITS VICE CHAIRPERSON, OLD COLLECTORATE, CHITTOOR, ANDHRA PRADESH 517001
5. THE CHITTOOR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REPRESENTED

BY ITS COMMISSIONER, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, CHITTOOR, ANDHRA PRADESH 517001

6. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M. G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA 520010

...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, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the Form-VI bearing Roc. No. 893 / G1 / 2026 dated 12-09-2026 of the 5th Respondent published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 14-09-2026 in finalising the delimitation of Chittoor Municipal Corporation into 60 wards as illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations (Delimitation of Wards) Rules, 1996, the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 (Act No. 2 of 1956) and the Andhra Pradesh Metropolitan Region and Urban Development Authorities Act, 2016 (Act No. 5 of 2016), and violative of Article 14, 19, 21 and 300A of the Constitution of India, and set aside the same and consequently direct the Respondents to undertake the delimitation of wards of Chittoor Municipal Corporation afresh in accordance with law, after due compliance with the statutory requirements and consideration of the objections of the Petitioner

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 suspend the operation of Form-VI bearing Roc. No. 893 / Cl / 2026 dated 12-09-2026 and the Final Delimitation of Chittoor Municipal Corporation into 60 wards published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 14- 09-2026, and all consequential proceedings founded thereon, pending disposal of the Writ Petition

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 5th Respondent to furnish to the Petitioner the information, documents and records sought in his representations

bearing Doc. No. ARRS-CC-02/2026 dated 16-09-2026, Doc. No. ARRS-OBJ-02/2026 dated 24-09-2026 and Doc. No. ARRS-OBJ-03/2026 dated 27-09-2026, pending disposal of the Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SODUM ANVESHA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. POTHAM VENGALA REDDY SC For M.Corporation in Rayalaseema region In
2. N ASHWANI KUMAR
3. GP FOR REVENUE
4. GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Ms. Sodum Anvesha, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Sri Potham Vengala Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for the respondents/Municipal Corporation and Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent No.6.

2. The instant writ petition is filed challenging the proceedings issued in Form-IV bearing Roc.No.893/G1/2026 dated 12.09.2026 of the respondent No.5, finalising the delimitation of Chittoor Municipal Corporation into 60 wards.

3. The matter was heard previously on 2 to 3 occasions. Today, when the matter has been taken up for consideration, it has now been informed at the Bar that the election notification for conducting elections to urban local bodies has been issued today.

4. Having regard to the same, in the light of the Constitutional bar as envisaged under Article 243-ZG of the Constitution of India, this Court is of the considered view that the writ petition is not maintainable. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed, granting

liberty to the petitioner to avail the remedies under law. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, all pending miscellaneous applications shall stand closed.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 14-10-2026

CJP