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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3333]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

WRIT PETITION NO: 29325/2026

Between:

1. MEDABALIMI BABU, S/O MANIKYARAO AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS, OCC COOLIE R/O H.NO.1-272, MAIN ROAD, NEAR SUBBAREDDY COLONY ROMPICHERLA VILLAGE AND MANDAL. PALNADU DISTRICT-522617
2. KONATHAM FRANSIS, S/O DEVAIAH AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS, OCC COOLIE RIO H.NO. 6-176, MAIN ROAD, NEAR SCHOOL, B.C.COLONY, ROMPICHERLA VILLAGE AND MANDAL. PALNADU DISTRICT-522617

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER. OFFICE AT 1ST FLOOR, NEW RAND B BUILDING, MG ROAD, OPP.INDIRA GANDHI MUNCIPAL STADIUM, LABBIPET, VIJAYAWADA-520010
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522238
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR CUM DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, NARASARAOPET, PALNADU DISTRICT. 522601

4. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER CUM ELECTROAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, NARASARAOPET. PALNADU DISTRICT. 522601

5. THE DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, NARASARAOPET PALNADU DISTRICT 522601

6. THE MANDAL REVENUE OFFICER, ROMPICHERLA MANDAL. PALNADU DISTRICT - 522601

7. THE ROMPICHERLA GRAMA PANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS PANCHAYAT SECRETARY ROMPICHERLA VILLAGE AND MANDAL PALNADU DISTRICT. 522601

8. THE MANDAL PARISHAT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD ROMPICHERLA MANDAL. PALNADU DISTRICT-522817

...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 declare the action of the Respondents, particularly, the Respondents 3 to 8 in Changing/Rationalization of the address/locations of the Polling Stations (i) From 'Ward No.11, Polling Station No.ll, MPP Primary School, B.C. colony TO MPP School Patha Padamativari Palem, (ii) From 'Ward No. 12, Polling Station No.12, MPP Primary School, B.C. Colony TO MPP School,' Patha Padamativari Palem and (iii) From 'Polling Station No.29, Rompicherla-2, MPTC Territorial Constituency, Mandal Resource Centre Building, Rompicherla' TO MPTC Territorial Constituency, MPP School, Patha Padamativari Palem, Old Rompicherla' without following the directions/guidelines/rules issued by the Election Commission for changing the polling stations from one location/address to new location as arbitrary, unjust, illegal, misuse of power, favoritism shown by the authorities by violating the provisions under the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 and contrary to the procedure/Rules of Manual on Polling Stations issued by the Election Commission of India, apart from that being violative of Articles 14,19 and Part XV of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the

Respondents 3 to 8 to restore the location/address of Polling Stations No. 11 and 12 Grama Panchayat, Rompicherla Village and Mandal, Palnadu District and Polling Station No.29 of MPTC constituency, Rompicherla Mandal, Palnadu District

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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 to consider the Representations dated 26.09.2026, 28.09.2026, 30.09.2026 submitted by the petitioners and consequently to restore the 11 and 12 location/address of Polling Stations Nos Grampanchayat, Rompicherla Village and Mandal, Palnadu District and Polling Station No.29 of MPTC constituency, Rompicherla Mandal, Palnadu District from Patha Padamativari Palem to BC Colony, pending disposal of the writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. NARESH KUMAR GUNDAPU

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. N ASHWANI KUMAR
3. GP FOR REVENUE
4. Mattegunta.Sudhir,Standing Counsel For Z.P.Ps,M.P.Ps,Gram Panchayats

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This Writ Petition came to be filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking the following prayer:

> "…to declare the action of the Respondents, particularly, the Respondents 3 to 8 in Changing/Rationalization of the address/locations of the Polling Stations (i) From 'Ward No.11, Polling Station No.ll, MPP Primary School, B.C. colony TO MPP School Patha Padamativari Palem, (ii) From 'Ward No. 12, Polling Station No.12, MPP Primary School, B.C. Colony TO MPP School,' Patha Padamativari Palem and (iii) From 'Polling Station No.29, Rompicherla-2, MPTC Territorial Constituency, Mandal Resource Centre Building, Rompicherla' TO MPTC Territorial Constituency, MPP School, Patha Padamativari Palem, Old Rompicherla' without following the directions/guidelines/rules issued by the Election Commission for changing the polling stations from one location/address to new location as arbitrary, unjust, illegal, misuse of power, favoritism shown by the authorities by violating the provisions under the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 and contrary to the procedure/Rules of Manual on Polling Stations issued by the Election Commission of India, apart from that being violative of Articles 14,19 and Part XV of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondents 3 to 8 to restore the location/address of Polling Stations No. 11 and 12 Grama Panchayat, Rompicherla Village and Mandal, Palnadu District and Polling Station No.29 of MPTC constituency, Rompicherla Mandal, Palnadu District…"

2. The petitioners herein are voters in Rompicherla village of Narasaraopet assembly constituency. Aggrieved by the action of respondent Nos.3 to 8 in changing/rationalization of address/locations of the polling stations (i) from Ward No.11, polling station No.11, MPP Primary School, B.C. Colony to MPP School Patha Padmavativari Palem, (ii) from Ward No.12, polling station No.12, MPP Primary School, B.C. Colony to MPP School, Patha Padmavativari Palem and (iii) from Polling station No.29, Rompicherla-2, MPTC territorial constituency, Mandal Resource centre building, Rompicherla to MPTC Territorial constituency, MPP School, Patha Padmavativari palem, without following the directions issued by the Election Commission of India, the petitioners submitted their individual representations to the 1st respondent on 28.09.2026 and 30.09.2026. However, as no action has been initiated by the 1st respondent, the petitioners filed the present writ petition.

3. Heard Sri. Naresh Kumar Gundapu, learned counsel for the petitioners and Sri. N. Ashwini Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

4. Perused the entire material available on record. During the course of arguments, learned Standing Counsel for the 1st respondent, on oral instructions submitted that the representations submitted by the petitioners on

28.09.2026 and 30.09.2026, would be considered and appropriate orders would be passed in accordance with law.

5. In view of the above, instead of going into the merits of the case, this Court feels it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition by directing the 1st respondent to consider the representations submitted by the petitioners on 28.09.2026, 30.09.2026 and to pass appropriate orders within a period of two (2) days from today, in accordance with law.

6. Accordingly, with the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

Date:16.10.2026
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