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

FRIDAY, THE 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 29455/2026

Between:

1. VEMIREDDY VIJAYABHASKARA REDDY, VEMIREDDY VIJAYABHASKARA REDDY, S/O.LATE RAJA RAMI REDDY,. AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, OCC PRIVATE EMPLOYEE R/O. D.NO.16-13-437, 2ND STREET, ROHINI NAGAR, NELLORE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA - 520010.
2. THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH - 520001.
3. THE COMMISSIONER, NELLORE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, DARGAMITTA, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 524003.
4. THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER / DISTRICT COLLECTOR, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 524001.
5. THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, 118-NELLORE RURAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA

PRADESH - 524004.

6. THE RETURNING OFFICER / ELECTION AUTHORITY, NELLORE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ELECTION, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 524003.

...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 topleased to issue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction of the respondents in failing to consider the petitioners duly approved change of electoral registration pursuant to his Form-8 application submitted in September, 2026, whereby his name has been enrolled in 118-Nellore Rural Assembly Constituency at SI.No.762, Part No.215, bearing EPIC No. CTM1981489, for the purposes of the forthcoming election relating to Nellore Municipal Corporation, as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable and contrary to the applicable provisions governing preparation and maintenance of electoral rolls, and consequently directing the respondents to consider the petitioners updated electoral registration at SI.No.762, Part No.215 of 118-Nellore Rural AssemblyConstituencyin accordance with the applicable statutory provisions and election rules and to permit him to participate in the forthcoming electoral process, subject to his eligibility under law, and 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 to respondents to consider the petitioner's updated electoral registration at SI.No.762, Part No.215 of 118-Nellore Rural AssemblyConstituency in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions and election rules and to permit him to participate in the forthcoming electoral process,pending disposal of the present Writ Petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. RAM BABU DEVAVARAPU

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard Senior Counsel Sri Posani Venkateswarulu, appearing for Sri Ram Babu Devavarapu, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for General Administration appearing for respondents and Sri N. Ashwani Kumar appearing for respondent No.1 and Sri Vankayalapati N. Praveen, learned Standing Counsel for respondent No.3.

2. Challenging the inaction of the respondents in failing to consider the petitioner's electoral registration in pursuance of application in Form-8 submitted in September 2026, whereby his name was transposed to 118 – Nellore Rural Assembly Constituency, Sl.No.762, of Part No. 215, the instant writ petition is filed.

3. It is contended that the petitioner is a permanent resident of Nellore, and is proposing to contest in the forthcoming elections to the office of Mayor of Nellore Municipal Corporation. His name was initially enrolled in the electoral roll of 116-Kovur Assembly Constituency at Gandavaram Village. He filed an application in Form-8 in the month of September 2026, for transposing of his electoral particulars and sought shifting of his electoral registration from Gandavaram Village to 118-Nellore Rural Assembly Constituency. Accordingly the said application of the petitioner was accepted and processed.

Accordingly his name has also been enrolled in the electoral roll of 118- Nellore Rural Assembly Constituency and the same has been updated in the corresponding electoral record. In the said regard, the petitioner had made a representation dated 06.10.2026 to the 1st respondent to include his name in the final electoral roll that would be published by the 1st respondent. As the said representation has not yet been taken up for consideration, apprehending that the electoral roll would be published without considering the petitioner's application any time soon, the instant Writ Petition is filed seeking urgent orders in the said regard.

4. Considered the submissions.

5. A screenshot of the status of the application filed by the petitioner in Form-8 has been placed before the Court. A perusal of the same reflects that ***the application filed by the petitioner was approved on 09.09.2026, and the records have been successfully updated in electoral roll***.

6. In view of the same, in the light of the Notification of the 1st respondent dated 15.09.2026, the 1st respondent is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 06.10.2026 and pass appropriate orders forthwith for inclusion of the petitioner's name in the photo electoral rolls that would be prepared and published for the ensuing Elections of the Urban Local Bodies.

7. With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed. 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:09.10.2026
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