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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: 30185/2026

Between:

1. YUVAJANA SRAMIKA RYTHU CONGRESS PARTY (YSRCP), REP. BY ITS STATE GENERAL SECRETARY, SRI LELLA APPI REDDY, MLC, S/O. LELLA SAMBI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 59 YARS, OCC POLITICS, HAVING ITS STATE OFFICE AT 47, BHARATHA MATHA ROAD, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH 522501.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, REVENUE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIABUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE, AMARAVATHI.522237
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GRAM AND WARD SACHIVALAYAM (GSWS) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE, AMARAVATHI.522237
3. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 1ST FLOOR, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA 520010.522237
4. THE ELECTION AUTHORITY AND COMMISSIONER, OF PANCHAYIT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, TADEPALLI, GLINTUR DISTRICT.522501
5. THE ELECTION AUTHORITY AND COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR

DISTRICT.522501

...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 more particularly in the form of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of the 3rd Respondent in taking effective steps on the representations of the Petitioner dated 01.10.2026, 05.10.2026 and 12.10.2026 for issuance of caste/coinmunity certificates and No-Dues/NOC certificates to the persons intending to contest he ensuing elections to the Rural and Urban Local Bodies in the State of Andhra Prad4h is as per se illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 and the Rules framed thereunder, and violative of Articles 14, 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the 3rd Respondent o take effective steps forthwith by issuing appropriate directions to the district authorities, for issuance of caste/community certificates and No-Dues/NOC certificates to all eligible applicants,

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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 1, 2, 4 and 5 to issue caste/community crtificates and No- Dues/NOC certificates to all eligible applicants by manual or offline mode, pending disposal of the writ petition,

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. VMR LEGAL

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. GP FOR REVENUE
3. N ASHWANI KUMAR
4. GP FOR MUNCIPAL ADMN URBAN DEV
5. GP for Village and Ward Secretariats

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

The present Writ Petition came to be filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following relief:-

> *"…issue a writ more particularly in the form of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction of the 3rd Respondent in taking effective steps on the representations of the Petitioner dated 01.10.2026 05.10.2026 and 12.10.2026 for issuance of caste/community certificates and No Dues/NOC certificates to the persons intending to contest the ensuing elections to the Rural and Urban Local Bodies in the State of Andhra Pradsh is as per se illegal, arbitrary, contrary to the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 and the Rules framed thereunder, and violative of Articles 14, 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution of India, and consequently direct the 3rd Respondent to take effective steps forthwith by issuing appropriate directions to the district authorities, for issuance of caste/community certificates and No-Dues/NOC certificates to all eligible applicants…."*

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner/Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party, represented by its State General Secretary, submitted a representation dated 01.10.2026 to the State Election Commissioner and the Chief Election Commissioner, requesting them to issue directions to all District Collectors/District Election Authorities, Revenue Authorities, Municipal Commissioners, Panchayat authorities and other competent officials to process applications for issuance of caste/community certificates and No-Dues/NOC certificates strictly in accordance with law. As no action has been

taken on the said representation, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

3. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the State Election Commission and learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

4. As the issue for consideration in the present Writ Petition relates to the issuance of caste/community certificates, which falls within the jurisdiction of the competent Revenue Authorities and not the State Election Commissioner or the Chief Election Commissioner, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner has to approach the competent revenue authorities for the relief sought.

5. In view of the above, the Writ Petition is disposed of, granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the competent revenue authorities with appropriate application seeking issuance of caste/community certificates. Upon receipt of such application, the concerned authorities shall consider and process the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible. There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, all pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

Dated: 16.10.2026
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