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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: 30162/2026

Between:

1. YUVAJANA SRAMIKA RYTHU CONGRESS PARTY, REP. BY ITS STATE GENERAL SECRETARY, MR. LELIA APPIREDDY, S/O. LEILA SAMBIREDDY, AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS, STATE OFFICE, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.522501.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REP. BY ITS SECRETARY, VIJAYAWADA 520010.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP., BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI 522238.
3. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP., BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI 522238.
4. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP., BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI 522238.
5. THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA, REP., BY ITS SECRETARY, NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI 110001.

...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, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction on the part of the respondent No.1 in not considering the representation, dated 10.10.2026 submitted by the petitioner for publishing Local Body Final Electoral Rolls after disposal of the claims and objections received upto 31.08.2026 for additions, deletions, and rectifications in the Draft Electoral Rolls as per the schedule fixed by the respondent No.5 through its Press No.ECI/PN/121/2026,dated 30.09.2026 as per the Special Intensive Revision presently being conducted in the State and contemplating to publish Local Body Final Electoral Rolls basing on the data updated by it upto 05.02.2026 as arbitrary, illegal, abdication of the statutory duty cast on the respondent No.1 under the provisions of Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, Section 12 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations Act, 1955, Section 10 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, Representation of Peoples Act, 1950 and the Census Rules, 1990 and violative of the Articles 14, 243K, 243ZA, 325 and 326 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent No.1 to publish the Local Body Final Electoral Rolls after disposing off the claims and objections received by it upto 31.08.2026 as per the Schedule fixed by the respondent No.5 through its Press Note No.ECI/PN/121/2026, dated 30.09.2026

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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 1st Respondent to consider the representation, dated 10.10.2026 and publish the Local Body Final Electoral Rolls after disposing off the claims and objections received by it upto 31.08.2026 as per the Schedule fixed by the respondent No.5 through its Press Note, dated 30.09.2026, pending disposal of the main writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. V R REDDY KOVVURI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
2. N ASHWANI KUMAR
3. GP FOR MUNCIPAL ADMN URBAN DEV

4. GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking the following relief:

> "…to issue a Writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the inaction on the part of the respondent No.1 in not considering the representation, dated 10.10.2026 submitted by the petitioner for publishing Local Body Final Electoral Rolls after disposal of the claims and objections received upto 31.08.2026 for additions, deletions, and rectifications in the Draft Electoral Rolls as per the schedule fixed by the respondent No.5 through its Press No.ECI/PN/121/2026,dated 30.09.2026 as per the Special Intensive Revision presently being conducted in the State and contemplating to publish Local Body Final Electoral Rolls basing on the data updated by it upto 05.02.2026 as arbitrary, illegal, abdication of the statutory duty cast on the respondent No.1 under the provisions of Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, Section 12 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations Act, 1955, Section 10 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, Representation of Peoples Act, 1950 and the Census Rules, 1990 and violative of the Articles 14, 243K, 243ZA, 325 and 326 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent No.1 to publish the Local Body Final Electoral Rolls after disposing off the claims and objections received by it upto 31.08.2026 as per the Schedule fixed by the respondent No.5 through its Press Note No.ECI/PN/121/2026, dated 30.09.2026 and pass such other order or orders…"

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner is a recognized political party which contests elections to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Andhra Pradesh to the Hosue of the People and to the Rural and Urban Local Bodies in the State. The petitioner made a representation dated 10.10.2026 to the State Election Commission requesting to include all eligible voters enrolled in the Election Commission of India's electoral rolls in the forthcoming local body elections. As no orders have been passed on the said representations

made by the petitioner on 10.10.2026, the petitioner is constrained to file the present writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N.Ashwin Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the State Election Commission.

4. During the course of arguments, the learned Standing counsel has furnished a copy of letter dated 14.10.2026 addressed by the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission to the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh, General Administration (Elections) Department, requesting to provide hard copies of the supplements containing additions, deletions and modifications, along with photographs, relating to all 175 Assembly Constituencies in the State, for the period from 06.02.2026 up to 14.10.2026 and action would be initiated on the petitioner's representation immediately after receiving the said information from the Electoral Officer.

5. The instructions further disclose that as per the Election Law applicable to Local Bodies, Assembly Electoral Rolls are to be adopted in toto for preparation of Local Body Electoral Rolls. All inclusions, deletions and modifications ordered in Assembly Electoral Rolls by the EROs under continuous updation provided under Sections 22 and 23 of RP Act, 1950 upto the date of Election Notification issued by the State Election Commission shall be carried out in the Local Body Electoral Rolls.

6. Considering the instructions and recording the submissions of learned Standing counsel, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to

consider the petitioner's representation dated 10.10.2026 and take appropriate action, in accordance with law, and adopt the electoral rolls updated upto 15 July 2026 incorporating all relevant supplementary approved changes, issue clear and uniform instructions to the authorities concerned and also to see that the updated local body electoral rolls be published in sufficient time for voters to verify their names and seek correction of any omissions. The entire exercise shall be completed within two (2) days from today.

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

JUSTICE V.SUJATHA

Dated: 16.10.2026
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