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

FRIDAY, THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 30591 OF 2026

Between:

1. Bharatha Chaitanya Yuvajana Party, Represented by its president Bode Ramachandra Yadav, S/o. Bode Muneppa, Aged about 42 years, Occ President of a Political Party, R/o D.No. 31-39/9, Sri Sunanda Nilayam, Kotha Indlu, LIC Colony, Punganur, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh 517247

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its principal Secretary Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi Village, Amaravathi 522237

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi Village Amaravathi 522237

3. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary Home Department Secretariat Buildings Velagapudi Village Amaravathi 522237.

4. The Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission, Rep by the State Election Commissioner 1st Floor New HODs Building, M G Road, Vijayawada 520010.

5. The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli,Guntur District 522501.

6. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri Guntur District 522501.

...Respondents

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 issue a writ more particularly in the form of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd Respondent in issuing the notification/schedule dated 14.10.2026 for the conduct of elections to the Urban Local Bodies / Municipalities in the State of Andhra Pradesh providing only three to four days for filing of nominations (from 16.10.2026 to 18.10.2026) instead of the maximum period of six days i.e., 20.10.2026 permissible under Section 33 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations Act, 1994 (and the corresponding Rules for Municipalities) as arbitrary, illegal, contrary to the statutory mandate and the principles of free and fair elections, violative of Articles 14, 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution of India, and defeating the valuable right to nominate/contest, particularly in the context of widespread delays in issuance of caste/community certificates (essential for reserved seats) which issue is already pending before this Hon'ble Court in connected writ petitions, and consequently direct the 3rd Respondent to extend the period for filing of nominations up to the maximum of six days or such further reasonable period as may be necessary until the caste/community certificates and No-Dues/NOC certificates are issued to all eligible applicants, and further direct the Respondents to issue the said certificates forthwith by manual or offline mode, and to pass

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

pleased to direct the 3rd Respondent to extend the last date for filing of nominations in the Urban Local Bodies / Municipalities elections up to the maximum of six days from the date of notification as contemplated under Section 33 of the Act / Rules and pending disposal of the writ petition, and pass

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 to further direct Respondents 1, 2, 4 and 5 to issue caste/community certificates under the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 and No-Dues/NOC certificates to all eligible applicants, including the prospective candidates of the Petitioner party who have already applied, by manual or offline mode forthwith, without insisting on the online/Mee Seva portal, pending disposal of the writ petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: UMESH CHANDRA P V G

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

Counsel for the Respondents: GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

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The Court made the following Order:

Heard Sri Y. V. Ravi Prasad, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Sri Umesh Chandra P.V.G, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Sri N. Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondents/APSEC.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in the instant Writ Petition is against the action of the 3rd respondent in issuing the notification/schedule dated 14.10.2026 for the conduct of elections to the Urban Local Bodies/ Municipalities in the State of Andhra Pradesh by fixing three to four days for filing of nominations (from 16.10.2026 to 18.10.2026) instead of allowing the maximum period of six days, atleast upto as 20.10.2026 permissible under Section 33 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations Act, 1994 (and the corresponding Rules for Municipalities). Consequently, the petitioner sought to direct the 3rd Respondent to extend the period for filing of nominations up to the maximum of six days or such further reasonable period as may be necessary until the caste/community certificates and No-Dues/NOC certificates are issued to all eligible applicants, and further direct the Respondents to issue the said certificates forthwith by manual or offline mode

3. It is stated by the learned counsel for the respondents that the Municipal Election Notification has already been issued.

4. In view of the issuance of the Election Notification and having regard to the constitutional bar as provided in Article 243-ZG of the Constitution of India, the Writ Petition is dismissed as not maintainable and the petitioners are at liberty to avail the remedies available under law. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 16-10-2026
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