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

THURSDAY, THE 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 30564/2026

Between:

1. SOMU DURGA REDDY, S/O.KOTI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS, R/O.4-461/154, PODILI ROAD, HAPPY HOMES, DARSI, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY - 522237.
2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS STATION ELECTION COMMISSIONER, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH - 520001.
3. THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH, VIJAYAWADA- 520001.
4. THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT - 523171.
5. THE DARSI MUNICIPALITY, DARSI, PRAKASAM DISTRICT. REP. BY THE COMMISSIONER 523171.
6. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER ERO, ADDANKI DIVISION, PRAKASAM DISTRICT- 523201

...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 of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or direction to declare action of the 2nd respondent in issuing notification No. 401/SEC-F1/2026-2, dt.12.08.2026 notifying 03.09.2026 as the date for

publication of ward wise photo electoral rolls of the Municipalities and Nagar Panchayats in the State for the purpose of conduct of elections by the State Election Commission and consequently not including the name of the petitioner in the electoral rolls of Darsi Nagar Panchayat as illegal, arbitrary, and provisions of AP Municipalities Act, 1965 and consequentially direct the respondents to include the name of the petitioner in the voters list of Darsi Nagar Panchayat by changing the date of publication of ward wise electoral rolls 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 direct the respondents to include the name of the petitioner in the voters list of Darsi Nagar Panchayat, during pendency of the Writ petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. C SUBODH

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri C.Subodh, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, appearing for respondent No.1, Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent No.2, Sri G.Lakshmi Narayana, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent No.5.

2. The petitioner contends that he initially resided in Kothapalli Village, Darsi Mandal, Prakasam District. The petitioner's name was shown in the electoral rolls of Kothapalli Village till 24.09.2026. The petitioner made an application in Form-VIII to the booth level Officer on 08.09.2026 for transfer of his vote from Kothapalli Village to Darsi Municipality. The petitioner's application was accepted and his vote was transferred to Darsi Nagar Panchayat, part No.115 at Serial No.943. His vote was also updated on the website of Election Commission on 25.09.2026. The petitioner, relying on Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, and Sections 22 and 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, contends that any amendment or transposition up to the date of the notification shall be carried out in the electoral roll up to the date of issuance of the notification. Having regard to the same, it is contended that as the petitioner's name has been updated in the web portal, Darsi Nagar Panchayat, showing as transposed to Darsi Nagar Panchayat Ward and the application in Form-8 is shown as accepted on 25.09.2026 and the status of E-roll is under printing, and as he is

proposing to contest the ensuing elections, prays for inclusion of his name in the voters list.

3. Sri N.Ashwani Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.2-State Election Commission, on instructions submits that as soon as the supplements containing additions, deletions and modifications of all the Assembly Constituencies in the State during the period 06.02.2026 to 14.10.2026 are received, the electoral rolls shall be published, accordingly.

4. Considered the submissions.

5. A perusal of the status of the petitioner's application reflects that the application was submitted on 08.09.2026. The petitioner's name has been shown as transposed to Darsi Nagar Panchayat. The application in Form-8 is shown as accepted on 25.09.2026 and the current status is shown as ***E-roll under printing***. Having regard to the same, in light of the provisions of Section 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, and Sections 22 and 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition directing respondent Nos.2, 3 & 4 to pass appropriate orders to publish the name of the petitioner in the photo electoral rolls forthwith.

6. 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.

JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

Dated: 15.10.2026
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