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

FRIDAY, THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE KIRANMAYEE MANDAVA

WRIT PETITION NO: 30801/2026

Between:

1. RAVINDRA REDY KATAMREDDY, S/O. LATE PENCHAL REDDY KATAMREDDY, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, R/D D.NO.3-5-7-26, PANTA STREET. NEAR WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ATMAKURTOWN AND MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT
2. PRASUNA KATAMREDDY,, W/O. RAVINDRA REDDY KATAMREDDY, AGED ABOUT 54 YEARS, RESIDING AT D.NO.3-5-7-26, PANTA STREET. NEAR WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ATMAKUR TOWN AND MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRI. SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (MA UD) DEPARTMENT, AP SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI,GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522238.
2. THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, NEW HODS BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH - 52010.
3. THE NELLORE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMISSIONER, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, AP - 524001.
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT, AP - 524001.

5. THE ATMAKUR MUNICIPALITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMISSIONER, ATMAKURTOWN AND MANDAL, NELLORE, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT - 524322.

...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 an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a WRIT OF MANDAMUS, declaring the action of the respondents, particularly respondent Nos. 2 to 4, in not considering and disposing of the petitioners Form 8 applications dated 13.10.2026, bearing Acknowledgement Nos. SO11150801310261200000 and SO11150801310261200001, seeking shifting of residence and consequential modification of their electoral-roll particulars. as arbitrary, illegal and contrary to the and violative of Section 12(1) of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1955, and Rules 3 and 6 of the A.P. Municipal Corporations (Preparation and Publication of Electoral Rolls) Rules, 2001 and consequently direct the respondents to consider and dispose of the said applications expeditiously, in accordance With law, and to carry but the consequential changes in the 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 direct the respondents to forthwith incorporate and reflect the name of the Petitioner by considering the petitioners' Form 8 applications dated 13.10.2026 Pending disposal of the above writ petition, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law within such time as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. SIVAPRASAD REDDY VENATI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR REVENUE
2. GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:-

Heard Sri Sivaprasad Reddy Venati, learned counsel for the petitioners; learned Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, appearing for respondent No.1, Sri N. Ashwini Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent No.2, Sri Vankayalapati N. Praveen, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent No.3, Sri G. Lakshmi Narayana, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondent No.5 and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue, appearing for respondent No.1.

2. Challenging the inaction of respondent Nos.2 to 4 in considering and disposing of the petitioners' applications submitted in Form-8, dated 13.10.2026, filed for shifting of their electoral registration from Nellore City to Atmakur Town and the consequential modification of the particulars in the electoral-roll, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

3. Having regard to the nature of the grievance raised and the issues arising for consideration, this Court deems it appropriate to *suo motu* implead the 'Election Commission of India (ECI)' as a party respondent No.6 to the Writ Petition, so as to facilitate the effective consideration of the matter.

4. The petitioners contend that they are natives of Atmakur Town, SPSR Nellore District, and have their permanent residential house and other

immovable properties therein. It is further contended that the 2nd petitioner intends to participate in the ensuing elections to the concerned local body at Atmakur Town and proposes to contest for the post of Member/Ward Councillor.

5. It is further contended that, for the purpose of shifting their electoral registration from Nellore City to Atmakur Town, the petitioners submitted applications in Form-8, dated 13.10.2026, seeking the requisite changes in their electoral particulars. Subsequently, the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission issued the election notification dated 14.10.2026 for conducting of elections to the Urban Local Bodies in the State. The petitioners contend that their names continue to be reflected in Part No. 25 of the electoral rolls pertaining to Nellore City and are not duly reflected in the relevant electoral rolls of Atmakur Municipality. In view of the impending elections and the non-disposal of their applications, the petitioners have approached this Court by way of an instant Writ Petition.

6. Considered the submissions.

7. Having regard to the same, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the *suo-motu* impleaded respondent No.6, namely, the Election Commission of India, to consider the application of the petitioners dated 13.10.2026 and pass appropriate orders.

8. 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:16.10.2026
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