

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**THURSDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 15303 OF 2026

Between:

Saidhar Mahesh, S/o. Nageshwara Rao, Aged about 48 years, Occ
Business & Ex-Corporator, R/o.D.No.64/43-L3-B-2, L.B.S. Nagar, Kurnool,
A.P. - 518 001.

...Petitioner ✓

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary to M.A. ✓
and U.D. Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi,
Guntur District - 522 237.
2. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Prime Hill
Crest, 4th Floor, Near DGP Office, Beside Ultratech Ready Mix Plant,
Vaddeswaram Village, Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra
Pradesh - 522 502.
3. The State Election Commission, Rep. by its Commissioner, Office at
D.No.133, 1 Floor, New Hods Building, Opposite Indira Gandhi
Municipal Stadium, M.G. Road, Vijayawada, A.P. - 520 010.
4. The Kurnool Municipal Corporation (KMC), Rep. by its Commissioner,
#43/125, Kurnool Municipal Corporation, N.R Peta, Kurnool, Kurnool
District, Andhra Pradesh - 518 004.
5. The Union of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Rep. by its Secretary, New
Delhi - 110 011.
6. Registrar General and Census Commissioner India, Janaganana
Bhawan, 2A Mansingh Road, New Delhi - 110 011.

7. The Director Census Operations/Citizen Registration, Andhra Pradesh, Government of India, 1st Floor, Kendraya Sadan, Sulthan Bazar, Koti, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 095.
8. The District Collector, Kurnool District, Collectorate Lane, Opp. Government General Hospital, Budhawara Peta, Alluri Sitarama Raju Nagar, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh - 518 002.

...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, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents more particularly the respondent nos.1, 2 and 4 in initiating the process of changing the boundaries of wards in Kurnool Municipal Corporation limits in the name of delimitation though there is a ban due to ongoing census 2027 operations by issuing impugned G.O.Ms.No.65 dt.24.03.2026, Circulars vide Roc.No.13032/2/2026/H1-1 dt.01.04.2026 and 07.04.2026 and Form-I Preliminary Notification vide Roc. No.455597/2026/G1 dt.17.05.2026 as being illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, unwarranted, capricious, violation of principles of natural justice, in violation of provisions of Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and rules made there under, in violation of provisions of Census Act, 1948 and in violation of Article 14, 19, 21, 243Q, 245, 246, 254, 256 and 257 of Constitution of India and consequentially set aside the G.O.Ms.No.65 dt.24.03.2026, Circulars vide Roc.No.13032/2/2026/H1-1 dt.01.04.2026 and 07.04.2026 and Form-I Preliminary Notification vide Roc. No.455597/2026/G1 dt.17.05.2026 issued by the respondent nos.1, 2 and 4 thereby directing them not to issue any such proceedings pertaining to delimitation process and changing of boundaries of wards in Kurnool Municipal Corporation limits pending census 2027 operations 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 to suspend the operation of the G.O.Ms.No.65 dt.24.03.2026, Circulars vide Roc.No. 13032/2/2026/H 1-1 dt.01.04.2026 and 07.04.2026 and Form-I Preliminary Notification vide Roc.No.455597/2026/G1 dt.17.05.2026 issued by the respondent nos.1, 2 and 4 thereby restraining them from issuing further proceedings including issuance of final notification pertaining to delimitation/re- division of wards in Kurnool Municipal Corporation limits and pass, Pending disposal of WP 15303 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition/Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of MASALEGAR HIDAYATHULLA Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Advocate for the Respondents no 1 and 2, GP FOR ELECTION COMMISSION Advocate for the Respondent no 3, SRI.P.VENUGOPAL REDDY, STANDING COUNSEL FOR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Advocate for the Respondent no 4, ADDITIONAL SOILICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA Advocate for the Respondents no 5 to 7, GP GOR REVENUE Advocate for the Respondent no 8, and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Heard Sri Masalegar Hidayathulla, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Today, when the matter is taken up for consideration, Sri Masalegar Hidayathulla, learned counsel for the petitioner, would submit that the issue in the present writ petition is covered by the interim order dated 29.05.2026 in W.P.No.15061 of 2026.

Given the facts and circumstances of the case, the Commissioner of the 4th respondent shall not proceed pursuant to the preliminary notification vide Roc.No.455597/2026/G1 dated 17.05.2026 (Ex.P4).

The Registry is directed to enclose a copy of the order dated 29.05.2026 in W.P.No.15061 of 2026 along with this order.

List the matter on 16.06.2026, along with W.P.No.15061 of 2026

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SD/- K.R.V.S.SUBHRAHMANYAM
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, M.A. and U.D. Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District - 522 237. (by SPECIAL MESSENGER)
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9. One CC to SRI. MASALEGAR HIDAYATHULLA Advocate [OPUC]
10. One CC to SRI.P.VENUGOPAL REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
11. One CC to ADDITIONAL SOILICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA Advocate [OPUC]
12. Two CCs to GP FOR MUNCIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
13. Two CCs to GP FOR ELECTION COMMISSION, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
14. Two CCs to GP GOR REVENUE, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
15. One CC to S.O. Posting Section
16. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

SRS,J

DATED:11.06.2026

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ORDER

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DIRECTION