



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



WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO: 20679 & 20681 OF 2025

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Between:

Thummala Hemanth Reddy, S/o. Late Thummala Maheswara Reddy, Aged about 25 years, R/o. Door No.1-155-A, R.Thummalappali Village, Pulivendula Mandal, Y.S.R Kadapa District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep., by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District.
2. The State Election Commission, Room No.192, Ground Floor, Building No.5, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, rep., by its Commissioner.
3. The District Collector-cum-Election Officer, Y.S.R Kadapa District, Kadapa.
4. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Y.S.R Kadapa District, Kadapa.

6. The Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Pulivendula, Y.S.R Kadapa District.
7. The Circle Inspector of Police, Pulivendula Rural Police Station, Pulivendula, Y.S.R Kadapa District.
8. The Circle Inspector of Police, Pulivendula Urban Police Station, Pulivendula, Y.S.R Kadapa District.

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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 an appropriate Writ, Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the inaction on the part of the respondents No.2 in considering the representation, dated 02.08.2025 submitted by the petitioner requesting her (i) to keep the respondents No.6 to 8 and the Sub-Inspectors of the concerned Police Stations of Pulivenudia Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency aside immediately from the election duties to ensure non-interference and neutrality during the electoral process, (ii) to deploy neutral Officers from outside the Y.S.R Kadapa District to supervise the conduct of elections and maintain law and order in a fair and unbiased manner, (iii) to direct the Police Department to refrain from arresting or intimidating opposition leaders without prior written approval from the Commission during the election period and (iv) to constitute a Grievance Redressal Cell within the Commission to address complaints relating to electoral malpractices, intimidation or violence on a real-time basis, as arbitrary, illegal, abdication of the statutory duty cast on him/her and the well established legal principles apart from being violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed me under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent No.2

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IA NO: 1 OF 2025

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 direct the respondents No.2 & 3 to consider the representation, dated 02.08.2025 submitted by the petitioner and take immediate necessary action on the same, pending disposal of the above Writ Petition

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI V. R. REDDY KOVVURI

**Counsel for the Respondent No.1: GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL
DEV**

Counsel for the Respondents No.4 to 8: GP FOR HOME

**Counsel for the Respondent No.2: SRI C VISWANATH, LEARNED
COUNSEL APPEARING ON BEHALF OF SRI V VIVEK CHANDRA**



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The Court made the following Common Order:



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...PETITIONER

AND

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2. THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ROOM NO.192, GROUND
FLOOR, BUILDING NO.5 A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI,
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3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR CUM ELECTION OFFICER, Y.S.R
KADAPA DISTRICT, KADAPA.
4. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH,
MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, Y.S.R KADAPA DISTRICT,
KADAPA.

- 6.THE SUBDIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER, PULIVENDULA, Y.S.R KADAPA DISTRICT.
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Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.V R REDDY KOVVURI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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2.GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

COMMON ORAL ORDER:

Heard Sri V.R. Reddy Kovvuri, learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioners, Sri T. Sanjeeva Rao, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue and Sri C. Viswanth, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri V.Vivek Chandra Sekhar, learned Standing Counsel for Respondent No.2.

2. Sri C. Viswanth, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri V.Vivek Chandra Sekhar, learned Standing Counsel for Respondent No.2 has submitted the copies of the Proceedings of the Secretary (FAC), Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission, dated 03.08.2025. Copies of it are supplied to the Counsel for the Writ Petitioners and the same are taken on record.

3. The said Proceedings were addressed to the District Collector and the same would indicate that in response to the complaint received from the Writ Petitioners herein dated 02.08.2025, the Election Commission had forwarded the same to the District Collector-cum-District Election Authority, the Superintendent of Police, YSR Kadapa District, and also to the Writ Petitioners for consideration.

4. Needless to state, the Respondent Authorities are statutorily obligated to maintain law and order and to ensure the smooth conduct of the election.

5. With these observations and directions, the Writ Petitions are disposed of. No order as to costs.

6. Interlocutory Applications, if any, stand closed in terms of this order.

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Sd/- K.KASI RAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

To,

SECTION OFFICER

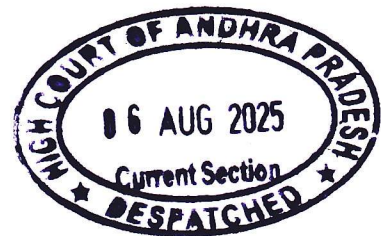
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9. One CC to SRI V R REDDY KOVVURI Advocate [OPUC]
10. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
11. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
12. One CC to SRI V VIVEK CHANDRA, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
13. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 06/08/2025

COMMON ORDER
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DISPOSING THE WP'S
WITHOUT COSTS