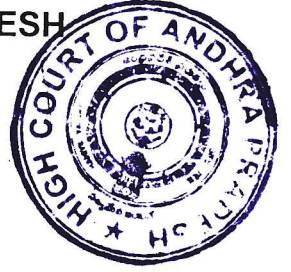




IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI



MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT APPEAL NO: 1065 OF 2025

Writ Appeal under clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the Order passed in IA No. 1 of 2025 in WP No 25674 of 2025, dated 24.09.2025 on the file of the High Court.

Between:

The Secretary, Sri. Z. Stanley Williams S/o. Late Z. Benedict Williams, aged about 60 years, Nandyal CSI Diocese Holy Cross Cathedral Nandyal town Diocesan Office Cathedral Road Nandyal RS Nandyal Town Nandyal district Andhra Pradesh 518 501

...Appellant/Respondent No. 6

AND

1. B J S Vedanayakam, S/o B J Kanaka Raj, aged 68 yrs, H.No. 87/775 Lecturers Colony, Kurnool Town and Kurnool District
2. G Samuel Felix, S/o G Stanly, age 50yrs, H.No. 26505D, Vijayapuri Colony, Nandyal Town, Nandyal district
3. M Charles Hemanth Das Babu, S/o M Moses Christophar, age 55 years, H No 2660417A, Venkatachalam Colony, Nandyal Town, Nandyal district

4. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi-522 503
5. The District Collector, Nandyal District Nandyal
6. The Moderator Church of South India, CSI No 5, Whites Road Royapettah, Chennai 600014
7. The General Secretary, Church of South India, CSI No 5, Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai 600014.
8. The Bishop, Nandyal CSI Diocese Holy Cross Cathedral Nandyal town Diocesan Office Cathedral Road, Nandyal RS Nandyal Town Nandyal district Andhra Pradesh 518501

...Respondents/Respondents

IA NO: 2 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 stay the operation of the order Dt.24.09.2025 in IA No. 1 of 2025 in WP No.25674 of 2025 passed by learned single judge until further orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI P SUBASH

Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 3: SRI B SURYANARAYANA

Counsel for the Respondent No. 5: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for the Respondent No. 6: GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

The Court made the following order:



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Bench
Sr.No:-36
[3483]

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The Secretary
Vs.

...Appellant

B J S Vedanayakam and others

...Respondent(s)

Advocate for Appellant:

Mr. P. Subash

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s):

GP for Revenue, GP for Social
Welfare, Mr. B. Suryanarayana

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI**

DATE : 6th October, 2025.

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The present Writ Appeal under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent has been preferred against an interim order dated 24.09.2025, passed in I.A.No.1 of 2025 in W.P.No.25674 of 2025, which is an *ex parte* order, by virtue of which *status quo* was directed to be maintained for a period of six weeks.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant claims that on the date when the order impugned came to be passed by the learned Single Judge, the elections were already over and that the order of *status quo* would impede the oath taking ceremony of the appellant who has duly been elected in the electoral process. It is also stated that in case the petitioners had any grievance, the writ Court ought not to have interfered with the election process as it is a settled principle of law that the election could have been challenged only by way of an election petition before the competent authority.

3. We have heard learned counsel for the appellant.
4. We feel that the *status quo* was to remain operative for a period of six weeks which is to expire next week. No effort has been made by the appellant till date for filing any counter-affidavit to the writ petition but has chosen to challenge the order impugned by way of this Writ Appeal.
5. Although number of issues have been raised in the present Writ Appeal, including the very exercise of jurisdiction under Article 226 in election matter, we feel that it would be appropriate for the appellant to approach the learned Single Judge seeking vacation of the interim order or modification, after filing his response, in that regard. Learned counsel states that he would file counter-affidavit within one week from today.
6. Be that as it may, we dispose of this Writ Appeal with a direction to the Registry to list W.P.No.25674 of 2025, before the learned Single Judge having Roster on 13.10.2025.

No order as to costs. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, in this case, shall stand closed.

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Sd/- M PRABHAKAR RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

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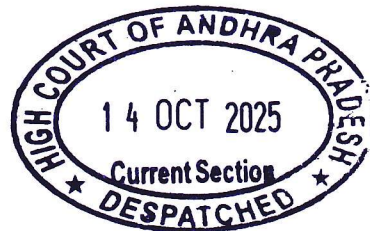
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HIGH COURT
DATED:06/10/2025

ORDER
WA NO. 1065 OF 2025



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