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**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**SATURDAY, THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

WRIT PETITION NO: 32253 OF 2025

Between:

Sri. Silveri Srishailam, S/o. Late. Sri Silveri Polkaiah, Aged about 50 years,
Occ: Senior Journalist, R/o H.No. 6-1-69/6, S.R. Apartments, Saifabad,
Hyderabad - 500004.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.
2. The Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad District, O/o. District Registrar, Red Hills, Opposite Mnj Cancer Hospital, Bahauddin Colony, Main Road, Red Hills-500004
3. The Press Club Hyderabad, (a Society registered under the Telangana Societies Registration Act, 2001), Rep. by its General Secretary, H.No. 6-3-645, Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500 082.

...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 pass an issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring the Election Notification dated 06-10-2025 issued by the 3rd Respondent as illegal and arbitrary, and direct the 3rd Respondent to consider and decide the Petitioner's pending membership applications of 2012 and 22-01-2020 before holding any elections.



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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 direct the Respondents to suspend the operation of the Election Notification dated 06-10-2025 and restrain the 3rd Respondent from proceeding with the elections scheduled on 26-10-2025.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI ISUKAPALLI ABHIJIT

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR COOPERATION

The Court made the following: ORDER



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THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

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ORDER:

The Petitioner, claiming to be a senior journalist, has filed the present Writ Petition seeking to declare the Election Notification dated 06.10.2025 issued by respondent No.3- Press Club Hyderabad, as illegal and arbitrary, and for a consequential direction to consider and decide his pending membership applications of 2012 and 22.01.2020 before conducting any elections.

2. Sri I. Abhijit, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Cooperation, for the respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, despite having submitted membership applications in 2012 and again in 2020 along with all requisite documents and fees, respondent No.3 has not considered the same. He submits that proceeding with the election process by issuing the aforesaid Election Notification without deciding the petitioner's membership claims violates the bye-laws of respondent No.3-Club and Articles 14 and 19(1)(c) of the



Constitution of India. Therefore, the petitioner seeks to suspend the Executive Committee Election Notification dated 06.10.2025 and restrain the conduct of elections until his applications are disposed of.

4. Learned Government Pleader for Cooperation submits that the aforesaid Election Notification was issued in accordance with law and that the election process is being conducted in accordance with law. He further submits that the election process, having already commenced pursuant to the aforesaid Election Notification dated 06.10.2025, cannot be interfered with by this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution. He relied on the settled principle that once the election process has begun, the remedy lies before the Election Tribunal after completion of the election, and not through a Writ Petition.

5. Having considered the submissions made and the material placed on record, it is evident that the election process for the Executive Committee of respondent No.3-Club has already commenced pursuant to the aforesaid Election Notification dated 06.10.2025. The law is well settled through the



judgments of this Court in **Prathipati Bhagyamma v. Election Officer, Muppalla Primary Agricultural Co-operative Society, Guntur District¹** and **Poloji Veeraiah v. Returning Officer, Khammam District²** that once the election process commences, any challenge relating to conduct or validity of the election cannot be entertained under Article 226 of the Constitution. It has been consistently held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and this Court that Article 329(b) bars interference by writ courts once elections have been notified, and any grievance arising out of the election process has to be decided by the Election Tribunal constituted for that purpose. Therefore, the allegations made by the petitioner cannot be examined in the present writ proceedings. The petitioner has the remedy of approaching the Election Tribunal under the relevant provisions of law after completion of the election process.

6. In view of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and this Court, this Court holds that

¹ MANU/AP/0/15/2005 : 2005 (6) ALC 850

² MANU/AP/0089/2009 : 2009 (3) ALD 822 (DB)



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the present Writ Petition is not maintainable under Article 226 of the Constitution of India once the election process has commenced.

7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed. However, the petitioner is at liberty to pursue his grievances in the election petition before the Election Tribunal or other forum as may be prescribed by law. No costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- B.REKHA RANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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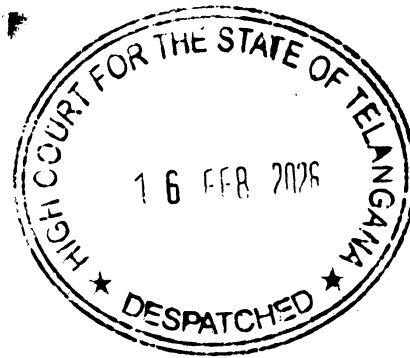
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HIGH COURT

DATED:25/10/2025



ORDER

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**DISMISSING THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS**

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