

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY
WRIT PETITION NO: 1880 OF 2026**

Between:

Ramavath Ravi Rathod, S/o. Thulasi Ram Ram Rathod.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, 640, AC Guards, Hyderabad.
3. The State Election Commission, Telangana, Rep. by its Chief Electoral Officer, PTI Building, 1st Floor, DTC Building, Opp. AC Guards, Hyderabad - 500004.
4. The Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation, Rep. by its Commissioner, Mahabubnagar, Telangana.
5. The District Collector and District Election Authority, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana.

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 of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, declaring the action of the respondents in not increasing the wards reserved for Scheduled Tribe (ST) category in Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation, as notified in GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA, MAHABUBNAGAR DISTRICT GAZETTE, Gazette No. 01/2026 dated 17.01.2026, as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 243-P(g) and 243-T of the Constitution of India, Consequently set aside the said notification insofar as it relates to reservation of ST wards and direct the respondents to increase the number of wards reserved for ST category in Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation in accordance with constitutional mandate.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 and implementation of the notification issued in GOVERNMENT OF

TELANGANA, MAHABUBNAGAR DISTRICT GAZETTE, Gazette No. 01/2026 dated 17.01.2026, insofar as it relates to reservation of wards for the Scheduled Tribe (ST) category in Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation, in the interest of justice and equity., pending disposal of WP No. 1880 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri RAM PRASAD TEEGALA Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION for the Respondent No.1, P. KRISHNA REDDY Advocate for Respondent Nos. 2 and 4, P. SURENDER RAO Advocate for Respondent Nos. 3 and 5 and the Court made the following.

The Court made the following:

ORDER

There shall be interim direction to respondent Nos.2 and 4 to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 20.01.2026 for increasing the wards reserved under ST category in Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation in proportion to the increase in ST population, and pass orders, in accordance with law, by affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of ten (10) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

List the matter on 18.02.2026.

**SD/-S MALLIKARJUNA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, State of Telangana, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad. (by SPAD)
2. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, 640, AC Guards, Hyderabad. (by SPAD)

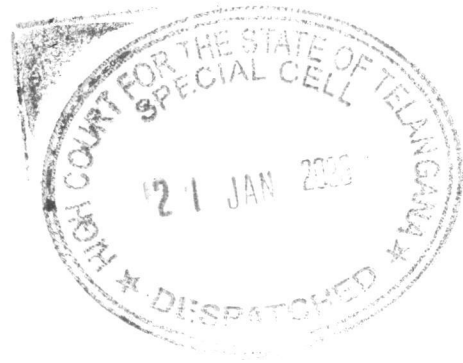
3. The Chief Electoral Officer, State Election Commission, Telangana, PTI Building, 1st Floor, DTCP Building, Opp. AC Guards, Hyderabad - 500004. (by SPAD)
4. The Commissioner, Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation, Mahabubnagar, Telangana. (by SPAD)
5. The District Collector and District Election Authority, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana. (by SPAD)
6. One CC to SRI. RAM PRASAD TEEGALA Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad [OUT]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

BVR, J

DATED:21/01/2026

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ORDER

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INTERIM DIRECTION