

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH : AMARAVATI**MAIN CASE: W.P.No.17721 of 2021****PROCEEDINGS SHEET**

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
2.	25.08.2021	<p><i>(Through Video-Conferencing)</i></p> <p>Heard Mr. P. Ramabhoopal Reddy, learned counsel, appearing for the petitioners.</p> <p>Also heard Mr. S. Sri Ram, learned Advocate General, appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 5 and Mr. N. Ranga Reddy, learned standing counsel appearing for the respondent No.6.</p> <p>Earlier a batch of writ petitions had been filed challenging the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2020. Subsequently, the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021, was published in the Gazette on 09.06.2021, making it applicable w.e.f., 31.12.2020. The said writ petitions were disposed of on 06.08.2021 recording as follows:</p> <p><i>" 5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that on 20.04.2021 when the matters were last listed, the learned Advocate General had made a submission that in view of the pendency of the writ petitions, no steps would be taken towards holding of elections in subject Municipalities/Corporations/Nagar Panchayaths and, therefore, this Court may pass an order protecting the interest of the petitioners for a limited period so that no steps for holding elections are taken after withdrawal of the writ petitions and before filing of fresh writ petitions.</i></p> <p><i>6. Learned Advocate General submits that for a period of 3 (three) weeks from today, no steps for holding elections shall be taken in the subject Municipalities/Corporations/Nagar Panchayaths.</i></p>	

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		<p><i>7. In view of the above submissions of the learned counsel for the parties, all the writ petitions are disposed of on withdrawal, reserving liberty to the writ petitioners to assail the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 (Act 5 of 2021) by filing fresh writ petitions. After filing of the writ petitions, if any prayer for interim order is made, the same shall be considered in accordance with law. No costs. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed."</i></p> <p>By the present writ petition, the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 is sought to be challenged.</p> <p>Mr. S. Sri Ram submits that within a period of two weeks, he will file counter-affidavit to the writ petition and thereafter, either the interim prayer or the writ petition may be taken up for consideration. He also submits that till the next date fixed, no steps for holding elections shall be taken in respect of the subject Municipality.</p> <p>Mr. P. Ramabhoopal Reddy submits that in case any affidavit is filed within time, he will file a reply. He further submits that he would have no objection either to take up the writ petition or interim petition for consideration on the next date of hearing.</p> <p>Considering the matter in its entirety, the Registry is directed to list this case on 20.09.2021.</p> <p>On the next date fixed, either the petition for interim prayer or the writ petition will be taken up for consideration.</p> <p>ARUP KUMAR GOSWAMI, CJ NINALA JAYASURYA, J blv</p>	

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