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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 4285 of 2026

Kripa Ram Sidar S/o Teej Ram Aged About 43 Years Resident Of
Village Arjuni, Gram Panchayat Arjuni, Tahsil Sakti, District Sakti (C.G.)

... Petitioner(s)

versus

- 1** - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Department Of Panchayat
And Rural Development, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur,
District Raipur (C.G.)
- 2** - Collector, Sakti District Sakti (C.G.)
- 3** - Sub Divisional Officer Sakti, District Sakti (C.G.)
- 4** - Chief Executive Officer Janpad Panchayat Sakti, District Sakti (C.G.)

....Respondents

(Cause title taken from CIS System)

For Petitioner	: Mr. Ishwar Jaiswal, Advocate
For State	: Mr. Soumitra Kesharwani, PL

Hon'ble Shri Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order On Board

18.08.2026

1. By filing the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner does not challenge any specific order, but seeks a writ of mandamus directing the respondent authorities, particularly respondent No. 2, to consider and decide the representation dated 23-02-2026 (Annexure P-7) in a time-bound manner, and to disburse the balance amount of ₹3.90 lakhs along with interest for the construction work of Samudayik Bhawan at Gram Panchayat, Arjuni, Village- Arjuni, which stands duly completed. The petitioner has prayed for following relief(s):-

“10.1 That, this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to direct the respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 23-02-2026 and direct to pay the remaining amount of Rs.3.90 lakhs to the petitioner with interest within stipulated time period.

10.2 Any appropriate writ, direction or order may also kindly be passed in favour of the petitioners, which this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the circumstances of the case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was the former Sarpanch (ex-Sarpanch) of Gram Panchayat Arjuni. During his tenure, a work order dated 10.03.2022 was issued for the construction of Samudayik Bhawan with an allocated outlay of ₹6.50 lakhs. Though the petitioner successfully completed the construction work in all respects—duly certified by the Chief

Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat, Sakti via completion memo dated 19-06-2025—the final installment of ₹3.90 lakhs has deliberately been withheld without any fault on the petitioner's part. Therefore, a direction be issued to the concerned authorities to release the remaining payment expeditiously.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that vide memo dated 24-06-2025, the Collector, District Sakti has already forwarded the matter to the Collector, District Janjgir-Champa (under whose territorial jurisdiction the area formerly fell) for necessary disbursement in accordance with the law.
4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the documents available on record.
5. Considering the matter in its entirety and upon perusal of the record, it appears that the construction work of Samudayik Bhawan has already been completed in terms of the work order and certified as such by the authorities. The only remaining action is the formal disbursement of the remaining balance of ₹3.90 lakhs, either by the Collector, Sakti or the Collector, Janjgir-Champa.
6. Accordingly, the petitioner is granted liberty to submit a fresh, comprehensive representation/application along with a certified copy of this order before the Collector, District Janjgir-Champa within 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Upon receipt of such representation/application, the

Collector, District Janjgir-Champa, in coordination with the Collector, District Sakti, shall consider and decide the petitioner's claim regarding the disbursement of the balance amount in accordance with law, by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a further period of 45 days.

7. With the aforesaid observations and directions, this writ petition stands disposed of.
8. No order as to costs.

SD/-
(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
JUDGE

AMIT PATEL