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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3457]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE 10th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 36227/2025

Between:

1. M/S. JP RAM INFRA,, DOOR NO. 3-48-46/C, TEMPLE TOWERS, 5TH LINE, BRUNDAVANGARDENS, GUNTUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT REP.BY ITS MANAGING PARTNER VASIREDDY JAYARAM.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPEMNT DEPATMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE,GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FINANCE AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI VILLAGE, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
3. THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, NEAR D.G.P OFFICE, MANGALAGIRI,GUNTUR DISTRICT.
4. THE MANGALAGIRITADEPALLI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMISSIONER, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT ENGINEER, MANGALAGIRI-TADEPALLI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT(S):

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 topleased to issue a Writ or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents 1 to 5 in not paying the final bill to the petitioner in respect of the Agreement No.584/2022-23 dated 30-12-2022 in relation to the work for providing BT Surface to NH-16 to PR road (Guntur channel road) in Ippatam village of Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation under Special Grant, even after approval of the final Bill payable to the petitioner by the respondents 1 to 4 is arbitrary, illegal and in violation of Articles 14 and 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents 1 to 5 to pay the final Bill dated 01-04-2025 along with interest @ 12percent to the petitioner and pass

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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 pleased to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to release the payment of undisputed amount of Rs. 1,89,23,498/- by the respondent No.4 in order to pay the amount to the petitioner, pending disposal of the writ petition and pas

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. UNNAM AKHIL CHOWDARY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP MUNCIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV AP
2. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Finance and Planning and learned Standing Counsel for Municipal Corporation.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the writ petition is filed by the contractor, who executed various works within the limits of the Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation. The petitioner has completed the works to the satisfaction of the Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation and the final bills were also approved by the competent authority. However, the bills were not released. The petitioner executed the works during the year 2022–23, and also executed some works in the year 2024. It is submitted that the competent authority has approved the bills; however, there has been no payment forthcoming from the Corporation. Aggrieved by the non-payment of the bills by the Corporation, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of the above writ petition.

3. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for Corporation submits that on 09.09.2024, the Vigilance Enquiry was initiated against the works executed by the petitioner and the Vigilance Enquiry is being conducted on

the works which are entrusted to the petitioner. It is also submitted in the counter that the Vigilance Department is taking up verification of the works executed by the petitioner for the year 2019-2024 and the reports were awaited.

4. Considering the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Standing Counsel for the respondents, this Court is of the considered view that the bills due payable to the petitioner for the works executed by him would have to be paid without any further delay. There is no time frame for completion of the vigilance enquiry. That apart the learned Standing Counsel has not submitted on the methodology adopted by the vigilance committee to verify the works completed about five years ago. In so far as the Vigilance Enquiry is concerned, in the event an adverse report against the works completed by the petitioner is arrived at, the respondents shall have the right to proceed against the petitioner in accordance with law. Further, the petitioner shall submit a security bond for the amount released and in case it is found that they are due payable, the department can take appropriate action for recovery of the amount. It is needless to mention that the said exercise shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed off. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall stand closed.

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JUSTICE HARINATH.N

Date: 10.08.2026
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Dated : 10.08.2026
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