

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION No. 18471 of 2016

ORDER:

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The complaint of the petitioners, who are the Sarpanches of Sivvam Grampanchayat and V.V.R.Peta Gram Panchayat respectively, is that various works under the schemes notified in terms of G.O.Ms.No.34, Water Resources (CAD) Department, dated 02.03.2016 and G.O.Ms.No.70, Irrigation & CAD (WRG-GRC) Department, dated 04.12.2014, are being identified and allocated to the persons in contravention to the guidelines issued thereunder.

Heard Sri P.L. Rao, learned counsel for the petitioners, learned Government Pleader for Irrigation (A.P.) and Sri Ravi Cheemalapati, learned Standing Counsel for Grampanchayat.

In the writ affidavit, the petitioners have set out several details. It is not necessary for this Court to refer to those writ averments. The main contention of the petitioners is that the respondent authorities are identifying and allocating the works pertaining to Neeru-Chettu programme in contrary to the guidelines, rules and regulations issued by the Government. The ruling party politicians have got sanctioned some works under the "Neeru-Chettu" scheme, started the works without giving any information to them, and threatening them. Therefore, they pray to take action in accordance with the aforestated Government Orders.

The sum and substance of the arguments of the learned counsel for the petitioners is that without following the procedure and in violation of the norms notified in various Government Orders, the works are being executed/being shown as executed and in some cases, without executing any works, money is being drawn and thereby, the funds are being misutilised at large scale. At this stage, it may be apt to mention that a large number of cases of this nature are coming before this Court, particularly, from Srikakulam District.

Considering these aspects, this writ petition is disposed of directing the District Collector, Srikakulam District, who is notified as Chairman at District/Regional Level under G.O.Ms.No.70 dated 04.12.2014, to take necessary steps and lay down clear guidelines with respect to receiving of the complaints and redressal of the same, so that the money that is allocated to the respective villages is utilized properly. It is needless to mention that the petitioner shall be at liberty to submit a detailed representation to the District Collector, Srikakulam District, setting out the averments as detailed in the writ affidavit.

Consequently, the miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand closed. No order as to costs.

JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

Date: 14.06.2016

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