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

MONDAY, THE 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

WRIT PETITION NO: 5440/2024

Between:

1. M/S SRI SAI RAM CONSTRUCTIONS, PADERU, PADERU DISTRICT, REP. BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR SAIPU REDDY RAMARAO.
2. SAIPU REDDY RAMARAO,, S/O.CHITTIBABU, AGED 48 YEARS, OCC CONTRACTOR, R/O. MAIN ROAD, GUDIWADA COLONY, PADERU, PADERU DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, THULLUR MANDAL, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, THULLUR MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
3. THE DIRECTOR OF WORKS AND ACCOUNT OFFICER, NIDHI BHAVAN, MANGALAGIRI IT PARK, BEHIND APIIC BUILDING, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
4. THE ENGINEERINCHIEF, TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, VIJAYAWADA.
5. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PADERU DISTRICT, PADERU.
6. THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, PADERU DISTRICT, PADERU.

7. THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, TRIBAL WELFARE CIRCLE, VISAKHAPATNAM.
8. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TRIBAL WELFARE, ARAKU, PADERU DISTRICT.
9. THE PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT, VISAKHAPATNAM.

...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, Order, or Direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS or any other appropriate writ or direction declaring the action of the respondents in withholding the payment of balances of Rs. 35,35,307/- even after finalizing the bills, payable to the petitioner in relation to the work i.e., i) Construction of Dormitory to AHS (G) at Seetagunta Village in Pedabayalu Mandal of Visakhapatnam District through the Circle Agreement No. 02/2018-19 dated 10-04-2018 for an amount of Rs. 11,38,555/- and ii) Additional Infrastructure to Dormitory to Ashram High School for Girls at Seethagunta Village in Pedabayalu Mandal of Visakhapatnam District through the Circle Agreement No. 11/2021-2022, dated 16-09-2021 for an amount of and Rs. 23,96,752/- totaling an amount of Rs. 35,35,307/- as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Art 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to consider for payment of amount of Rs. 35,35,307/- in respect of execution of above-mentioned work forthwith 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 to consider for payment of amount of Rs. 35,35,307/- to the Petitioners in respect of execution of work i.e., i) Construction of Dormitory to AHS (G) at Seetagunta Village in Pedabayalu Mandal of Visakhapatnam District through the Circle Agreement No. 02/2018-19 dated 10-04-2018 for an amount of Rs. 11,38,555/- and ii) Additional Infrastructure to Dormitory to Ashram High School for Girls at Seethagunta Village in Pedabayalu Mandal of Visakhapatnam District through the Circle Agreement No. 11/2021-2022, dated 16-09-2021 for an amount of and Rs. 23,96,752/- totaling an amount of Rs. 35,35,307/- forthwith pending disposal of the main Writ Petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1. RAMBABU KOPPINEEDI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE (AP)
2. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING (AP)

The Court made the following order:

The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were entrusted with the works for construction of Dormitory to AHS (G) at Seethagunta Village in Pedabayalu Mandal of Visakhapatnam District and Additional Infrastructure to Dormitory to Ashram High School for Girls at Seethagunta Village in Pedabayalu Mandal of Visakhapatnam District.

2. It is submitted that the petitioners had completed the work entrusted to them and that the competent authority of the respondents had also approved the payments due and payable to the petitioners. The respondents have also recorded the progress of the work and the amounts due and payable to the petitioner in the M-Book.

3. Heard the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Social Welfare.

4. During the course of hearing, the learned Government Pleader of Social Welfare submits on the basis of the instructions received, that the work has been completed and that the petitioners have also submitted the final bills and the amounts due and payable to the petitioners have been duly admitted. It is submitted that further funds are awaited and that, soon after the release of the funds, the bills due and payable to the petitioners shall be cleared.

5. Recording the submissions, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondents to verify and release the payments due and payable

to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six (06) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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JUSTICE HARINATH.N

05.10.2026
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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

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