APHC010454762026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3311]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 2026

Present

Honourable Ms. Justice B. S. Bhanumathi

Writ Petition No: 24852 of 2026

Between:

Dasari Harinatha Reddy **... Petitioner**

and

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others **... Respondents**

Counsel for the petitioner:

1. Suresh Kumar Reddy Kalava

Counsel for the respondents:

1. G.P. for Panchayat Raj Rural Dev.
2. G.P. for Finance Planning

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed to declare the action of the respondents herein, in not releasing the petitioner's final bill to an amount of Rs.69,590/- (M-Book No 6403/A/10), and deposits (FSD Rs.17,833/-, EMD Rs.25,350/-, ASD Rs.85,850/-), totally an amount of Rs.1,98,623/-, even after concluding the Vigilance Enquiry and finalizing the bills payable to the petitioner in relation to the works executed by the petitioner i.e., 'Package No.06 (Consisting of 1 work in Nimmanapalle Mandal of Madanapalle constituency)' as per the agreement No./2010-11, Dt.18/04/2011, as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents to pay the amounts to the petitioner with an interest @24% per annum.

02. It is the contention of the petitioner that even though the respondents admit that the petitioner is entitled to the aforesaid amount, no payment has been made. The petitioner further contends that such non-payment of money is clearly arbitrary and high-handed, requiring interference of this Court.

03. On the other hand, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Gram Panchayat and Rural Development, while admitting about the claim of the petitioner, placed on record a copy of written instructions received from the respondent No. 3, vide Lr. Roc.No. A3 / WP 24852 / 2026, dated 28.10.2026, stating that after statutory deductions, the amount payable to the petitioner is Rs.45,136/- only; and that A.S.D. amount of Rs.85,850/-, E.M.D. amount of Rs.25,350/- to APAO was deposited by the contractor through bank D.D. ; and that the E.M.D. amounts are lapsing from 2009 to 2017 by the government; and that

to make the E.M.D. amount of Rs. 1,11,200/- to the contractor available on the NIDHI portal; and that FSD amount of Rs.17,833/- along with the second and final bill recoveries would be paid after the second and final payment; and that the second and final bill for Rs.69,590/-, the bill would be submitted to APAO as soon as the government receives the grant.

04. The learned counsel for the petitioner requested to pass appropriate order for the payment of the amount admitted in the written instructions.

05. In view of the submissions made on both sides, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to pay the admitted amount as mentioned in the written instructions, to the petitioner, along with the interest, if any, at the rate entitled, within a period of one (1) month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

It is open to the petitioner to agitate the claim for higher rate of interest, if any, payable by the respondents, before an appropriate forum.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this writ petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE B.S. BHANUMATHI

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