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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3327]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 29th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 26521/2026

Between:

1. NANDAYALA VENKATESU, S/O VENKATA SUBBAIAH, AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,OCC CONTRACTOR, R/O- CHINNAKOTHAPALLI VILLAGE, VONTIMITTA MANDAL,YSR KADAPA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS , PRINCIPAL SECRETARY IRRIGATION AND COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT,SECRETARIAT,VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.522 238
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FINANCE AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
3. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, KADAPA DIVISION YSR KADAPA DISTRICT.516 001
4. THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IRRIGATION SUB DIVISON, KODUR YSR KADAPA DISTRICT.516 101

...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 to issue a writ, order, or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the respondents in not paying final bill amount to the petitioner for the works executed by him namely Restoration of Pondaluru spring channel work from Athiralamadugu to

Gundlavaripalle Village of Pondaluru GP in Pengalur Mandal. for an amount of Rs.9,74,564/- with interest as illegal, arbitrary, malafidy, against to the principles of natural justice, contrary to law and in violation of Article 14, 21 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to pay the approved billsamount along with interest to the petitioner in the interest of justice

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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 direct the respondents to paybillsamountto the petitioner for the works executed by him namely "Restoration of Pondaluru spring channel work from Athiralamadugu to Gundlavaripalle Village of Pondaluru GP in Pengalur Mandal." for an amount ofRs.9,74,564/-, with interest pending disposal of the above writ petition in the interest of justice

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. NAVULURU KRISHNA SAI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR IRRI AND CAD
2. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:

O R D E R

This Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

> "….to issue a writ, order, or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not paying final bill amount to the petitioner for the works executed by him namely Restoration of Pondaluru spring channel work from Athiralamadugu to Gundlavaripalle Village of Pondaluru GP in Pengalur Mandal. for an amount of Rs.9,74,564/- with interest as illegal, arbitrary, malafidy, against to the principles of natural justice, contrary to law and in violation of Article 14, 21 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to pay the approved billsamount along with interest to the petitioner in the interest of justice and pass such other order…"

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Irrigation and the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Finance and Planning.

3. The petitioner claims to be a registered contractor engaged in the execution of civil works and that he was entrusted with various works of the Irrigation Department on a tender basis. It is the case of the petitioner that he was awarded a contract for execution of the work viz. Restoration of Pondaluru spring channel work from Athiralamadugu to Gundlavaripalle Village of Pondaluru GP in Pengalur Mandal. It is the case of the petitioner that he executed the work to the satisfaction of the authorities concerned, and upon completion of the work, the respondent authorities measured the same and recorded the measurements in the Measurement Book.

4. It is the grievance of the petitioner that notwithstanding the completion of the work and its measurement by the competent authorities, the amount due towards the executed work has not been paid till date. According to the petitioner, although the work was completed long back, the respondent

authorities are not releasing the admitted amount payable to him. Aggrieved by the non-payment of the said amount, the petitioner filed the present Writ Petition.

5. Having regard to the fact that *in spite* of granting number of adjournments, the respondent authorities neither secured written instructions nor filed counter-affidavits, the respondent authorities are directed to verify and pay the admitted amount for the work executed by the petitioner within a period of Eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that the petitioner shall execute an indemnity bond to the effect that in case, if it is found that the petitioner has not executed the work, he would repay the amount so paid.

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

As a sequel thereto, the Interlocutory Applications, if any, pending in this Writ Petition, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

Date: 29.10.2026
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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

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