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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

AT AMARAVATI **[3311]**

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Thursday, the 8th day of October, 2026

Present

The Honourable Ms. Justice B. S. Bhanumathi

Writ Petition No. 27725 of 2026

Between:

J. Karunakar Reddy and others … Petitioners

and

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others ... Respondents

Counsel for the petitioners:

1. G. Sekhar Reddy

Counsel for the respondents:

G.P. for Panchayat Raj Rural Dev

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to declare the action of the respondents in failing to sanction and release the honorarium payable to the petitioners, being elected Zilla Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) Members, for the pending period of 34 months, in terms of G.O.Ms.No. 89, Panchyat Raj and Rural Development (PTS.III) Department, dated 07.09.2015, as illegal, and consequently direct the respondents to forthwith sanction and release the arrears of honorarium payable to the petitioners for the pending 34 months, together with the admissible Travelling Allowance (T.A.) and Daily Allowance (D.A.), duly considering the representations dated, 25.07.2026 and 14.08.20.26.

2. The learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj, representing the respondent No. 3, placed on record a copy of written instructions of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Chittoor, dated 21.09.2026, wherein it was stated as follows:-

> "Further it is respectfully submitted that, this office has already paid honorarium for the period from 25.09.2021 to 31.07.2022 for 11 months and also from 01.02.2024 to 31.05.2025 for 16 months totally for 27 months for all 65 ZPTCs including Chairperson and this office has already uploaded in CFMS Login for 17 months i.e., period from 01.08.2022 to 31.01.2024 for payment of all ZPTCs honorarium. But these bills were returned on 31.03.2024 to DDOs Login, due to year end activity as per Art. 39 & 50 of A.P. Financial Code. Vol. I.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that, this office has again tried to upload the above bills in CFMS Login, but there is not enable in the said head of account, due to budget was not released so far and waiting for budget.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that, this office has already paid for Rs. 53,91,937/- through the cheque to all 65 ZPTCs including Chairperson for the period from 01.02.2024 to 31.05.2025 for 16 months from the zilla Parishad General Funds.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that, the balance period i.e., from 01.06.2025 to 24.09.2026 for 16 months were pending payment to honorarium to 65 ZPTCs including Chairperson due to waiting for budget from the Panchayat Raj Department, soon after getting the budget from the Panchayat Raj Department, the pending bills should be uploaded in the CFMS Web login for making payment the above pending bills to the petitioners i.e., 43 ZPTC members.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that, the total 33 months honorarium were pending payment to 65 ZPTCs including the petitioners waiting for budget from the Panchayat Raj Department. Soon after getting the budget from the Panchayat Raj Department, the pending bills will be uploaded in the CFMS web login for making payment of the above pending bills to the petitioners."

3. The writ petitioners in the affidavit stated as follows:-

> "… Out of the total honourarium payable to the petitioners for the period of 60 months during which they discharged their functions as ZPTC members from 2021 to 2026, honorarium has been paid only for 26 months. The honorarium payable for the remaining 34 months has not been released and is still pending as arrears…"

However, in the written instructions a copy of which is placed on record by the learned Assistant Government Pleader, it is stated as follows:-

> "… this office has already paid honorarium for the period from 25.09.2021 to 31.07.2022 for 11 months and also from 01.02.2024 to 31.05.2025 for 16 months totally for 27 months for all 65 ZPTCs including Chairperson and this office has already uploaded in CFMS long for 17 months, i.e., period from 01.08.2022 to 31.01.2024 for payment of all ZPTCs honorarium."

4. In the light of the written instructions, the learned counsel for the petitioner requested to dispose of the writ petition directing the respondents to pay the admitted amount.

5. Having regard to the submissions made on both the sides, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to release the honorarium for the balance period, i.e. from 01.06.2025 to 24.09.2026 for 16 months to the petitioner, within a period of one (02) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

B.S. BHANUMATHI, J

Dt. 08.10.2026
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Whether the order is :
Speaking Yes/No / Reasoned Yes/No
Reportable Yes/No / Non-Reportable Yes/No