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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: 27862 of 2026

Between:

Gangumolu Srinivasa Rao **... Petitioner**

and

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

Counsel for the petitioner:

1. Anjani Kurella

Counsel for the respondents:

1. G.P. for Revenue
2. G.P. for Finance Planning

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed to declare the action of the respondents in not releasing the total due payments of Rs. 4,24,890/- even after finalizing the bills, payable to the petitioner in relation to the work vide its agreement dated 09.12.2022 and vide M. Book. No.372A/RWS(K)/ 2021-22 for the work of providing RCC retaining wall to Geddada water tank at Jakkaram (V) of Kalla Mandal, sanctioned under Z.P. grant and RWS works in West Godavari District, as illegal and consequently, direct the respondent authorities to pay Rs. 4,24,890/- with interest @18% p.a. to the petitioner.

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. 7, dated 29.09.2026, stating that bill for balance amount of Rs.4,24,890/- had been prepared through administrative sanction, technical sanction and agreement; and that due to non-availability of budget, further process is held up and funds are awaited under the sanctioned 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 an amount of Rs.4,24,890/- (four lakh twenty four thousand eight hundred ninety rupees only) to the petitioner, along with the interest, if any, at the rate entitled, within a period of two (2) months 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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