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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

AT AMARAVATI **[3311]**

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Monday, the 2nd day of November, 2026

Present

The Honourable Ms. Justice B. S. Bhanumathi

Writ Petition No.28145 of 2026

Between:

V. Srinivas, S/o. V. Venkatarao, Age: 61 years, Occ: Contractor, R/o. Avanigada, Avanigadda mandal, Krishna district.

…Petitioner

and

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Secretariat buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur district.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Finance & Planning, Secretariat buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur district.
3. The Commissioner, Department of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur district.
4. The Superintending Engineer, P.R. Circle, Machilipatnam, Krishna district.
5. The Executive Engineer, P.R.I. Division, Machilipatnam, Krishna district.

…Respondents

Counsel for the petitioner:

1. Modapothula Sumalatha

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 under Article 226 of the Constitution of India was filed seeking the following relief:

> "..to issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or direction declaring the action of the respondents in not releasing the bill amount along with EMD amounts of Rs.3,16,634/- and Rs.51,444/- (EMD) with a grand totaling of Rs.3,68,078/- vide M. Book No. 1419A / 2015-16, even after finalizing the bills, payable to the petitioner in relation to the works, i.e., package No. Krishna / Koduru / 10, (24 works at present 18 works) – repairs to BT / WBM / Gravel roads in Koduru (M), vide agreement No.2017-2018, dated 22.01.2018, as the same is illegal, arbitrary and consequently direct the respondents to pay the bill amount with interest @ 24% per annum for the delayed payment to the petitioner."

2. The case of the petitioner, briefly stated, is as follows:

The respondents issued administrative sanction vide G.O. Rt. No. 452, of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Progs.I) Department, dated 03.07.2017, for execution of the subject work, i.e., Package No. Krishna / Koduru / 10 – repairs to BT / WBM / Gravel roads in Koduru mandal. The petitioner and the respondent No. 4 / Superintending Engineer, P.R. Circle, Machilipatnam, entered into agreement. The petitioner executed the work by engaging men and machinery and completed the entire work. In spite of completing the works, the respondents have not released the bill amounts so far. Hence, this writ petition was filed.

3. The learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj & Rural Development placed on record a copy of the written instructions vide Rc. No.1 / H9 / Court Cases / W.P. No.28145 / 2026, dated 07.10.2026, of respondent No.5 and submitted as follows:

> "..Bill was not submitted to the Pay and Accounts Officer, Vijayawada due to lack of budget. Further, it is submitted that E,M.D. amount was released."

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner requested to dispose of the writ petition in the light of the written instructions.

5. Having regard to the above submissions, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to release the admitted amount of Rs.3,16,632/- (Three Lakh sixteen thousand six hundred and thirty two only) to the petitioner, along with interest as per the entitlement, within a period of one (1) month 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

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