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

TUESDAY, THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 28471/2026

Between:

1. M/R. MEDIDHI SAL SREEKAR REDDY,, S/O. MEDIDHI JANARDHAN REDDY, AGE 33 YEARS, D.N9 1-381, BALAJI NAGAR, NEAR SWAMIDASS SAHOOL ROAD, NELLORE, STONEHOUSE PET, NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH-524002

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, , REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION, SECRETARIAT BUILDING, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR.522238
2. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, NELLORE CENTRAL DIVISION, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.524003
3. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS JOINT SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.524003
4. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 524003

...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 an appropriate Writ Order or direction more particularly one

in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in withholding the payments of pending amounts of Rs. 9,19,102/-(Rupees Nine Lakhs, nineteen thousand One Hundred and Two Rupees only), even after finalizing the bills payable to the petitioner in relation to the works i.e. Removal of Weed from the Bed of Irrigation Channel near Cherlopalem, Mode gunta and Vegur Villages in Kovur Mandal of SPSR Nellore District of Agreement No. 278 O and M/DN/2019-20 Dated 06.03.2020 , and pass any other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper 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 forthwith consider releasing the amounts of Rs. 9,19,1021-(Rupees Nine Lakhs, nineteen thousand One Hundred and Two Rupees only) payable to the petitioner herein, pending disposal of the writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. DEVASRI ROSHAN KANCHARLA

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR IRRIGATION COMM AREA DEV
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 an appropriate Writ Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in withholding the payments of pending amounts of Rs. 9,19,102/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs, nineteen thousand One Hundred and Two Rupees only), even after finalizing the bills payable to the petitioner in relation to the works i.e. Removal of Weed from the Bed of Irrigation Channel near Cherlopalem, Modegunta and Vegur Villages in Kovur Mandal of SPSR Nellore District of Agreement No. 278 O and M/DN/2019-20 Dated 06.03.2020 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 engaged in execution of civil works of R&B Department, Panchayat Raj Department and other Government Departments 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. Removal of Weed from the Bed of Irrigation Channel near Cherlopalem, Modegunta and Vegur Villages in Kovur Mandal of SPSR Nellore District of Agreement No.278 O&M/DN/2019-20 dated 06.03.2020. 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 furnished 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 Six (6) 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:27.10.2026.
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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

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