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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.29461 of 2026

Between:

K.V. Ramachandra Rao, S/o. late Bagayya, Age: 58 years, Occ: V.LWEC, R/o. H. No. 9-89, Kalivarapu Peta, Narasanna Peta post & Mandal, Srikakulam district.

….Petitioner

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur district.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary, Finance & Planning Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velgapudi mandal, Amaravati, Guntur district.

3. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (MGNREGS) Department, Nakkala Road, Suryaraopet, Vijayawada, Krishna district.

4. The District Collector, Srikakulam district.

5. The Project Director (DWMA), District Water Management Agency, Srikakulam district.

6. The Mandal Parishad Development Officer (M.P.D.O.), Panchayat Raj Department, Srikakulam district.

7. The Deputy Executive Engineer (P.R.I.), Narasannapet mandal, Srikakulam district.

8. The Mandal Engineer Officer (MPP), Narasannapet mandal, Srikakulam district.

….Respondents

Counsel for the petitioner:

1. Krishna Rao. M

Counsel for the respondents:

1. G.P. for Panchayat Raj & Rural Dev.
2. G.P. for Revenue
3. 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 an order or direction one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents particularly, respondents Nos.6 and 7 for withholding funds from Special Development Fund (S.D.F.) of Rs.5 lakhs for construction of Masons Skill Development Building situated at Adivarampeta of Narasannapeta mandal, Srikakulam district as illegal, arbitrary and violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to release the pending amount of Rs. 5 lakhs together with interest at the rate of 24% per annum and pass such other order or orders as this Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case."

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

The respondents granted administrative sanction for construction of Masons Skill Development building vide Proceedings No. 114 / 17 / SDF / NRPT / cop-skl / Plg., dated 14.03.2018, of the District Collector, Srikakulam. The petitioner, having entered into an agreement for execution of the subject work with an estimated cost of Rs.5,00,000/-, completed the work to the satisfaction of the respondents. However, even after lapse of eight years, the bill amount still remains unpaid. 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 Lr. No. W.P. No. 29461 / 2026 / Dt.10.10.2026, of respondent No.7 and submitted as follows:

> "..The bill amount is pending due to insufficient budge. The pending amount would be paid to the petitioner soon after release of the budget."

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.4,14,801/- (Four Lakh fourteen thousand eight hundred and one 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

Dt.02.11.2026
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Whether the order is :
Speaking Yes/No / Reasoned Yes/No
Reportable Yes/No / Non-Reportable Yes/No