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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the 4th day of November, 2026

Present

The Honourable Ms. Justice B.S.Bhanumathi

Writ Petition No: 29690 of 2026

Between:

1. Pasupuleti Sai Babu, S/o.Satyanarayana, aged about 64 years, occupation : contractor, R/o.18-5-211, Gowrikoneru, Peddapuram, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema district.

... Petitioner

and

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur district, 522237.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Principal Secretary, Finance and Planning Department, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur district, 522237.

3. The District Collector, (RWS and S Wing), Kakinada, Kakinada district, 533001.

4. The Superintending Engineer, RWS and S, Project Circle, Kakinada, Kakinada district, 533001.

5. The Executive Engineer, RWS and S Division, Kakinada, Kakinada district, 533001.

...Respondents

Counsel for the petitioner:

1. B.Jaya Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for the respondents:

1. Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development
2. Government Pleader for Finance & Planning

The Court made the following Order:

This writ petition was filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India to declare the action of the respondents in not paying a sum of Rs.7,31,680/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand and Six Hundred Eighty Rupees only) in respect of works under CMDF Grant of "Providing pipeline to ST area and other areas in Kattamuru village of Peddapuram mandal of East Godavari District as illegal, irregular, arbitrary, highhanded malafide and against to the principles of natural justice and violative of fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to release an amount of Rs.7,31,680/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand and Six Hundred Eighty Rupees only) along with 12 % interest from the date of completion of the work to till the date of realization forthwith and pass such other order or orders, which this Court deems proper in the interest of justice.

02. It is the contention of the petitioner that even though the respondents admitted that the petitioner is entitled to the aforesaid amount, no payment has been made and that such non-payment of money is clearly arbitrary and high-handed requiring the interference of this Court.

03. On the other hand, learned Government Pleader for Irrigation, while admitting about the claim of the petitioners, placed on record written instructions received from the Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Kakinada, vide Lr.No.T2/ W.P.No.29690 of 2026, dated 11.10.2026. He submitted that the work providing pipeline to ST area and other areas in Kattamuru village of Peddapuram mandal, East Godavari

District 5.00 lakhs was sanctioned under CMDF Grant. The work was entrusted to Sri P.Sai Babu, Peddapuram. The payment will be made within 9 months.

04. In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, this Writ Petition is disposed of, with a direction to the respondents to release the amount of R**s.6,65,620/- (Rupees six lakhs sixty five thousand six hundred and twenty only)** to the petitioner, along with the interest, as per the entitlement, within a period of one (01) month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE B.S. BHANUMATHI

Date: 04.11.2026
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