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

THURSDAY, THE 29th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 29943/2026

Between:

1. CHEDALA GANGIREDDY, S/O. PEDDA ABBAI, CIVIL CONTRACTOR, GAVARAYYAPETA VILLAGE ADDATHIGALA MANADAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP .BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT -522238
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPLE SECRETARY, FINANCE PLANNING DEPT, OFFICE AT 1ST FLOOR, BLOCK NO-2, A.P SECRETERIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI - 522238
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, RAMPACHODAVARAM , POLAVARAM DISTRICT - 533288
4. THE ASST EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMMENT (IRRIGATION), S.M.I SECTION, ADDATHIGALA , POLAVARAM (EAST GODAVARI)DISTRICT- 533428
5. THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, . WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMMENT (IRRIGATION), S.M.I SUB DIVSION, ADDATHIGALA , POLAVARAM (EAST GODAVARI)DISTRICT- 533428.
6. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMMENT (IRRIGATION), S.M.I DIVSION, RAMPACHODAVARAM, POLAVARAM (EAST GODAVARI)DISTRICT- 533288

...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 a Writ of Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in Not Releasing the Admitted Bills to the Petitioner for works completed (1) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Maderu Vagu at Kottampalem (V) 7.000 K.M of Addathigala (M) , East Godavari District, vide Agreement No. 1 / 2021-2022, Dated 12-01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 23,891/-, (2) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Manderu Vagu at Kottampalem (V) 7.500 K.M of Addathigala (M), East Godavari District, vide Agreement No. 2 / 2021-2022, Dated 12-01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 32,607/-,. (3) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Maderu Vagu atGavarayyapeta (V) @ 10.000 K.M of Addathigala (M) , East Godavari District, vide Agreement No. 3 / 2021-2022, Dated 12-01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 45,043/-, (4) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Maderu Vagu at Gavarayyapeta (V) @ 11.500 K.M of Addathigala (M) , East Godavari District, vide Agreement No. 4 / 2021-2022, Dated 12- 01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 45,753/-. The total An Amount of Rs. 1,47,294/- plus GST as illegal, arbitrary and Violation of principles of natural justice, consequently direct to the Respondents to release the Admitted Bill Amounts to the Petitioner

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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 herein, forthwith release the amount due to the petitioner herein, pursuant to the First and First and Final Bill for Rs. 1,47,294/- + GST with interest @ 18% P.A. till date of payment in the interest of Justice

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. CHAKRADHARA RAJA Y

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR IRRI AND CAD
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 a Writ of Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in Not Releasing the Admitted Bills to the Petitioner for works completed (1) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Maderu Vagu at Kottampalem (V) 7.000 K.M of Addathigala (M) , East Godavari District, vide Agreement No.1 / 2021-2022, Dated 12-01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 23,891/- , (2) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Manderu Vagu at Kottampalem (V) 7.500 K.M of Addathigala (M), East Godavari District, vide Agreement No. 2 / 2021-2022, Dated 12-01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 32,607/-,. (3) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Maderu Vagu atGavarayyapeta (V) @ 10.000 K.M of Addathigala (M) , East Godavari District, vide Agreement No. 3 / 2021-2022, Dated 12-01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 45,043/-, (4) Flood damage repairs to left canal of anicut across Maderu Vagu at Gavarayyapeta (V) @ 11.500 K.M of Addathigala (M) , East Godavari District, vide Agreement No. 4 / 2021-2022, Dated 12- 01-2022 for an amount of Rs. 45,753/-. The total An Amount of Rs.1,47,294/- plus GST as illegal, arbitrary and Violation of principles of natural justice, consequently direct to the Respondents to release the Admitted Bill Amounts to the Petitioner 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 a registered contractor engaged in the execution of civil works 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 works as mentioned above. It is the case of the petitioner that he executed the works to the satisfaction of the

authorities concerned, and upon completion of the works, the respondent authorities measured the same and recorded the measurements in the Measurement Books.

4. It is the grievance of the petitioner that notwithstanding the completion of the works and its measurement by the competent authorities, the amount due towards the executed works has not been paid till date. According to the petitioner, although the works were 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 secured written instructions nor filed counter-affidavits, the respondent authorities are directed to verify and pay the admitted amount for the works executed by the petitioner within a period of Eight (8) 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: 29.10.2026
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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

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