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

MONDAY, THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 30350/2026

Between:

1. KALLURU NIRANJAN REDDY, S/O. PRABHAKAR REDDY, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, OCC CONTRACTOR, RIO. D.NO. 1-100, PENDLURU VILLAGE, VEMULA MANDAL, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 516349.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES/IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH- 522238.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522238.
3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR W R D, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT AND, CHAIRMAN, PADA, PULIVENDULA, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT-516001.
4. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, W.R.D, P.B.0 DIVISION, PULIVENDULA, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-516390

...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 a Writ, order or direction more particularly in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the Respondents in releasing payment of the bills to the Petitioner for the work executed by him, namely Construction of Damaged Single Lane Bridge at KM 2.600 of Pendluru Distributory for an amount of Rs.14,78,588/- as illegal, arbitrary, malafide, high-handed, and contrary to the procedure established by law, apart from being violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and Consequently direct the Respondents to pay an amount of Rs. 14,78,588/- along with interest from the date of execution of work to the petitioner for the said work executed by 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 to pay the amount of Rs. 14,78,588/- for the work executed by the Petitioner by work name "Construction of Damaged Single Lane Bridge at KM 2.600 of Pendluru Distributory" Pending disposal of the main writ petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. GAJJALA MALLIKARJUNA REDDY

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 a Writ, order or direction more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in releasing payment of the bills to the Petitioner for the work executed by him, namely Construction of Damaged Single Lane Bridge at KM 2.600 of Pendluru Distributory for an amount of Rs.14,78,588/- as illegal, arbitrary, malafide, high-handed, and contrary to the procedure established by law, apart from being violative of Articles 14 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India and Consequently direct the Respondents to pay an amount of Rs.14,78,588/- along with interest from the date of execution of work to the petitioner for the said work executed by the petitioner and pass other order…"

2. Heard the 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 work viz., Construction of Damaged Single Lane Bridge at KM 2.600 of Pendluru Distributory. 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 though sufficient time has been provided, 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 work executed by the petitioner within a period of three (3) months 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: 16.11.2026.
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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

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