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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3396]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

WRIT PETITION NO: 31079/2026

Between:

1. PAPPULA VENKATA RAMA RAO, APAPPULA VENKATA RAMA RAO, S/O VENKATESWARA RAO, AGED ABOUT 70 YEARS, OCC CONTRACTOR, RIO D.NO.1-1-32/1, SRIKANTHI NIALAYAM, STEAMER ROAD, NEAR PANTU REVU, NARASAPUR, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH - 534275.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, AGRICULTURE, MARKETING AND CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT, A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522503.

2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY FINANCE DEPARTMENT A.P. SECRETARIAT VELAGAPUDI AMARAVATI GUNTUR DISTRICT 522503

3. THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH OLD MIRCHI MARKET YARD CHUTTUGUNTA GUNTUR 522004

4. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AGRICULTURAL MARKETING, VIJAYAWADA DIVISION VIJAYAWADA NTR DISTRICT 520010

5. THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ELURU WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT 534001

6. THE AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, BHIMAVARAM REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY MARKET YARD BHIMAVARAM WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT 534201

7. THE PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER, ELURU PAO CODE 7141

ELURU R.S. WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT 534005

...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 one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in not releasing the three pending bills of the petitioner, aggregating to a gross amount of Rs.26,93,433/- (Rupees twenty six lakhs ninety three thousand four hundred and thirty three only) and a net amount of Rs.25,30,422/- (Rupees twenty five lakhs thirty thousand four hundred and twenty two only), pertaining to the works at Market Yard, Bhimavaram, West Godavari District, under Agreement No.64/2025-26/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 10-03-2026, Agreement No.65/2025-26/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 10-03-2026, and L.S. Agreement No.18/2026-27/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 25-05-2026, as arbitrary, illegal, violative of Articles 14 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and contrary to the law laid down by the Honble Supreme Court, and consequently direct the respondents to release and pay to the petitioner the net amount of Rs.25,30,422/-, together with interest at 9percentage per annum from 27-06-2026 till the date of payment, within a time to be fixed by this Honble Court, and pass

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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 to direct the respondents to process and release the net bill amounts aggregating to Rs.25,30,422/-, covered by Bill Nos.202631266430, 202631255928 and 202631266038, within a time to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. JAMI MADHAVI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. GP FOR AGRICULTURE
2. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

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ORDER:

The Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

> *"pleased to issue a Writ Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not releasing the three pending bills of the petitioner aggregating to a gross amount of Rs.26,93,433/- (Rupees twenty six lakhs ninety three thousand four hundred and thirty three only) and a net amount of Rs.25,30,422/- (Rupees twenty five lakhs thirty thousand four hundred and twenty two only) pertaining to the works at Market Yard, Bhimavaram, West Godavari District, under Agreement No.64/2025-26/EE (A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 10-03-2026, Agreement No.65/2025-26/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 10-03-2026 and L.S.Agreement No.18/2026-27/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 25-05-2026, as arbitrary, illegal, violative of Articles 14 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and contrary to the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and consequently direct the respondents to release and pay to the petitioner the net amount of Rs.25,30,422/- together with interest at 9% per annum from 27.06.2026 till the date of payment within a time to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court and pass"*

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Agriculture appearing for respondent Nos.1, 3 to 6, and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Finance and Planning appearing for respondent Nos.2 and 7.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has completed the works entrusted for him under Agreement Nos.64/2025-26/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 10-03-2026, and No.65/2025-26/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 10-03-2026, and L.S.Agreement No.18/2026-27/EE(A.M)VJA/DEE, dated 25-05-2026, and that the corresponding bills have also been generated. However, despite the generation of the bills, the amounts due to the petitioner have not been released by the respondents.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Agriculture would submit that the respondents are in the process of clearing the bills and that, at present, the bills are pending before the Secretary (Selection Grade) Agricultural Marketing Committee, Bhimavaram, waiting for the note approval by the Chairman of Agricultural Marketing Committee and would further submit that the Writ Petition may be disposed of by fixing some time.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that, recording the submissions made by the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Agriculture, the Writ Petition may be disposed of.

6. In the light of the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for both parties, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondent authorities to clear the amounts due and payable to the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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Dr. JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

Date: 27.10.2026
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