



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

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MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 2668/2026

Between:

1.M/S. SRI DHANUNJAYA CONSTRUCTIONS,, REP. BY ITS
MANAGING PARTNER, DANTULURI SOWMYA, W/O. SANDEEP
VARMA, AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS, D.NO . 2 -12 -17/6A, FLAT NO .
107, ALLURI TOWERS, RAMARAJU THOTA, SIVARAO PETA,
BHIMAVARAM - 534 202

...PETITIONER

AND

1.STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, , REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI,
AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DIST., - 522 238

2.STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP.BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, FINANCE AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 2ND
BLOCK, 1ST FLOOR. ROOM NO.287, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS,
VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DIST., - 522 238

3.THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF, IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT, NAMBOORI GOPALARAO STREET, HANUMANPET,
VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH 520003.

4.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT AT
BHIMAVARAM - 534 202

5.THE SUPERINTENDENT ENGINEER, IRRIGATION AND WATER
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, ELURU CIRCLE, WEST GODAVARI

DISTRICT

6.THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IRRIGATION AND WATER
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, GODAVARI WESTERN DIVISION,
NIDADAVOLE - 534 301

...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 by declaring the action of the Respondents in not paying the admitted bill amounts payable to the Petitioner vide Agreement No. 78 / 2024 - 25 dt.03.09.2024, Agreement No. 77/2024-25 dt.03.09.2024, Agreement No. 141 / 2024 - 25 dt. 25.03.2025 and Agreement No. 140 / 2024 - 25 dt.25.03.2025 for the respective works in the respective places at the Godavari Western division for the years 2024 - 25 as applicable for the works, for the amount payable of Rs. 5000341.1/- as illegal, arbitrary and in violation of Articles 14, 19 (i) (g), 21, 300 - A of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to release the bills for the subject completed works immediately with 6percent interest as held by the Honble Divisional Bench of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh vide WA No 724 / 2021, and to 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 release the amount of Rs. 5000341.1/- towards the payment of the final bills of the contract works (subject matter of this Writ Petition) undertaken by the petitioner, pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.MSVS SUDHA RANI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR IRRI AND CAD

2.GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following order:

Non-payment of the admitted bills to the petitioner by the respondent authorities despite the execution of works by the petitioner *vide* Agreement No.78/2024-25 dated 03.09.2024, Agreement No.77/2024-25 dated 03.09.2024, Agreement No.141/2024-25 dated 25.03.2025 and Agreement No.140/2024-25 dated 25.03.2025 for the respective works in respective places at the Godavari Western Division for the years 2024-25, is the grievance of the petitioner.

2. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Irrigation Department, while reiterating the contents of the counter affidavit of respondent No.6, contended that the bills relating to the works at Sl.Nos.3 and 4 were approved and the amounts were paid to the petitioner. Insofar as the works at Sl.Nos.1 and 2 are concerned, the bills were approved by the authorities and kept ready for uploading into the NIDHI portal, however, there is no adequate budget available under the relevant Head of account for the said due works. He further submitted that after allocation of budget, the bills of the petitioner would be uploaded.

3. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and taking the submissions of learned Assistant Government Pleader for Irrigation into consideration, as the authorities have expressed their intention to pay the admitted amount due to the petitioner, there is no purpose in keeping this Writ Petition pending. As such, this Court is inclined to dispose of the same, with

the consent of both the parties, at the admission stage itself, by passing the following order:

“The respondent authorities are directed to pay the admitted bill amounts to the petitioner within a period of four (4) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It would be open to the petitioner to agitate his claim for interest, if any, payable by the respondents in an appropriate forum, if so advised.”

4. Accordingly, the Writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, interlocutory applications pending, if any in the Writ Petition, shall also stand closed.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

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