

APHC010120532026



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

[3328]

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

PRESENT

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA
PRASAD**

WRIT PETITION NO: 6633/2026

Between:

1. V KANTHI KIRAN, S/O. V CHANDRA SEKHAR,
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, OCC: CONTRACTOR,
R/O. D.NO.53-17-52/7, FIRST FLOOR, SIVALAYAM
STREET, MADDILAPALEM, VISAKHAPATNAM,
VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT,
PINCODE: 530013

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF AP, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS,
VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT,
PINCODE: 522238 AND 3 OTHERS.

...RESPONDENT

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. MODAPOTHULA SUMALATHA

Counsel for the Respondent:

1. GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMN URBAN DEV
2. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:

ORAL ORDER:

Heard Ms. D. Madhavi, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Ms. M. Sumalatha, learned Counsel for the Writ Petitioner, Sri M. Srinu Babu, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Ms. D. Naga Chandrika, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Finance & Planning and Sri Harsha S Ammineni, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri A.S.C. Bose, learned Standing Counsel for Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

2. Sri S. Vijay Kumar, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Sri A.S.C. Bose, learned Standing Counsel for Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, has submitted the Written Instructions furnished by the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation dated 18.04.2026. Copy of it is supplied to the Counsel for the Writ Petitioner and the same is taken on record.

3. The Written Instructions would indicate that the Respondents have admitted the claim of the Writ Petitioner of an amount of Rs.3,09,267/- (gross amount). The Written Instructions would also disclose that the amounts have not been paid due to lack of budget. Having noted the same, this Court is of the view that the reasons shown by the Respondents for non-payment of small amount is unacceptable. (Please see (1) ***Surya Constructions vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and Others*** : (2019) 16 SCC 794 - Para Nos.2, 3 & 4, (2) ***Mr. S.C. Meena, EE (Project Narela) vs. Amit Tanwar*** : 2018 SCC OnLine Del 8035 - Para No.48, (3) ***Kashmir Wood Products vs Verinag Development Authority and Others*** : 2021 SCC OnLine J&K 814 - Para No.8, (4) ***Kattam Reddy Venkateswarlu Reddy Vs. State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Municipalities and Urban Development Department and three others*** : Order dated 23.01.2026 in W.P.No.34418 of 2025 of High Court of Andhra Pradesh).

4. Having regard to these facts, this Court deems it appropriate to allow this Writ Petition, with a direction to the Respondent Authorities, particularly Respondent Nos.2 & 3, to complete the entire administrative process, both inter-departmental and intra-departmental, by way of mutual cooperation and coordination, within a period of three (3) weeks from today and transfer the due amount to the bank account of the Writ Petitioner within one (1) week thereafter.
5. Writ Petitioner is directed to submit the bank account details to the Competent Authority within two (2) weeks from today for effective compliance.
6. With these observations and directions, this Writ Petition stands allowed. No order as to costs.
7. Interlocutory Applications, if any, stand closed in terms of this order.

GANNAMANENI RAMAKRISHNA PRASAD, J

Dt:20.04.2026

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