



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

FRIDAY, THE 31st DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 7318 OF 2024

Between:

1. M/s. CRR Constructions, H. No. 19-874, Anjaneya Towers Nuzvid, Eluru District Represented by its Managing Partner Chalasani Ratnakar Rao

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Housing Department A.P. Secretariat Building, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.

2. The Principal Secretary, Finance and Planning Department Government of Andhra Pradesh A.P. Secretariat Building, Velagapudi, Amaravathi

3. The State Housing Corporation Limited, D.No, 12-52, Enikepadu, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh 521108 Rep. by its Managing Director, Vijayawada.

4. The Project Director, A.P. State Housing Corporation Ltd Eluru, Eluru District

5. The District Head, A.P.S. Housing corporation Eluru District at Eluru

6. The Divisional Head Housing, Nuzvid Division, Nuzvid, Eluru District

...Respondents

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 paying the bill amounts pertaining to the works executed by the Petitioner i.e. i) 1st Stage Levelling at Annavaram Layout ID. 06861LA108602 of Nuzvid Municipality under Agreement No. 18/DHH/APSHCL/Non OTS/Levelling Works/Eluru, Dated 31.10.2022 for an amount of Rs 42,96,214/- and ii) Construction of Slab Culvert at Annavaram Layout of Nuzvid (M) under Agreement No. Ol/D/2022/Div. H (H) APSCHL/2020-21 dated 13.08.2022 for an amount of Rs. 3,65,296/- as illegal, arbitrary, malafidy, 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 consequentially direct the respondents to pay the final bill amount pertaining to the above works executed by the Petitioner along with interest forthwith in the interest of justice and pass

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Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

Counsel for the Respondents: MALLIKHARJUNA MOORTHY K (SC FOR A.P HOUSING CORPORATION LIMITED)

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOUSING

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA**WRIT PETITION No.7318 of 2024****ORDER:**

1. The petitioner had been awarded the two contract of work under the subject scheme in Eluru District. After execution of the said contract, final bills were prepared for a sum of Rs.42,96,214/- and Rs.3,65,296/- respectively **(Total amount of Rs.46,61,510/-)** as per the sanctioned orders. As the payment of the said amount has not been made by the respondents, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of this writ petition.

2. It is the contention of the petitioner that even though the respondents admitted that the petitioner is entitled for total payment of Rs.46,61,510/-, no payment is being made. The petitioner contends that such non-payment of money is clearly arbitrary and high-handed requiring the interference of this Court.

3. This Court, in various orders, including the judgment of a learned Single Judge of this Court dated 05.10.2021 in W.P.No.10038 of 2021 and batch had taken the view that such non-payment of dues is arbitrary and that such dues need to be cleared by the respondents at the earliest.

4. On the other hand, learned Standing Counsel for the Corporation has placed on record the written instructions dated 30.07.2026 received from the District Head, A.P. State Housing Corporation Limited admitting net amount of Rs.46,61,510/- payable to the petitioner under the two bills. But, the subject

bill was not uploaded for payment. Soon after uploading of the bill, an amount of Rs.46,61,510/- will be paid to the petitioner.

5. In view of the aforesaid directions of this Court in various cases and after hearing the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Standing Counsel for AP State Housing Corporation Limited, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to release the net amount of Rs.46,61,510/- to the petitioner within a period of three months. No order as to costs.

6. In fact there is no admission by the Respondents either in their Written Instructions regarding the payment of interest component or by oral submissions made by the Government Pleader/Standing Counsel for Respondents. Much less, the interest component as claimed by the petitioner was neither admitted nor approved at their final bills of the respondents. Hence, in the absence of any such admission, this Court is not inclined to grant any specific amount as it admitted under the head of interest. However, the Petitioner is entitled for interest component as per the terms of Agreement if permits and also in the case of delayed payments, as per the ratio laid down by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.724 of 2021. Therefore, the respondents are hereby directed to pay admitted amount within a period of four months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. As far as interest is concerned, if both parties have agreed regarding the quantum of amount towards interest, the same should be paid along with admitted amount, if not, petitioner is at liberty to submit a representation or a Memo of Statement

requesting for payment of interest. If petitioner is entitled for the same, after such submission of representation or Memo, the concerned respondent authorities shall consider and pass appropriate orders after providing opportunity of hearing to both parties in case of rejection or reduction of interest amount claimed by the petitioner, within a period of four (04) weeks thereafter.

7. Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed.

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