



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

[3332]

WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 7552/2026

Between:

M/s., Precision Infratech Private Limited.,

...PETITIONER

AND

State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.SRICHARAN TELAPROLU

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR IRRI AND CAD

The Court made the following order:

Notice before admission.

Learned Government Pleader for Irrigation takes notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice on respondent No.5 by Speed Post with acknowledgment due and file proof of service in the Registry within a period of two (2) weeks.

Post on 06.04.2026 in the Motion List.

Meantime, counters of official respondents, if any.

I.A.No.1 of 2026:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle-respondent No.3 issued e-procurement Notice inviting Tender NIT No.19/2025-26, dated 09.01.2026 for execution of 'Repairs Servicing and replacement of Mechanical and Electrical Components on four arms and embankments of Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage'. As per the said Notice, the last date of submission of tender is 27.01.2026 at 4:30 P.M. When the petitioner tried to upload the tender on the last date, the same was made invisible on the portal and thus the petitioner addressed an e-mail to the notified e-mail ID on 27.01.2026 at 12.45 P.M. He further submitted that thereafter, the same Tender document was again uploaded on 27.01.2026 changing the timelines prescribing the tender schedule download closing date as 10.02.2026 at 2.00 P.M. As the petitioner is having required qualification and experience as per the conditions of the tender, submitted his bid on 04.02.2026. After submitting the bid, the Superintending Engineer, issued Corrigendum-2 dated 09.02.2026 extending the last date of submission of bid to 20.02.2026 at 4:30 P.M. Pursuant thereto, Corrigendum-3 dated 14.02.2026 has also been issued imposing certain other conditions to the original tender. By that time, the petitioner has already submitted his tender on 04.02.2026. He further submitted that the said Corrigendum has been issued only to facilitate the people of their choice. By virtue of the same, respondent No.5 has been declared as successful bidder. He further submitted that the law is well settled that once tender has been invited, rules should not be changed. In the present case, the authorities have changed the rules in order to facilitate respondent No.5. He further submitted that now, the authorities are inclined to enter into an agreement with respondent No.5. In such circumstances, the petitioner's right to participate in the tender and the purpose of filing the Writ Petition would be defeated. Hence, prayed to protect the interest of the petitioner.

On the other hand, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Irrigation while seeking time to get instructions/file counter, submitted that the scope of Article 226 of the Constitution of India is very limited, and that this Court cannot entertain the Writ petition. He further submitted that the authorities had

issued the corrigendum even before the opening of the bids. In such circumstances, the principle of change of rules does not apply.

Perused the record and considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

In Corrigendum-3, dated 14.02.2026, the Superintending Engineer has issued certain specifications to the tender notice and they have to be read along with tender document. One such specification is with regard to 'workshop requirement & experience with critical and flood time works'. The petitioner's grievance is only with regard to 'preference will be given to the bidders who submitted the evidence of workshop with location (not more than 500 km radius from the project site) and experience in the critical situations'. The other specification is with regard to 'Contractor Registration (Electrical)' which reads that the bidder/contractor having valid Registration Class-I in Electrical with Government of Andhra Pradesh will be preferred.

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that the same is not placed while issuing the initial tender document and in order to facilitate respondent No.5, the said Corrigendum has been issued.

There is some force in the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner. The submissions made by the learned counsel for petitioner *prima facie* makes out a point for consideration to be decided in this Writ Petition. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant the following interim direction:

An order of status quo as on today shall be maintained pending further orders.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

Date: 18.03.2026

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