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

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MONDAY, THE 29th DAY OF JUNE 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 15390/2026

Between:

1.L LOKESWARA REDDY, S/O. LATE NAGARATNAM REDDY, AGED 54 YEARS OCC CONTRACTOR, R/O. 5-19/1, MATYAM PAIPALLE (V), MUTTUKURU PANCHAYAT, THAVANAMPALLE MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FINANCE AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

3.THE COMMISSIONER, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, NH-16, TADEPALLI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

4.THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, (PANCHAYAT WING) CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

5.THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, CHITTOOR, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

6.THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB DIVISION,

KUPPAM, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

7.THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, CHITTOOR COLLECTORATE,
CHITTOOR CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

...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 for declaring the inaction of the respondents in releasing the final bill amount of Rs.4,67,669/- to the petitioner in pursuance of the GGMP Grant works i.e., Construction of CC Road from Subramani house to Venkatesh house at Mittapalli of Ramakuppam Gram Panchayat in Ramakuppam Mandal underwork ID No. PR-5428-29159 and Construction of CC Road from Mani house to Markondappa house at Mittapalli of Ramakuppam Gram Panchayat in Ramakuppam Mandal underwork ID No. PR-5428-29164 executed by him, as illegal, arbitrary, violative of principles of natural justice and unconstitutional and consequently direct the respondents to release the total final bill amounts of Rs.1,65,292/- and Rs.3,02,377/-, totalling Rs.4,67,669/-, along with interest to the petitioner 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 final bill amounts of Rs.1,65,292/- and Rs.3,02,377/- for the Works executed by him under ID No.PR-5428-29159 and PR-5428-29164 respectively, totalling to Rs.4,67,669/- along with interest to the petitioner, pending disposal of the main writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.RAMESH BABU TALLURI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

2.GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

“....to issue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus for declaring the inaction of the respondents in releasing the final bill amount of Rs.4,67,669/- to the petitioner in pursuance of the GGMP Grant works i.e., Construction of CC Road from Subramani house to Venkatesh house at Mittapalli of Ramakuppam Gram Panchayat in Ramakuppam Mandal under work ID No. PR-5428-29159 and Construction of CC Road from Mani house to Markondappa house at Mittapalli of Ramakuppam Gram Panchayat in Ramakuppam Mandal underwork ID No. PR-5428-29164 executed by him, as illegal, arbitrary, violative of principles of natural justice and unconstitutional and consequently direct the respondents to release the total final bill amounts of Rs.1,65,292/- and Rs.3,02,377/-, totalling Rs.4,67,669/-, along with interest to the petitioner and pass such other order...”

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

3. The petitioner claims to be a registered contractor engaged in the execution of civil works, and that he was entrusted with various works of the Panchayat Raj Department and the Roads & Buildings Department on a tender basis. It is the case of the petitioner that he was awarded a contract for execution of the works under GGMP Grant viz. (1) Construction of CC Road from Subramani house to Venkatesh house at Mittapalli of Ramakuppam Gram Panchayat in Ramakuppam Mandal under work ID No.PR-5428-29159 and (2) Construction of CC Road from Mani house to Markondappa house at Mittapalli of Ramakuppam Gram Panchayat in Ramakuppam Mandal underwork ID No.PR-5428-29164. It is the case of the petitioner that he executed the works to the satisfaction of the authorities concerned, and upon completion of the works, the respondents entered the same in the Measurement Books, and the value of the works were assessed at Rs.4,67,669/-.

4. It is the grievance of the petitioner that notwithstanding the completion of the works, the amount due towards the executed works has not been paid

till date. According to the petitioner, although the works were completed, the respondent authorities are not releasing the admitted amounts payable to him. Aggrieved by the non-payment of the said amounts, the petitioner filed the present Writ Petition.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, on written instructions, from the Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Chittoor-5th respondent, submits that there is no dispute with regard to the execution of the works. She further submits that the petitioner is entitled to the amounts of Rs.4,31,799/- after statutory deductions of Rs.35,870/-, and that proposals for release of grant were submitted to the authorities concerned, and seeks time for payment of the said amount. The written instructions are placed on record.

6. Having regard to the fact that there is no dispute with regard to the works executed by the petitioner and the amount payable to him, and in view of the submissions of the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, the respondent authorities are directed to pay a sum of Rs.4,31,799/- to the petitioner within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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

JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

Date: 29.06.2026.

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Whether the order is:

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Reportable		Non-reportable	☒

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

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