



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

[3327]

WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 12946/2026

Between:

1. RUTTALALATCHA RAO, S/O. NARAYANA MURTHY, AGED 47 YEARS, OCC CONTRACTOR, R/O. H.NO.11-27, KOTHA STREET, MAKAVARAPALEM VILLAGE, MAKAVARAPALEM MANDAL, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT. - 531113

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, THULLUR MANDAL, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. - 522238

2. STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, THULLUR MANDAL, AND GUNTUR DISTRICT. - 522238

3. THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF, PANCHAYAT RAJ, Z.P. COMPOUND, OPPOSITE TO PWD GROUNDS, M.G. ROAD, VIJAYAWADA. - 520002

4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANAKAPALLI. - 531001T

5. THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT, ANAKAPALLI. - 531001

6. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ (P.R.I) DIVISION,

NARSIPATNAM, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT. - 531116

7.THE PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER, PAY AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT, VISAKHAPATNAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT. – 530001.

...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 or any other appropriate writ or direction declaring the action of the respondents in withholding the payment of balance of Rs.4,92,380/- even after finalizing the bills, payable to the petitioners in relation to the works under GGMP Grant i.e. Community hall at Pydipala Village near B.C. Colony of Makavarapalem Mandal, Anakapalli District through Agreement No./2023-24, dated 28-12-2023 for an amount of Rs.4,92,380/- as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Art 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to consider for payment of amount of Rs.4,92,380/- to the petitioner in respect of execution of above-mentioned work forthwith and 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 consider for payment of amount of Rs. 4,92,380/- to the petitioner in respect of execution of works under GGMP Grant i.e., Construction of Community hall at Pydipala Village near B.C. Colony of Makavarapalem Mandal, Anakapalli District through Agreement No./2023-24, dated 28-12-2023 for an amount of Rs. 4,92,380/- forthwith pending disposal of the main Writ Petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.RAMBABU KOPPINEEDI

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 or any other appropriate writ or direction declaring the action of the respondents in withholding the payment of balance of Rs.4,92,380/- even after finalizing the bills, payable to the petitioners in relation to the works under GGMP Grant i.e., Construction of Community hall at Pydipala Village near B.C. Colony of Makavarapalem Mandal, Anakapalli District through Agreement No./2023-24, dated 28-12-2023 for an amount of Rs.4,92,380/- as illegal, arbitrary and violative of Art 14 and 21 of Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to consider for payment of amount of Rs.4,92,380/- to the petitioner in respect of execution of above-mentioned work forthwith and pass such other order...”

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

3. The petitioner claims to be a contractor, doing contract works for more than 10 years. 6th respondent issued an e-procurement tender with the administrative sanction of 4th respondent, in which the petitioner participated and became the successful bidder. As such, 6th respondent entrusted the work of “Construction of community hall at Pydipala Village near B.C.Colony, Makavarapalem Mandal, Anakapalli District” under GGMP Grant to the petitioner. The petitioner entered into an agreement vide Agreement No./2023-24 dated 28.12.2023 after receiving the Letter of Acceptance (LoA). The petitioner completed the entire works within the time stipulated and

according to the agreement conditions. The work entrusted to the petitioner was completed on 05.04.2025 and being satisfied with the works executed, the same were entered in Measurement Books, and bill valued at Rs.4,92,380/- was prepared. Though the bill was finalized and entered in the M-Books, the respondents failed to release the admitted amount of Rs.4,92,380/-. It is the case of the petitioner that he borrowed money on interest to execute the work and is suffering serious financial hardship due to non-payment of admitted bill amount.

4. It is the grievance of the petitioner that notwithstanding the completion of the work and its measurement by the competent authorities, the amount due towards the executed work has not been paid till date. According to the petitioner, although the work was completed more than a year ago, the respondent authorities have not released the admitted amount payable to him. Aggrieved by the non-payment of the said amount, the petitioner filed the present Writ Petition.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader, on written instructions dated 11.06.2026, from the Executive Engineer (FAC), PRI Division, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District-6th respondent, submits that there is no dispute with regard to the execution of the work. According to him, the petitioner is entitled to an amount of Rs.4,92,380/- after statutory deductions such as QC recovery/withheld amount, aggregating to Rs.774/-, and that NIDHI module software is displaying error "insufficient budget for this DDO and HOA

combination”, while uploading the bill, as such the bill could not be uploaded, and six months’ time is sought 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 work executed by the petitioner and the amount payable to him, and in view of the submissions of the learned Assistant Government Pleader, the respondent authorities are directed to pay a sum of Rs.4,92,380/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Only) to the petitioner within a period of four (04) 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:17.06.2026.
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