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

[3327]

THURSDAY, THE 18th DAY OF JUNE 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K. SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 13211/2026

Between:

1.B CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY, S/O B. GANTLA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS, OCC CONTRACTOR, R/O12-6, KAMBALADEVANAPALLR, RAMAKUPPAM, MAHENDRAM, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

- 1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. - 522237
- 2.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR DISTRICT. 522237
- 3.THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RWS AND S, CHITTOOR DIVISION, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. 517001
- 4.THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS AND S, CHITTOOR DIVISION, CHITTOOR. 517001
- 5.THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS AND S KUPPAM, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. 517425
- 6.THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER, RWS AND S RAMAKUPPAM, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

7.THE MUDDANAPALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT, REP. BY ITS PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, MUDDANAPALLI, RAMAKUPPAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT. 517401

8.THE ASSISTANT PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER, 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 or Order or a direction more particularly in a nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not releasing the payment of the final bill amount of Rs.4,83,426/- to the petitioner along with interest for the works done by the petitioner in pursuance of agreement entered with the 5th respondent vide agreement dated 17.10.2023 for construction of drain from Chand Basha house to Narayanappa House at Muddanapalli Village and GP, Ramakuppam Mandal, Chittoor District as illegal, arbitrary and violation of the principles of natural Justice and unconstitutional and consequently direct the respondents to release the payment of bill amounts with interest @24 percent per annum for the delayed amount to the petitioner in respect of execution of the work 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 pass an interim direction pending disposal of the Writ Petition, directing the Respondents to release the final bill amount of Rs.4,83,426/- forthwith payable to the petitioner in relation to the works i.e. for construction of drain from Chand Basha house to Narayanappa House at Muddanapalli Village and GP, Ramakuppam Mandal, Chittoor District, pending disposal of the Writ Petition and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.K RAGHU VEER

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 or Order or a direction more particularly in a nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not releasing the payment of the final bill amount of Rs.4,83,426/- to the petitioner along with interest for the works done by the petitioner in pursuance of agreement entered with the 5th respondent vide agreement dated 17.10.2023 for construction of drain from Chand Basha house to Narayanappa House at Muddanapalli Village and GP, Ramakuppam Mandal, Chittoor District as illegal, arbitrary and violation of the principles of natural Justice and unconstitutional and consequently direct the respondents to release the payment of bill amounts with interest @ 24% per annum for the delayed amount to the petitioner in respect of execution of the work and pass such other order...”

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

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 work viz. construction of drain from Chand Basha house to Narayanappa House at Muddanapalli Village and G.P, Ramakuppam Mandal, Chittoor District with an estimated cost of Rs.5,00,000/-. It is the case of the petitioner that he deposited the requisite security amount and executed the work to the satisfaction of the authorities concerned.

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 two years ago, the respondent authorities have not released the 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 for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, on written instructions, from the Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Chittoor, 4th 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.4,40,158/- after statutory deductions such as Income Tax, GST, Labour Cess, etc., aggregating to Rs.43,268/-, and that proposals for release of grant were submitted to the authorities concerned 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.4,40,158/- to the petitioner within a period of eight (8) 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: 18.06.2026.

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