



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

[3331]

MONDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 12756/2024

Between:

Larsen And Toubro Limited

...PETITIONER

AND

The State Of Ap and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.D S SIVADARSHAN

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV

2.GP FOR REVENUE

3.Yarraguntla.Koteswara Rao, Standing Counsel For Zilla Praja
Parishads, Mandal Praja Parishads and Gra

4.GP FOR IRRI AND CAD

5.GP FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

The Court made the following order:

The above writ petition was filed to declare the inaction of the respondents in making payment of Rs.12,25,67,130/- for the work executed by the petitioner, as illegal and arbitrary.

The writ petition was listed on 24.06.2024 and thereafter underwent thirteen adjournments. However, no counter has been filed by respondent No.2, so far.

The material papers filed along with the writ petition discloses that an agreement was entered into between the petitioner and respondent No.2 vide Ex.P4, for operation and maintenance of Sri Satya Sai Water Supply Scheme of West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh under C.P.W.S scheme, initially for one year i.e. from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020, which was later extended vide Exs.P13 and P40.

Along with the writ petition, petitioner also filed a copy of letter dated 09.03.2021, addressed by Superintending Engineer, RWS & S Circle, Eluru to the Project Manager, L & T Consts (Ex.P23). As seen from Ex.P23, the amount payable for the work executed by the petitioner for the financial year, 2020-21, was Rs.21.15 crores.

Sri R.V.S. Naik, learned Senior Counsel would contend that out of Rs.21.15 crores, the respondents paid certain amounts and the outstanding amount is Rs.12,25,67,130/-. He would further contend that no dispute is raised regarding the balance amount payable to the petitioner and failure of respondent No.2 to release the outstanding amount.

As per Rule 12(i)(a) of the Writ Proceedings Rules, a counter affidavit is to be filed within 120 days from the date of service of notices as substituted by amendment vide ROC No.2689/SO/2016, A.P. Gazette No.10 dated 08.05.2017.

As indicated supra, respondents took time on thirteen occasions to file counter. However, no counter is filed so far.

Today, again learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj, seeks time to file counter.

List the matter on 02.02.2026, finally for filing counter, on costs of Rs.10,000/- payable to the High Court of Andhra Pradesh Employees Association, Nelapadu, Amaravati within two weeks from today.

Dated: 19.01.2026
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SUBBA REDDY SATTI, J