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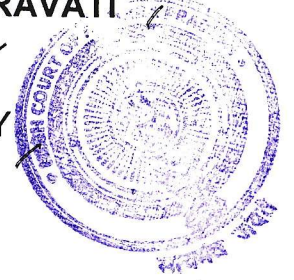
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 16326 OF 2024



Between:

Ponnapati Dhana Lakshmi, W/o. Srinivas Reddy, Aged 46 years, Occ:
Member, self help group, R/o. Ramulaveedu Village, H/o. Amudalapalli,
Podili Mandal, Prakasam District.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Department of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Principal Secretary
Department of Finance and Planning, Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati, Guntur District.
3. The Commissioner, A.P., Panchayat Raj and Rural Development
Department, NH -16, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Prakasam District,
Ongole.
5. Mandal Praja Parishad, Rep. by Mandal Parishad Development officer,
Podili Mandal, Prakasam District.

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed praying that
in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may
be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, order or direction more particularly
one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the

respondents in not releasing the bills amount of Rs. 4,92,241/- with interest at the rate of 24 % p.a. for the three works executed by the petitioner to the 5th respondent building at Podili, Prakasam District, is illegal, arbitrary and violation of Article 19(1)(g) of Constitution of India.

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Petition under Section 151 is filed 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 bill amounts of Rs. 4,92,241/- with interest at the rate of 24% p.a. for the four works executed by the petitioner to the 5th respondent building at Podili, Prakasam district, Pending disposal of WP 16326 of 2024, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Koti Reddy Idamakanti Advocate for the Petitioner, GP for Panchayat Raj & Rural Development for Respondent Nos.1 & 3, GP for Finance & Planning for Respondent No.2 and of Sri Mattegunta Sudhir, Standing Counsel for Respondent No.5 and the Court made the following

ORDER

The above writ petition was filed to declare the action of respondents in not releasing the bills amount of Rs.4,92,241/- with interest at the rate of 24% per annum for the three works executed by the petitioner to the 5th respondent building at Podili, Prakasam District, as illegal and arbitrary.

The writ petition was initially listed on 03.07.2024 and adjourned from time to time, either for filing of counter-affidavit or for getting instructions. Till date, neither the counter-affidavit has been filed nor any written instructions have been placed before this Court.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development seeks further time to file counter-affidavit/place written instructions.

List the matter on 18.02.2026 finally.

It is made clear that if no counter-affidavit is filed or written instructions are placed before this Court by the next date of hearing, the respondents 4 and 5 shall appear before this Court along with the entire record.

Sd/-K.J.RAJA BABU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Prakasam District, Ongole.
2. The Mandal Parishad Development officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Podili Mandal, Prakasam District. **(1 & 2 By Speed Post)**
3. One CC to SRI. KOTI REDDY IDAMAKANTI, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR FINANCE, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
6. One CC to SRI. MATTEGUNTA SUDHIR, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
7. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

SRS,J

DATED:04/02/2026

LIST THE MATTER ON 18.02.2026 FINALLY

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APPEARANCE

