



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

THURSDAY, THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 16529 OF 2024

Between:

1. M/S PAIDALA THIRUPATHI REDDY AND BROTHERS, S/o. Jayarami Reddy, Age-50 years, D/o. 1-1226-A, Near Vinayaka Temple Bangla thota ,Nawabpet, Nellore , Andhra Pradesh.

...Petitioner

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep by its Principal Secretary, Roads and Buildings(R and B) Department, Secretariat Building, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur.

2. The Superintending Engineer, R and B, Department of Roads and Buildings (R and B), R and B Circle, Kurnool District.

3. The Executive Engineer, R and B, Roads and Buildings Division , Kurnool District.

4. The Chief Engineer R and B, NH and CRF, Vijayawada.

5. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary Department of Finance and Planning Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amravati, Guntur District.

6. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Secretariat Building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur 522238.

7. The District Mines and Geology /DMFT, Kurnool District 578001.

8. The Collector and District Magistrate, And Chairman DMFT, Kurnool District 518001 RR 6 to 8 are impleaded as per Courts Order Dt. 10.07.2026 in I.A.No.2 of 2026

...Respondents

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 an appropriate Writ Order or direction more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in withholding the payments of pending amounts of Rs. 4,41,88,197/- (Four Crore Forty One Lakhs, Eighty Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven Rupees only) .,even after finalizing Thousand, One the bills payable to the petitioner in relation to the works i.e.I. Forming Approach road to 2Law University at Thandra padu in Kurnool District (Rs.2,11,00,543/-),II.FormingApproach road to ESI Hospital at Thoudrapadu in Kurnool (Rs.1,78,50,291/-),III.Urgent Repairs to damaged culvert at KM.3/0 Of the link road from CK Road to KG Road (via) Pasupula road in kurnool district (Rs.3,90,249/-),IV.FRD to Breached Slab Culvert at Km.2/0-4 of Bramhagundam- Lakshminagaram road in Kurnool (Rs.48,47,114/-) . and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2024

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 forthwith consider releasing the amounts payable to the petitioner herein, pending disposal of the writ petition and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

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 grant Leave for filing of the Counter Affidavit in WP.No.16529 of 2024 and pass

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

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 implead the present Proposed Respondent No.6 The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Secretariat Building, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur and Proposed Respondent No.7 The District Mines and Geology /DMFT, Kurnool District. 8.The Collector and District Magistrate And Chairman DMFT, Kurnool District in the above W.P.No.16529 of 2024 as Proposed Respondent's No.5, 6 and 7 and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner: VENKAT CHALLA

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR ROADS BUILDINGS

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following order:

The grievance of the petitioners is that even after finalization of the bills payable to the petitioner in relation to the works *i.e.*, 'I) Forming Approach road to 2Law University at Thandrapadu in Kurnool District (Rs.2,11,00,543/-), II) Forming Approach road to ESI Hospital at Thoudrapadu in Kurnool District (Rs.1,78,50,291/-, III) Urgent Repairs to damaged culvert at KM.3/0 of the link road from CK road to KG road (via) Pasupula road in Kurnool district (Rs.3,90,249/-) IV) FRD to Breached Slab Culvert at Km.2/0-4 of Bramhagundam-Lakshminagaram road in Kurnool (Rs.48,47,114/-), the respondent authorities are withholding the payments of pending amount of Rs.4,41,88,197/-.

2. Heard Sri Devasri Roshan Kancharla, learned counsel, representing Sri Venkat Challa, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Roads and Buildings Department and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Finance Department.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in elaboration to what has been stated in the affidavit, contended that despite the completion of the contractual work and the finalization of the bills payable to the petitioner, the respondent authorities have failed to release the amounts. Hence, prayed to pass appropriate orders protecting the interest of the petitioner.

4. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Roads and Buildings Department, while reiterating the contents of the counter affidavit of respondent No.3, contended that the respondents have admitted the bill

amount due to the petitioner and that two bills have already been paid. As regards the remaining amount, the requisite funds have not yet been received from the Collector & District Magistrate and Chairman, DMFT, Kurnool, and the Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Kurnool. However, he sought six months' time for release of the said amount payable to the petitioner.

5. To the said submission, learned counsel for the petitioner reported no objection and prayed to pass appropriate orders in that regard.

6. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and taking the submissions of learned counsel for the parties into consideration, as the authorities have expressed their intention to pay the entitled amount to the petitioner, there is no purpose in keeping this Writ Petition pending. As such, this Court is inclined to dispose of the same, with the consent of both the parties, at the admission stage itself, by passing the following order:

“The respondent authorities are directed to pay the legally entitled amount to the petitioner within a period of six (6) months 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, interlocutory applications pending, if any in the Writ Petition, shall also stand closed.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

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