



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

[3327]

MONDAY, THE 29th DAY OF JUNE 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 19367/2025

Between:

1. PERLA CHOUDAMMA, W/O PERLA RAJULU, AGE. 82 YEARS, OCC. IN-CHARGE SARPANCH, R/O. 4-86/1, YADAV BAZAR, NEAR PANCHAMUKIHA ANJANEYA SWAMI TEMPLE, RENTACHINTHALA, PALNADU DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, RWS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, AT VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

3. SUPERINTENDENT ENGINEER, RWS DEPARTMENT, NARASARAOPETA, PALNADU DISTRICT.

4. DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS AND S SECTION, RWS DEPARTMENT, MACHERLA, PALNADU DISTRICT.

5. ASSISTANT ENGINEER, RWS AND S SECTION, RWS DEPARTMENT RENTACHINTALA, PALNADU DISTRICT.

6. RENTACHINTALA GRAMPANCHAYAT, REP BY ITS., PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, RENTACHINTALA VILLAGE AND MANDAL PALNADU DISTRICT.

7. PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER, WORKS ACCOUNTS,
NARASAROPETA, PALNADU 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, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in not complying with the certified Measurement Book No. MB No. 515-A/GP/2023-24, issued pursuant to the 15th Finance Commission and MPGF Grant and 15th Finance Commission and GPGF Grant, for the cost of materials supplied and works executed by the petitioner towards providing new motors and repair works (the detailed list of works provided in a tabular form in the affidavit) in Rentachintala Grampanchayat and Mandal, Palnadu District, for the amounts of Rs.52,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, aggregating to Rs. 1,12,000/-, as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of the provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, the rules and regulations framed thereunder, and also as violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and opposed to the settled principles of law and consequently, direct the Respondents to forthwith release the total amount of Rs.8,38,000/- to the petitioner as per the certified Measurement Book and the grants sanctioned under the 15th Finance Commission and MPGF 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 release forthwith the amount of Rs.52,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, totaling Rs.1,12,000/-, as recorded in M-Book No. MB No. 515-A/GP/2023-24, under the 15th Finance Commission and MPGF Grant and 15th Finance Commission and GPGF Grant, towards the works of providing new motors and repair work in Rentachintala Gram panchayat and Mandal, Palnadu District, pending disposal of the writ petition, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. VELURI BHARAT SURENDER REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

- 1.GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV
- 2.Mattegunta.Sudhir,Standing Counsel For Z.P.Ps,M.P.Ps,Gram Panchayats
- 3.GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:**ORDER:-**

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayer:

“...to issue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in not complying with the certified Measurement Book No. MB No. 515-A/GP/2023-24, issued pursuant to the 15th Finance Commission and MPGF Grant and 15th Finance Commission and GPGF Grant, for the cost of materials supplied and works executed by the petitioner towards providing new motors and repair works (the detailed list of works provided in a tabular form in the affidavit) in Rentachintala Grampanchayat and Mandal, Palnadu District, for the amounts of Rs.52,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, Rs.20,000/-, aggregating to Rs.1,12,000/-, as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of the provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, the rules and regulations framed thereunder, and also as violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and opposed to the settled principles of law and consequently, direct the Respondents to forthwith release the total amount of

Rs.8,38,000/- to the petitioner as per the certified Measurement Book and the grants sanctioned under the 15th Finance Commission and MPGF and pass...”

2. The petitioner is an In-charge Sarpanch and in that capacity, she has undertaken the employment of unskilled labour and execution of construction works, including material supply, under MGNREGS Schemes and other Government related works. While so, the Gram Panchayat identified specific works, particularly for installation of New Motors for existing Wells and Pipelines in Rentachintala Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Palnadu District under 15th Finance Commission – MPGF and GPGF Grants. Respondent No.5 granted all necessary permissions, approvals and issued specification reports for the following works: 1) Providing New Motor to Old OHSR Sump in Rentachintala Village and Mandal, with an estimated cost of Rs.52,000/-; 2) Repairs to Pumpset near Anjaneyaswami Temple in Regulamanyam colony of Rentachintala Village and Mandal, with an estimated cost of Rs.20,000/-; 3) Repairs to Pumpset near Lutharan Girls High School opposite street in Rentachintala Village and Mandal, with an estimated cost of Rs.20,000/-; and 4) Repairs to Pumpset near Vadite Vasram (H) opposite to St. Anns School in Rentachintala Village and Mandal, with an estimated cost of Rs.20,000/-. For implementation of the above works, the petitioner supplied all the required materials, including new motors, wires, repair materials and other essential items, to ensure proper completion of the works. The petitioner provided motors for the existing borewell and carried out repair works as per the works

entrusted to her. Upon completion of the works, the respondents issued the Measurement Book in favour of the petitioner, and she has not disputed the amounts recorded in M-Book. The grievance of the petitioner is that, despite completing all the assigned works within the stipulated time, the respondents have failed to release the bill amounts of Rs.1,12,000/- payable to the petitioner. Aggrieved thereby, the present Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner herein.

3. Heard. Perused the record.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that a detailed estimation has been submitted in connection with the works executed by the petitioner.

5. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent No.6 submits that the petitioner has not submitted the M-Book till date.

6. However, when once it has not been disputed by the respondents to the extent that detailed estimation has been submitted by the petitioner herein, the respondents are directed to pay the undisputed amount to the petitioner herein, within a period of three (3) 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 the Writ Petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE K.SREENIVASA REDDY

Date: 29.06.2026

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