



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



MONDAY, THE 20th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 6221 AND 19993 OF 2025

Between:

Sri P Lakshmikala Naidu, S/o.P. Venkatramudu, Contractor, Aged about 52 years, R/o.D.No.28-5-175, A.P. Housing Board Colony, Anantapuramu, Anantapur District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, (Rural Water Supply and Sanitation), Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Chief Engineer QA and QC, RWS&S Department, Gollapudi, Vijayawada, NTR District.
3. The Chief Engineer-IV, RWS&S Department, Vijayawada, NTR District.
4. The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Anantapuramu.
5. The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Anantapuramu.
6. The Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Division Anantapuram, Anantapuram District.
7. The Zilla Praja Parishad, Anantapuramu.Rep.by its Chief Executive Officer, Anantapuramu.

8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Anantapuramu.

...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 a Writ, Order of Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus by declaring: 1) the action of the respondents in unilaterally withholding part of the bill amount without clearing the bills payable to the petitioner for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 to the tune of Rs.82,93,968/- as illegal, arbitrary and in violation of the principles of natural justice 2) the inspection report, dated 25.04.2024, submitted to the Chief Engineer, QA & QC, who is the 2nd respondent herein, is not binding on the petitioner as the same was submitted without issuing any notice or opportunity to substantiate his case 3) the action of the respondents in accepting the report without issuing any notice and giving the opportunity to the petitioner to submit his reply is in violation of the principles of natural justice 4) the action of the respondents for not releasing the bill amounts payable to the petitioner for the period from 01.04.2024 to 28.02.2025 by insisting to enter into a supplementary agreement with reduced number of workers contrary to the initial agreement as illegal and arbitrary and 5) the action of the respondents in unilaterally reducing the number of workers is contrary to the concluded agreement and supplementary agreement which were entered between the parties and consequently direct the respondents to release the bill amounts including the withheld amount together with interest for the delayed period notwithstanding the inspection report, dated 25.04.2024,

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed 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 pay the pending bills which are required to be paid by them to the petitioner as per his entitlement for the period from

01.04.2024 to 28.02.2025 without insisting him to enter into any supplementary agreement, pending disposal of WRIT PETITION 6221 of 2025, 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 DEVI PRASAD MANGALAPURI Counsel for the Petitioner and of GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV Counsel for the Respondents No.1 to 6 Sri Mattegunta Sudhir, Standing Counsel for Respondents No.7 and 8 and the Court made the following.

WRIT PETITION NO: 19993 OF 2025

Between:

M/s.SR INFRA PROJECTS, Rep. by its Managing Director, Yeddula Siva Reddy, S/o. late Y.C.Narayan Reddy, Aged about 59 years, R/o. H.No.11-1-71, Aravind Nagar, Ananthapuramu District.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development & Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District.
2. The Chief Engineer QA and QC, RWS&S Department, Gollapudi Vijayawada, NTR District.
3. The Chief EngineerIV, (O & M), RWS&S Department, Vijayawada NTR District.
4. The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Ananthapuramu, Ananthapuramu District.
5. The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Ananthapuramu, Ananthapuramu District.

6. The Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Ananthapuramu
Ananthapuram District

7. The Zilla Praja Parishad, Ananthapuramu Rep by its Chief Executive Officer,
Ananthapuramu, Anant

8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Ananthapuramu
Ananthapuramu District.

...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 a Writ, Order of Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus by declaring

1) the action of the respondents in unilaterally withholding part of the bill amount without clearing the bills payable to the petitioner for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 as illegal, arbitrary and in violation of the principles of natural justice

2) the inspection report, dated 25.04.2024, submitted to the Chief Engineer, QA & QC, who is the 2nd respondent herein, is not binding on the petitioner as the same was submitted without issuing any notice or opportunity to substantiate his case

3) the action of the respondents in accepting the report without issuing any notice and giving the opportunity to the petitioner to submit his reply is in violation of the principles of natural justice the action of the respondent for not releasing the bills payable to the petitioner for the period from 01.04.2023 to 28.02.2025 by insisting to enter into a supplementary agreement with reduced number of workers contrary to the initial agreement as illegal and arbitrary and violation of principles of natural justice

4) the action of the respondents in unilaterally reducing the number of workers is contrary to the concluded agreement and supplementary

agreement which were entered between the parties and consequently direct the respondents to release the bills amounts including the withheld amount together with interest for the delayed period notwithstanding the inspection report, dated 25.04.2024,

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed 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 pay the pending bills which are required to be paid by them to the petitioner as per his entitlement for the period from 01.04.2023 to 28.02.2025 as per the original/initial agreement, pending disposal of WRIT PETITION 19993 of 2025, 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 K VENUGOPAL REDDY Counsel for the Petitioner and of GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV for R1 to R6 Sri Mattegunta Sudhir, Standing Counsel for R7 and R8 and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj appearing for the respondents.

As per condition Nos.25.3.1 and 25.3.2 of the agreement dated 20.11.2021, the petitioners have to submit the monthly invoice to the employer in respect of water supplied to the villagers, signed by responsible persons and countersigned by the officer authorized by the employer/engineer. As per Clause 25.4, all taxes and duties are payable by the contractor as specified by the Government Department and changes thereof from time to time. The term 'price' is inclusive of insurance, all other taxes except GST, EPF, and EAS.

There is no dispute with regard to the fact that the inspection has been conducted by the respondent authorities without any notice to the petitioners herein.

The learned counsel appearing on behalf of petitioners further submitted that on 25.04.2024, the Chief Engineer, QA & QC, Vijayawada, issued an inspection report stating that the project is in deviation of the initial agreement and also supply made and deducted amount from the bills, which has been paid to the petitioners as per the initial agreement. He further stated that the authorities tampered the M-book and made reductions, which is arbitrary and illegal.

In view of the dispute and the fact that the respondent authorities have neither paid the amount as per the agreement nor resolved the issue, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners shall furnish all relevant documents before 3rd respondent.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners further submits that the documents pertaining to M-book are already supplied to the respondent authorities, prior to filing of the present Writ Petition.

In view of the same, 3rd respondent in W.P.No.6221 of 2025 i.e. the Chief Engineer-IV, RWS & S Department, Vijayawada, is directed to conduct an enquiry by issuing notice to the petitioners herein and submit a report within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

List on 17.08.2026.

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SD/- K.R.V.S.SUBHRAHMANYAM
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, (Rural Water Supply and Sanitation), Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Guntur District. (by **Special Messenger** - along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. The Chief Engineer QA and QC, RWS&S Department, Gollapudi, Vijayawada, NTR District.
3. The Chief Engineer IV, RWS&S Department, Vijayawada, NTR District.
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6. The Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division Anantapura,, Anantapuram District.
7. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Anantapuramu, Anantapuramu.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Anantapuramu. (addressee 2 to 8 by **RPAD**- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
9. One CC to SRI. DEVI PRASAD MANGALAPURI Advocate [OPUC]
10. Two CCs to GP FOR PANCHAYAT RAJ RURAL DEV High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
11. One CC to SRI. Mattegunta.Sudhir, Standing Counsel [OPUC]
12. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

SRK,J

DATED:20/07/2026

LIST ON 17.08.2026

ORDER

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DIRECTION