

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

WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION NO: 22700 OF 2024



Between:

M/s. NECL-RRCIPL (Joint Venture), Rep. by its Authorized Signatory, P. Ravi Sankar, S/o. P. Lakshmi Narayana Raju, Aged about 57 years, R/o. Plot No.379, Road No. 10, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.

.... Petitioner/s

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by Principal Secretary, Irrigation Department (WRD), Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
2. The Chief Engineer NTR TGP, opp. New Municipal Office, Tirupati, Tirupati District (erstwhile Chittoor District).
3. The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Chittoor, Chittoor District.
4. The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Madanpalle, Annamayya District (erstwhile Chittoor District).
5. The Assistant Pay and Officer, Near Vocational Junior College, Chittoor, Chittoor District.
6. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Department of Finance And Planning, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Amravathi, Guntur District.

.... Respondent/s

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 a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or

direction declaring the action of the Respondents in withholding the payment of the L.S. 3rd & Part Bill for a net amount of Rs.5,39,61,760/- (2024-167375) even after finalizing the bills, payable to the petitioner in relation to the work i.e., "Formation of balancing reservoirs 03 Nos. 1. Mudivedu Balancing Reservoir near Mudivedu Village in Kurabalakota Mandal 2. Nethlguntapalli Balancing Reservoir near Nethlguntapalli Village in Punganur Mandal 3. Avulapalli Balancing Reservoir near Avulapalli Village in Somala Mandal of Chittoor District under EPC Turnkey System", vide Agreement No 02/CE/EPC/2020-21, Dt.01-07-2021, is questioned, as the same is illegal and arbitrary and consequently direct the respondents to consider payment of the L.S. 3rd & Part Bill for a net amount of Rs.5,39,61,760/- (2024-167375) with interest @12% per annum for the delayed amount to the petitioner in respect of the execution of above- mentioned work, forthwith.

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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 consider the payment of the L.S. 3rd & Part Bill for a net amount of Rs.5,39,61,760/- (2024-167375) even after finalizing the bills, payable to the petitioner in relation to the work i.e., "Formation of balancing reservoirs 03 Nos. 1. Mudivedu Balancing reservoir near Mudivedu Village in Kurabalakota Mandal 2. Nethlguntapalli Balancing Reservoir near Nethlguntapalli Village in Punganur Mandal. 3. Avulapalli Balancing Reservoir near Avulapalli Village in Somala Mandal of Chittoor District under EPC Turnkey System", vide Agreement No: 02/ CE/EPC/ 2020-21, Dt.01-07-2021, forthwith, Pending disposal of WP 22700 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 SURESH KUMAR REDDY KALAVA Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR IRRI AND CAD for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 4, GP FOR FINANCE & PLANNING for respondent Nos.5 & 6, the Court made the following.

ORDER

The above writ petition was filed to declare the action of the respondent authorities in withholding the payments payable to the petitioner for the work, 'Formation of balancing reservoirs 03 Nos.1. Mudivedu Balancing Reservoir near Mudivedu Village in Kurabalakota Mandal, 2. Nethiguntapalli Balancing Reservoir near Nethiguntapalli village in Punganur Mandal, 3. Avulapalli Balancing Reservoir near Avulapalli Village in Somala Mandal, Chittoor District, under EPC Turnkey system, as illegal and arbitrary.

The writ petition was listed on 01.07.2026 and adjourned to today, at the request of learned Government Pleader, for filing counter, finally.

Today, when the matter is taken up, Ms. R. Mythri, learned Assistant Government Pleader attached to the office of Advocate General sought time to file counter.

Post on 22.07.2026, finally. If the counter affidavit is not filed, learned respondent No.2 shall appear along with the record, on the next date of hearing.

SD/- N.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Chief Engineer, NTR TGP, opp. New Municipal Office, Tirupati, Tirupati District (erstwhile Chittoor District).(by speed post) ✓
2. One CC to SRI. SURESH KUMAR REDDY KALAVA Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to GP FOR IRRI AND CAD ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR FINANCE & PLANNING, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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SRS, J

DATED:08/07/2026

Post on 22.07.2026, finally.

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DIRECTION

