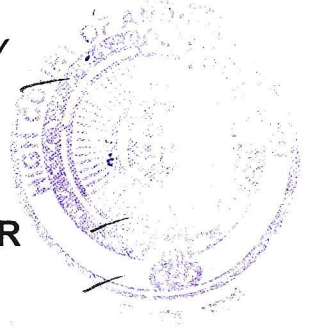


**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE T.C.D.SEKHAR
WRIT PETITION NO: 23207 OF 2024**



Between:

Nimmagadda Naveen Krishna, S/o. Venkateswara Rao, Aged 29 Years
Occ. Contractor, R/o. M14/15, New Market Bazar, Vijayapuri South,
Guntur, Guntur District.

... Petitioner.

AND

1. The State Of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Command Area Development Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
2. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Finance and Planning Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
3. The State Project Director, APILIP-Phase-II, Hanumanpet, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
4. The Chief Engineer, Minor and Medium Irrigation, Hanumanpet, Vijayawada. Krishna District.
5. . The Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Guntur District.
6. The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Guntur, Guntur Dist.
7. The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Guntur.
8. The Dy. Executive Engineer, M.I.Sub-Division,Narasaraopet, Guntur, Guntur District.
9. The Dy. Executive Engineer-1, APILIP-II, Vijayawada.
10. The Assistant Executive Engineer, M.I. Section, Macherla, Guntur District.
11. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Guntur, Guntur 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 or order or a direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of MANDAMUS declaring the action of the respondents in not releasing the admitted LS-2nd and Final bill amount of Rs.85,55,615/- even after finalized the bill long back payable to the petitioner after successful execution of work for JICA- APILIP-II Modernization of Vajralapadu tank near Vajralapadu Village in Veldurthy Mandal, Guntur District vide Agt.No.6-SE/2022-23, Dated 24.06.2022 and Suppl. Agt.No.05-SE/2023-24, dated 31.05.2023, in Water Resources Department, Irrigation Circle, Guntur, Irrigation Division, Guntur, which is illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 21 and 300-A of the Constitution of India and also violative of principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to release the payment of amount for Rs.85,55,615/- due to the petitioner in respect of execution of work forthwith interest of 18%

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Petition under Section 151 of CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased direct the respondents to release the admitted bill amount of Rs.85,55,615/- due to the petitioner, after the successful execution of work for "JICA-APILIP- II Modernization of Vajralapadu tank near Vajralapadu Village in Veldurthy Mandal, Guntur District" vide Agt.No.6-SE/2022-23, Dated 24.06.2022 and Suppl. Agt.No.05-SE/2023-24, dated 31.05.2023, in Water Resources Department, Irrigation Circle, Guntur, Irrigation Division, Guntur, immediately, Pending disposal of WP 23207 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

BATTULA SANJIAH GANDHI Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR IRRIGATION AND CAD for the Respondent for respondent nos.1, 3 to 10, GP FOR FINANCE & PLANNING for Respondent Nos.2 and 11, the Court made the following.

ORDER

“Pursuant to order dated 22.07.2025, the 7th respondent appeared before this Court through online and requests one more week to file counter affidavit.

At his request, post the matter on 05.08.2025.

Learned Government Pleader for Irrigation is directed to file counter affidavit by the next date of hearing, failing which the 7th respondent shall remain present before this Court.”

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SD/- B.PRASAD RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Command Area Development Department, State Of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi.
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11. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Guntur, Guntur District.(1 to 11 by **RPAD**)
12. One CC to SRI. BATTULA SANJIAH GANDHI Advocate [OPUC]
13. Two CCs to GP FOR IRRI AND CAD ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
14. Two CCs to GP FOR FINANCE & PLANNING, High Court of Andhra Pradesh.[OUT]
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HIGH COURT

TCDS, J

DATED:29/07/2025

post the matter on 05.08.2025.

ORDER

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CONDITIONAL APPEARANCE

