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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3329]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 10912/2025

Between:

1. SRI K. LAKSHMI REDDY,, S/O. K.VENKATA SUBBA REDDY AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS, D.NO.2/52, CHADIPIRALLA, KAMALAPURAM, KADAPA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, A.P.TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TOURIST AND CULTURAL DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT VELAGAPUDJ ARNARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
2. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY, FINANCE DEPARTMERT AP SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, AMARAVATI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.
3. THE ANDHRA PRADESH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED, D.NO. 55-17-2 TO 4, STALIN CORPORATE, 5TH FLOOR, NEAR CGO COMPLEX, INDUSTRIAL STATES, AUTONAGAR, VIJAYAWADA-520007. REP.BY ITS VICE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,
4. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT TOURISM COUNSEL,YSR KADAPA DISTRICT.
5. THE SUPERINTENDENT ENGINEER, A.P.TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, VIJAYAWADA
6. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, APTDC, KADAPA.YSR KADAPA DISTRICT
7. THE DISTRICT TREASURY OFFICER, KADAPA, YSR KADAPA DISTRICT.
8. THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, COLLECTERATE, KADAPA, YSR KADAPA 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 tomay be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction preferably a Writ in the nature of Mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents in not paying the admitted Gross amount of Rs. 12,90,150/- due to the petitioner in respect of the works under L.S. Agreement No. SE/APTDC/Agmt/2016-17, dated.02.01.2017 entered by the Respondents with the petitioner, as illegal, arbitrary, unjust, unfair and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondents to pay the admitted Gross amount of Rs. 12,90,150/- due to the petitioner together with interest till the date of payment 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 may be pleased to direct the Respondents to pay the admitted Gross amount of Rs. 12,90,150/- due to the petitioner in respect of the works under "L.S. Agreement No. SE/APTDC/Agmt/2016-17, dated.02.01.2017 entered by the Respondents with the petitioner together with interest pending disposal of the above writ petition and pas

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1. SHAIK ALTAF

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. V SRINIVASULA REDDY
2. GP FOR REVENUE
3. GP FOR TOURISM
4. GP FOR FINANCE PLANNING

The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

1. The petitioner had been awarded the contract of work(s) under the subject scheme in Kadapa. After execution of the said contract, a final bill was prepared for a sum of Rs.12,90,150/- as per the sanctioned orders. As the payment of the said amount has not been made by the respondents, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of this writ petition.

2. It is the contention of the petitioner that even though the respondents admitted that the petitioner is entitled for payment of Rs.12,90,150/-, no payment is being made. The petitioner contends that such non-payment of money is clearly arbitrary and high-handed requiring the interference of this Court.

3. This Court, in various orders, including the judgment of a learned Single Judge of this Court dated 05.10.2021 in W.P.No.10038 of 2021 and batch had taken the view that such non-payment of dues is arbitrary and that such dues need to be cleared by the respondents at the earliest.

4. On the other hand, learned Standing Counsel has placed on record the written instructions dated 05.11.2026 received from the Superintending Engineer, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited,

admitting net amount of Rs.12,90,150/-, as per the M.Book, payable to the petitioner. But, the subject bill was not uploaded for payment. Soon after uploading of the bill, an amount of Rs.12,90,150/- will be paid to the petitioner.

5. In view of the aforesaid directions of this Court in various cases and after hearing the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Standing Counsel, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to release the net amount of Rs.12,90,150/- to the petitioner within a period of three (03) months. It would also be open to the petitioner to agitate his claim for differential amount, if any payable by the respondents, in an appropriate forum. There shall be no order as to costs. No order as to costs.

6. In fact there is no admission by the Respondents either in their Written Instructions regarding the payment of interest component or by oral submissions made by the Government Pleader/Standing Counsel for Respondents. Much less, the interest component as claimed by the petitioner was neither admitted nor approved at their final bills of the respondents. Hence, in the absence of any such admission, this Court is not inclined to grant any specific amount as it admitted under the head of interest. However, the Petitioner is entitled for interest component as per the terms of Agreement if permits and also in the case of delayed payments, as per the ratio laid down by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.724 of 2021. Therefore, the

respondents are hereby directed to pay admitted amount within a period of four months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. As far as interest is concerned, if both parties have agreed regarding the quantum of amount towards interest, the same should be paid along with admitted amount, if not, petitioner is at liberty to submit a representation or a Memo of Statement requesting for payment of interest. If petitioner is entitled for the same, after such submission of representation or Memo, the concerned respondent authorities shall consider and pass appropriate orders after providing opportunity of hearing to both parties in case of rejection or reduction of interest amount claimed by the petitioner, within a period of four (04) weeks thereafter.

7. Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed.

VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA, J

Date: 06.11.2026

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