

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE NO: W.P.No.17178 of 2021

PROCEEDING SHEET

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5.	28.10.2021	<u>MVR,J</u> Heard Sri C.Sumon, learned Special Government Pleader, Office of the Advocate General and learned Government Pleader for Irrigation and Command Area Development. The learned Special Government Pleader now informs that steps are initiated by issuing necessary orders today by the Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources Department (2nd respondent) to carry out investigation in all the cases. By the order, dated 05.10.2021, the respondents were directed to file counter affidavits with a rider that no further time would be granted in default. It was further directed that this Court would be forced to pass an interim order in all the pending interlocutory applications directing the respondents to meet the prayer sought therein. The Engineer-in-Chief was also directed by the same order to get a statement prepared in respect of the instances where processing the matters without any difficulty is seen without any complaint and also the instances where there is requirement of vigilance enquiry on account of the nature of works carried out. No such statement is forthcoming till now. Very action of the 2nd respondent in initiating investigation this day demonstrates the seriousness they have attached to the order of this Court, dated 05.10.2021. Sri C.Sumon, learned Special Government Pleader and the learned Government Pleader for Irrigation and Command Area Development have tried to persuade this Court requesting time for filing counter affidavits and not to pass interim orders. Though their entreaties required consideration in all	

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		Page 2 seriousness since the Court has to trust and believe them, the same yardstick cannot be applied to the respondents/public servants in view of sheer indifference demonstrated by them in respect of the order, dated 05.10.2021. Therefore, the following interim order. The respondents are directed to release and pay bills for the amount claimed by the petitioner, within a period of four (04) weeks from now. <u>W.P.No.17178 of 2021</u> List this matter four (04) weeks later for filing counter affidavits by the respondents. IS <u>MVR,J</u>	