

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

WRIT PETITION No.25489 OF 2022

ORDER:

The petitioner has been awarded the contract for execution of works i.e., providing barricading arrangements at JNTU stadium ground, Kakinada, on ensuing visit of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 04.01.2019 in connection with JANMABHOOMI. After execution of the said contract, a final bill for a sum of Rs.90,812/- had been prepared on the basis of the Measurement Book. 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.

It is the contention of the petitioner that even though the respondents admitted that the petitioner is entitled for payment of the aforesaid sums of money, 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.

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.

In view of the aforesaid directions of this Court in various cases and after hearing the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for R & B and learned counsel appearing for the respondents, this writ petition is **disposed of** with a direction to the respondents to release the amount of Rs.90,812/- to

the petitioner at the earliest, and at any rate, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It would also be open to the petitioner to agitate his claim for interest, if any payable by the respondents, in an appropriate forum. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel, pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE SUBBA REDDY SATTI

26th AUGUST, 2022

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