

**HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI**

**CONTEMPT CASE No.4258 of 2024**

**PROCEEDING SHEET**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ORDER</b>	<b>Office Note</b>
06.	24.04.2025	<p><b><u>RC,J</u></b></p> <p>Contemnor/respondent No.5 appeared before this Court and reported that there is no direction against him, however, petitioner has impleaded him as contemnor.</p> <p>The petitioner, knowing pretty well that this Court passed orders directing the Gram Panchayat to take steps in accordance with law, impleaded the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department as contemnor/respondent No.5 and failed to explain as to why the Executive Engineer-respondent No.5 has been impleaded as contemnor in Contempt case except saying that the encroachments are on the irrigation canal. By virtue of G.O.Ms.No.188 dated 21.07.2011, the said canals falls under category C wherein the Panchayat Secretary is the authority who has to remove the encroachments. This Court has given specific direction to the Gram Panchayat only. No reasons are coming forward as to why the petitioner has shown the Executive Engineer as respondent/contemnor in the present Contempt. By virtue of the said mistake committed by the</p>	Contd...

		<p>petitioner, unnecessary agony has been caused to respondent No.5 who stood before this Court by virtue of Form-I. In the said circumstances, this Court is inclined to exonerate respondent No.5 from the present Contempt Case and impose costs on the petitioner. When the Court asked respondent No.5, he reported that the said costs may be given to some organization. The petitioner shall pay costs of Rs.2000/- to Andhra Pradesh Legal Services Authority within a period of two (02) weeks.</p> <p>For other respondent counters, post on 26.06.2025.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>RC, J</u></p> <p>RKS</p>	
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