ORIGINAL PETITION No.719/2007 Dated 16-10-2007

Omana Thankappan Vs Secretary Paippad Grama Panchayat

ORDER

Heard both sides.

The grievance of the petitioner is that she has been sanctioned an amount of Rs.7000/- from a Drinking Water Project intended for the SC/ST community. She has executed an agreement for the said payment. But no amount has been paid to her so far.

The Secretary of the Panchayat has filed a statement; stating that it is true that the petitioner was found eligible to be included as a beneficiary in the project and accordingly an amount of Rs.7000/- has been sanctioned to her for digging a well. Subsequently, this allotment has been cancelled by the Panchayat on the ground that she had not completed the house, for which assistance was given to her earlier in another project. The amount now sanctioned is for the Drinking Water Project after the approval of the Grama Sabha. Panchayat has cancelled that allotment on another reason. This is not proper, If the benefit has been sanctioned by the Grama Sabha, the cancellation also has to be told and approved by the Grama Sabha. Any way, this is not a ground to deny the benefit to the petitioner. The petitioner, however, submit that she will complete the construction of the house within two months. She has also dug the well. But without this amount, the steps for the well cannot be constructed. Therefore, I direct the Panchayat to disburse the amount to the petitioner from the Drinking Water Project as soon as she reports to the Panchayat that she has completed the construction of the house.

With the above directions, the matter is closed.

Justice T.K. Chandrasekhara Das,
Ombudsman.