

22.11.2023
Court No. 13
Item No. 30
AP

WPA 24563 of 2023

**Sudipta Das and Ors.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and Ors.**

Mr. Joy Chakraborty
Mr. Sandip Dinda

... For the Petitioners.

Mr. Ayan Banerjee
Ms. Debarsree Dhamali

... For the SBSTC.

1. Despite service of notice the State is not represented.

2. There is deficit court fees, which must be paid by tomorrow.

3. The petitioners are retired employees of the South Bengal State Transport Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the SBSTC"). Pursuant to notional implementation of ROPA 2019, the petitioners have been paid and received arrears of gratuity. What remains is arrears of leave encashment.

4. Counsel for the SBSTC submits that the amount of leave encashment benefit for about 421 employees goes to Rs.1.49 crores. The SBSTC has shortage of funds and has requested the State Government for such funds.

5. The Secretary, Transport Department, Government of West Bengal and the Principal Secretary,

Finance Department, Government of West Bengal shall file appropriate report before this Court on the adjourned date as regards the release of the said sum to the SBSTC.

6. Let a copy of this order be communicated to all the respondents by the counsel for the parties.

7. Let this matter stand adjourned and be listed on 20th December, 2023.

8. All parties are to act on a server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this court.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)