

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO(S).3147 OF 2014

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, U.P.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

LALLUJI BALKRISHNA DAS & BROTHERS & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Having heard the learned counsels for the parties we find no ground for interference.

2. The amount that was held to be due to the respondent-claimant by the High Court was on the basis of an audit report dated 28.02.2003, the relevant portion of which is extracted below :

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| (1) Total amount of Bills submitted by the firm for construction of place of polling and arrangement for counting of votes | Rs.17,78,509.00 |
| (2) Amount of bills after their verification and evaluation  | Rs.17,01,560.00 |
| (3) Payment made to the Firm   | Rs.3,37,612.00  |
| (4) On the basis of work done and after decision of the  |                 |

<i>Commission on the irregularities committed by the departmental officers</i>	<i>Rs.13,63,948.00</i>
<i>(5) Amount under deposit in the Vijaya Bank in the Account of Nagar Nikaya 1995</i>	<i>Rs.4,01,470.00</i>
<i>(6) Amount to be released by the Commission</i>	<i>Rs.9,62,478.00</i>

3. The amount of Rs.4,01,470/-, mentioned in the aforesaid extract from the audit report, was found by the High Court to have been paid back to the State Election Commission and hence the claimant was found to be entitled to compensation of Rs.13,63,948/-. We find no infirmity with the aforesaid finding.

4. Insofar as rate of interest is concerned, the High Court had scaled down the interest rate from 18%, as claimed by the respondent-claimant, to 6%. However, the award of interest has been made effective from the date of report of the District Magistrate i.e. 27.09.1999. As the audit report on which the High Court has placed reliance is dated 28.02.2003, we are of the view, that the

interest would be payable from the said date i.e. 28.02.2003, which will now be paid along with the principal dues at rate of 6% per annum till the date of actual payment. The said payment shall be made within three months from today, failing which the amount will carry interest at the rate of 9% per annum.

5. In implementing the order of this Court, we leave it open to the State Authorities and the State Election Commission to work out the precise liability of either of the two or to pay the amount by an apportionment thereof, as the case may be.

6. The appeal is disposed of in the above terms.

.....,J.  
(RANJAN GOGOI)

.....,J.  
(ASHOK BHUSHAN)

NEW DELHI  
FEBRUARY 08, 2017

ITEM NO.101

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SECTION XI

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

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Respondent(s)

(interim relief and office report)

Date : 08/02/2017 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK BHUSHAN

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                                 For Mr. Ravi Prakash Mehrotra, Adv.

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                                 Ms. Bharti Tyagi, Adv.  
  
                                 Mr. Shrish Kumar Misra, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

The appeal is disposed of in terms of the  
signed order.

(Neetu Khajuria)  
Court Master

(Asha Soni)  
Court Master

(Signed order is placed on the file.)