

COURT No.2  
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH: NEW DELHI

11.

OA 1632/2018

Ex Swr Shivaji Anant Honmane ..... Applicant  
VERSUS  
Union of India and Ors. .... Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Manoj Kr Gupta, Advocate  
For Respondents : Mr. Shyam Narayan, Advocate  
for R-1 to R-2 & R-4  
Ms Priyanshi Goyal, Advocate for R-3  
With Mr. Satish Sidam, Branch Manager,  
State Bank of India

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE ANJANA MISHRA, MEMBER (J)  
HON'BLE LT GEN C. P. MOHANTY, MEMBER (A)

ORDER  
13.07.2023

In response to the notice issued to the State Bank of India, grievances cell, Mr. Satish Sidam, Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Akulj, Solapur, Maharashtra is present here before us today. However, on repeated enquiries, he is unable to answer us regarding the letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2015 which was issued by the AGIF to the State Bank of India way back in the year 2015. It appears that despite the aforementioned letter where it has been clearly intimated that Syndicate Bank of India AGI Bhawan, New Delhi-57 Cheque bearing number 701359 dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1996 for a sum of Rs. 7944/- (Rupees Seven thousand nine hundred and forty four only) on the account of payments of maturity benefits was issued to the bankers, i.e. State Bank of

India for crediting the amount in the account No. 7953 of Ex Swr SA Honmane. The Cheque has not yet been credited to his account despite the same having been debited from the Syndicate Bank account of AGIF on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1996.

2. On queries being made to the Branch Manager, he is unable to explain as to the nature of enquiries made of him and the only response he is able to give us is that the records being old are not available any more. We, however, do not appreciate such a response as between the year 2015 till date, it is not known either to him or to us as to what steps were taken by the bank for necessitating the payments to the applicant.

3. That being so, we direct that the branch manager may once again make necessary enquiries at his level, show clearly to us as to what steps were taken by his previous incumbents and by himself between the year 2015 till date for retrieving the amount that was due and crediting it in the account of the applicant. We also direct that in case the same is not clear to them, this Court will be constrained to direct that the amount which was due to the applicant be paid along with the interest and costs of litigation on next date of hearing. The response from the bank should reach this Court within two weeks.

4. Put up again on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 on which date the branch manager shall be present in person again before us with all records available. In case no such records are available, he must

make available the cheque in favour of the applicant of the amount due to him along with the interest accruing thereon @ 8% from the date it fell due to the applicant till the date of payment. We make it clear that no further indulgence shall be granted to the concerned Bank.

4. Let a copy of this order be provided ***DASTI*** to both the parties.

**(ANJANA MISHRA)**  
**MEMBER (J)**

**(C. P. MOHANTY)**  
**MEMBER (A)**

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