

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**FAO No.1374 of 1996 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 22.03.2018**

Seema Rani

..... Appellant

Versus

Sh. Guru Dutt and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. P.S. Rana, Advocate and
Mr. G.S. Rana, Advocate
for the appellant.

Respondents proceeded ex-parte vide
order dated 08.11.1996.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This appeal has been filed by the claimant for enhancement of compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act on account of death of Ramesh Kumar. Since only a limited issue is involved in the present appeal further detailed reference to the facts would not be necessary.

Counsel for the appellant has argued that penalty had not been imposed even though the compensation was not deposited by the respondent No.1. I find this to be correct. Consequently, I impose penalty of 50% of the awarded amount to be paid by the respondent No.1.

Counsel for the appellant has further argued that no interest had been granted on the awarded amount whereas as per the statute it should be 12% p.a. I find this to be indeed so. Consequently, I impose interest of

12% on the awarded amount.

In the circumstances, the appeal is allowed to the above extent and the award is modified accordingly.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending civil miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

March 22, 2018

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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	-	Yes/No
Whether reportable	-	Yes/No