

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

FAO-6028-2014 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.05.2018

Charanjit Kaur and another

..... Appellants

Versus

Surjit Singh and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

PRESENT: Mr. Animesh Sharma, Advocate for the appellants.

Mr. Varun Mittal, Advocate for
Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Advocate
for respondent No. 3-Insurance Company.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Through this appeal, the claimants have claimed enhancement of compensation, modifying the impugned Award dated 10.04.2014 of the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Ropar (for short-'the Tribunal').

Both the parties are *ad idem* that this appeal has to be decided in accordance to the principles laid down in **National Insurance Company Ltd. Vs. Pranay Sethi and others, 2017 (4) RCR (Civil) 1009.**

As per calculations (Annexure-A) furnished by learned counsel for the claimant-appellants, taking the income of the deceased equivalent to an un-skilled workman, at the relevant time as per minimum wages prescribed by the Government, the total amount of compensation payable to claimant-appellants, according to **Pranay Sethi's case (supra)**, comes to ₹8,16,240/- less ₹5,60,000/-, already awarded by the learned Tribunal.

Meaning thereby, the claimant-appellants are entitled to ₹2,56,240/- over

and above the compensation awarded by the learned Tribunal.

Learned counsel for respondent No. 3-Insurance Company has not been able to controvert or point out any infirmity in the above calculations (Annexure-A). Hence, the same is accepted.

In view of the above, the claimant-appellants are held entitled to compensation of ₹2,56,240/- over and above the amount of ₹5,60,000/- already awarded by the learned Tribunal, vide Award impugned herein. Respondent No. 3-Insurance Company, through its counsel is directed to deposit the aforesaid enhanced amount of compensation before the learned Tribunal within two months from today, along with up-to-date interest @ 6% per annum from the date of filing of claim petition till realization, for onward disbursement to the claimant-appellants, in proportion so arrived at by it, in accordance with law against proper receipt and identification.

It is, however, made clear that non-deposit of enhanced amount of compensation within the stipulated period would entail interest @ 12% per annum with quarterly rests.

The instant appeal stands disposed of, accordingly.

May 09, 2018

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No