

FAO No.2630 of 2016 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 28.11.2019

Randhir Singh and others

.....Appellants

versus

Gurpreet Singh and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present: - Mr. J.S. Saneta, Advocate, for the appellants.
Mr. Lalit Garg, Advocate, for respondent No.3.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Through this appeal, the claimants have sought enhancement of compensation, modifying impugned award dated 08.10.2015 of the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Karnal (for short 'the Tribunal').

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

Learned counsel for the appellants submits that at the relevant time, minimum wages prescribed by the Government were ₹5,639/- per month. However, the Tribunal has wrongly taken the income of the deceased at ₹3,000/- per month.

As per calculation furnished by learned counsel for the appellant-claimants, which is taken on record Mark 'A', the total amount of compensation payable to appellant-claimants, according to ***Pranay Sethi's case (supra)***, comes to ₹8,14,348/- less ₹6,21,000/-, already

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awarded by the learned Tribunal. Meaning thereby, the appellant-claimants are entitled to ₹1,93,348/- more, 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 (Mark-A). Hence, the same is accepted.

In view of the above, the appellant-claimants are held entitled to compensation of ₹1,93,348/- more, over and above the amount of ₹6,21,000/- 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 one month from today, along with up-to-date interest @ 7.5% per annum from the date of filing of claim petition till realization, for onward disbursement to the appellant-claimants, in proportion so arrived at by it, in accordance with law against proper receipt and identification.

In case aforesaid enhanced amount is not deposited within stipulated time, Insurance Company would be liable to pay the same with interest @15% per annum from the date of expiry of one month.

Disposed of .

November 28, 2019
R.S.

(Ramendra Jain)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No