

**BEFORE THE LOK ADALAT,
PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT CHANDIGARH**

513 FAO-1189-2012 (O&M)

**SORAN SINGH AND ANOTHER
VS
LOKESH KUMAR AND OTHERS**

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Panwar, Advocate for the appellants.

Mr. Nigam K. Bhardwaj, Advocate
for respondent No.3-Insurance Company.
(Through Video Conferencing)

This is an appeal filed by the appellants-claimants for enhancement while seeking modification of the award dated 24.12.2009 vide which the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal has awarded an amount of Rs.3,98,800/- alongwith interest @ 6% per annum from the date of filing of the claim petition till realisation of the amount so awarded.

It has been brought to the notice of this Court that the matter has been compromised. The statement of Mr. Suryadeep Singh Thakur, authorised representative of respondent No.3 and Mr. Nigam K. Bhardwaj, Advocate for respondent No.3-Insurance Company has been recorded. The same is reproduced herein below:-

“Statement of Sh. Suryadeep Singh Thakur, Advocate/Dy.Manager,/ Manager/authorized representative of Reliance General Insurance Company Limited and Mr. Nigam K. Bhardwaj, Advocate.

I/we agree on behalf of the respondent-company for full and final settlement of compensation of Rs.6,00,000/- (Six lakh), over and above the amount of Rs.2,04,400/- already awarded by the MACT with an undertaking to pay/deposit the same as per the orders that may be passed by the Lok Adalats

(Daily/Bimonthly/National), failing which interest at the rate 9% per annum shall follow from the date of the settlement before the Hon'ble Bench.

Name, Mobile No. Enrolment No. and e-mail I.D. Of Claimant's Advocate is, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Panwar-9216370597.

Note:- Please tick the appropriate option

(a) Whether consent of counsel for the claimant/appellant have been obtained:- Yes

(b) Whether settled/non settled/want more time:

RO/AC

Signatures:- Sd/- Suryadeep Singh Thakur, Nigam, P-722/2005

Name of the Officer with Mobile Number and e-mail ID:

Place: Chandigarh

Dated: _____ ”

The statement of Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Panwar, Advocate appearing for the appellants/claimants has already been recorded, which is reproduced herein below:-

“Statement of Sh. S.K. Panwar, Advocate, learned counsel for the applicant(s)/appellant(s)/claimant(s).

On the instructions of my client(s), I am prepared to accept Rs.6,00,000/- Rupees Six Lakh only, over and above the amount already awarded by the MACT.

This would be in full and final satisfaction of the claim of the appellant(s) in the appeal.

The aforementioned amount may be paid to appellant No.1- Soran Singh through cheque in proportion as already awarded by the MACT.

RO & AC

Signatures: Sd/-Sanjeev Kumar Panwar, Adv.

Place: Chandigarh

Dated:11.08.2021 ”

A perusal of the above statements would show that the claimant as

well as the Insurance Company have compromised the matter by stating that a compensation of Rs.6,00,000/- over and above the amount already awarded by the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, will be paid by the Insurance Company to the appellant/claimant.

Learned counsel for the Insurance Company-respondent No.3 has stated that because of inadvertence, in the statement made, the amount awarded by the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, has been mentioned as Rs.2,04,400/- instead of Rs.3,98,800/- and thus, the said figure of Rs.2,04,400/- may kindly be read as Rs.3,98,800/-.

At any rate, amount which has been agreed to be enhanced i.e. Rs.6,00,000/- has been correctly mentioned. The said statement, thus, be read as per the submission made by the counsel for the Insurance Company.

Counsel appearing for the respondent No.3-Insurance Company has further stated that the said amount would be paid by the Insurance Company to the appellant within a period of 4 weeks from today, failing which the interest @ 9% p.a. shall follow from the date of the settlement before the Lok Adalat till the date of payment.

Learned counsel for Insurance Company has further stated that a cheque amounting to Rs.6,00,000/- in the name of Soran Singh-appellant No.1, will be deposited with the office of the Lok Adalat of the Hon'ble High Court on or before 13.09.2021, failing which the interest @ 9% p.a. shall follow at this amount till the payment from the date of this order.

In view of the above, we are of the opinion that the compromise is genuine and *bona fide* and in the best interest of the claimant as well as all the parties concerned.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of as having been compromised and the compromise shall be treated as part and parcel of the award, and the order of the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Faridabad, stands modified in terms of the said compromise. The parties will be bound by the said compromise.

The concerned officer of the Lok Adalat Branch/Office shall issue proper receipt after receiving the Cheque/Demand Draft to learned counsel/representative of the respondent-Insurance Company. The appellant(s)/counsel for appellant(s) may collect the cheque from the office of the Lok Adalat.

All the pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed of, in view of the abovesaid order.

(VIKAS BAHL)
PRESIDENT

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
MEMBER

August 14, 2021.
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