

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

FAO No.170 of 2022

Santilata Behera

....

Appellant

-versus-

Union of India & Anr.

....

Respondents

**CORAM:
JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY**

**ORDER
30.06.2022**

Order No

01. I.A. No.190 of 2022

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
2. This is an application for condonation of delay. But as pointed out by SR, there is no delay in filing the appeal.
3. The appeal is accordingly treated as not pressed and disposed of.

**(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge**

P.T.O.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.

2. This appeal has been filed by the Claimant, who is the mother of deceased Trapati Behera, under Section 23 of the Railway Claims Tribunal Act, 1987 (for short 'the Act, 1987') being aggrieved by the judgment and award dated 8th January, 2020 passed by the Railway Claims Tribunal, Bhubaneswar Bench, Bhubaneswar (for short, 'the learned Tribunal') in OA No. IIU/07/2017 assailing the mode of payment of compensation amount.

3. At the outset, learned counsel for the parties submit that the legal issue involved in this appeal is similar to FAO No.262 of 2020 and batch of appeals disposed of by this Court vide judgment dated 9th September, 2021 and the present Appeal may be disposed of in the light of the said judgment.

4. Ms. Sulochana Patra, learned Central Government Counsel for the Railways-Respondent, however, submits that although the facts and law involved in this case is similar, but Claimant should approach learned Tribunal by filing appropriate application for variation in the condition and mode of payment of the compensation amount. In that event, learned Tribunal will be in a position to pass necessary orders on their application.

5. Mr. S. Sahoo, learned counsel for the Appellant submits that since Railways could not produce any material before the learned Tribunal to justify restriction in disbursement of compensation, remittance of the matter to learned Tribunal will be an empty

formality only, and thereby the claimant(s) will be highly prejudiced. It appears from the impugned award that learned Tribunal has not assigned any reason for not disbursing the entire awarded amount in favour of the Claimant instead of directing a major portion to be deposited in a fixed deposit scheme. It appears that the Claimants/Appellant being the mother of deceased Trapati Behera is major and do not have either any physical or mental disability. As such, the case of the Appellant is squarely covered by the ratio decided in the aforesaid batch of appeals.

6. Accordingly, it is directed that learned Tribunal shall disburse the awarded amount by liquidating the fixed deposits, if any, to the claimant(s) on proper identification, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of one month from the date of filing of an application along with certified copy of this order following due procedure of law. The Claimant(s)/Appellant(s) is/are directed to submit his/her (their) A/c details of any nationalized bank as per the requirement along with the application form for disbursal of the compensation amount, as aforesaid.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge

Sneha