

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

MACA No.330 of 2022

The Sr.Divisional Manager, *Appellant*
M/oriental Insurance Co. Ltd.

Mr.S.Satpathy, Advocate

-versus-

Roji Behera and others *Respondents*
Mr.P.K.Nayak, Advocate for Respondent No. 1 to 5

CORAM:
JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
10.10.2022

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1. The matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. Heard Mr.Satpathy, learned counsel for the Appellant and Mr.Nayak, learned counsel for the claimants-Respondent No.1 to 5.
3. Present appeal by the Insurer is directed against the judgment dated 15th March, 2022 passed by 1st M.A.C.T.-cum-District Judge, Dhenkanal in M.A.C. Case No.01 of 2021, wherein compensation to the tune of Rs.13,87,600/- has been granted along with interest @7% per annum with effect from the date of filing of the claim application on account of death of the deceased in the motor vehicular accident dated 11th December, 2020.

5. Having heard both parties and considering the grounds of challenge advanced, a reduced compensation of Rs.13,00,000/- along with interest @6% per annum is proposed to the parties in course of hearing. This is agreed by Mr.Nayak, learned counsel for the claimants-Respondent Nos.1 to 5. Mr.Satpathy, learned counsel for the Insurer leaves it to the discretion of the Court. As such, the amount is fixed to that extent.

6. The Insurer-Appellant is directed to deposit the reduced compensation of Rs.13,00,000/- (Thirteen lakhs) before the Tribunal along with interest @6% per annum from the date of filing of the claim application within a period of two months from today; where-after the same shall be disbursed in favour of the claimant on such terms and proportion to be fixed by the Tribunal. It goes without saying that the right of recovery granted in favour of the Insurer-Appellant by the Tribunal is left undisturbed.

7. With aforesaid modification in the compensation amount, the appeal is disposed of.

8. The statutory deposit made by the Appellant with accrued interest thereon be refunded to him on proper application and on production of proof of deposit of the award amount before the learned Tribunal.

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

(B.P. Routray)
Judge

