

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

FAO No.144 of 2021

Legal Manager (T.P. Cell), M/s.New India Assurance Company Limited ***Appellant***

Mr. B.C. Singh, Advocate

-versus-

Balaram Rout and another ***Respondents***
Mr. P.K. Mishra, Advocate for Respondent No.1

CORAM:
JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER
19.04.2022

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1. Heard Mr. B.C. Singh, learned counsel for the Appellant-Insurance Company and Mr. P.K. Mishra, learned counsel for the Respondent No.1-claimant.

2. Present appeal by the insurer is directed against the judgment and award dated 30.04.2021 passed in E.C. Case No.353-D/2017 by the Commissioner for Employee's Compensation-cum-Joint Labour Commissioner, Cuttack wherein compensation to the tune of Rs.10,33,983/- has been granted to the claimant-Respondent No.1 on account of injury sustained by him in course of and arising out of the employment while serving as Driver in Pickup bearing Registration No.OR-21-D-7398.

3. Having heard both the parties and considering the grounds of challenge advanced, a reduced compensation of Rs.8,50,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand) consolidated is proposed to the parties in course of hearing. Mr. P.K. Mishra, learned counsel for the claimant-Respondent No.1 agrees to the same and Mr.

B.C. Singh, learned counsel for Appellant-Insurance Company leaves it to the discretion of the Court. The compensation amount is accordingly fixed to that extent.

4. Since the entire award amount has been deposited before the learned Commissioner, out of the said amount, a sum of Rs.8,50,000/- along with proportionate accrued interest be disbursed in favour of the claimant-Respondent No.1 within a period of eight weeks from today and the balance amount along with proportionate accrued interest thereon shall be refunded to the Appellant-Insurance Company within the same period on proper application.

5. With aforesaid modification of the award, the FAO is disposed of.

6. An urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(**B.P. Routray**)
Judge