

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

558 FAO-1240-2017 (O&M)

***SMT. SUSHILA AND ANOTHER
VS
RAJINDER AND OTHERS***

Present: Mr. Sahil Khunger, Advocate as Legal Aid Counsel along with appellants in person.

Mr. Nigam Bhardwaj, Advocate for respondent No.3-Reliance Ins. Company with Mr. Rohit Chauhan, Manager.

This is an appeal filed by the appellants-claimants for enhancement while seeking modification of the award dated 04.07.2016 vide which the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal has awarded an amount of Rs.2,52,000/- alongwith interest @ 7.5% per annum from the date of filing of the claim petition till realisation of the amount so awarded.

The parties have appeared in person and have submitted that their counsel has not come today in spite of the fact that they are willing to settle the matter.

In view of the same, we have requested Mr. Sahil Khunger, Advocate as Legal Aid Counsel to represent and assist the appellants in arriving at a settlement.

With the assistance of the legal aid counsel, the parties have been able to settle the matter and it has been brought to the notice of this Court that the matter has been compromised. The statement of Mr. Sahil Khunger, Advocate appearing for the appellants/claimants has been recorded, which is reproduced herein below:-

“Statement of Sh. Sahil Khunger, Advocate, learned counsel for

the applicant(s)/appellant(s)/claimant(s).

On the instructions of my client(s), I am prepared to accept Rs.2,00,000/- (Rs. Two Lakhs 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.2 in proportion as already awarded by the MACT.

RO & AC

Signatures: Sd/- Sahil Khunger

Sd/-

Mobile: 98147-53080

(Smt. Sushila w/o Azad)

Place: Chandigarh

Sd/-

Dated: 14.05.2022”

(Azad s/o Ram Sarup)

R/o # 157, Buttana Khetan,

Gohana, District Sonapat

The statement of Sh. Suryadeep Singh Thakur, Advocate has been recorded. The same is reproduced herein below:-

“Statement of Sh. Suryadeep Singh Thakur, Advocate/Dy. Manager/Manager/authorized representative of Reliance General Ins. Co.

I/we agree on behalf of the respondent-company for full and final settlement of compensation at Rs.2,40,000/- (Rs. Two Lakhs only), over and above the amount 2,52,000/- already awarded by the MACT with an undertaking to pay/deposit the same as per the order that may be passed by the Lok Adalat (daily/Bimonthly/National) Benches, 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 Adv. Suryadeep Singh Thakur.

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: Settled

RO/AC

Signatures:-

Signature with Mobile No.:

Sd/-

Suryadeep Singh Thakur, Advocate”

A perusal of the above statements would show that the appellants/claimants as well as the Insurance Company have compromised the matter by stating that a compensation of Rs.2,00,000/- over and above the amount already awarded by the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, will be paid by the Insurance Company to the appellants/claimants.

Counsel appearing for the respondent-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.

Insurance Company has further stated that a cheque amounting to Rs.2,00,000/- in the name of appellants, will be deposited with the office of the Lok Adalat of this High Court on or before 14.06.2022, failing which the interest @ 9% p.a. shall be payable on 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, Panipat, 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.

(VIKAS BAHL)
PRESIDENT

(AMIT JHANJI)
MEMBER

May 14, 2022
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