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CMA No. 675 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-06-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CMA No. 675 of 2025

and

CMP No. 5390 of 2025

The Manager

United India Insurance Co Ltd, Motor

Third Party Claims Hub, 1st Floor,

Silingi Building, No. 134, Greams

Road, Chennai 006

Appellant(s)

Vs

1. P.Selvam

2.Logeswaran

Respondent(s)

PRAYER:-Civi Miscellaneous Appeal filed under Sec.173 of Motor Vehicles Act, praying to allow the CMA by setting aside the Order dt. 23.08.2023 in MCOP No.1373/2020 passed by the Learned II Judge, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Small Causes Court, Chennai

For Appellant(s): Mr. Rajesh Ramamoorthy

For Respondent(s): Mr. U.Chithambaram For R1
R2 - No Appearance



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JUDGEMENT

Challenging the impugned award passed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, II Judge, Small Causes Court, Chennai in MCOP No.1373 of 2020, dated 23.08.2023, the appellant/2nd respondent insurance company preferred this Civil Miscellaneous Appeal.

2.The case of the 1st respondent/petitioner is that on 15.01.2020 at about 04.30 hours. when the petitioner was riding his two wheeler bearing Regn. No. TN-55 AB-4485 on Valanadu road from west to east and near Kaluvankoil, the respondent two wheeler bearing Regn. NO. TN-45-BT-7228 came from east to west in a rash and negligent manner, dashed him and caused an accident. Due to which, he sustained grievous injuries, for which he underwent treatment in the hospital. Under these circumstances, the claim petition came to be filed before the Tribunal seeking for payment of compensation.



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3. The Tribunal on considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on appreciation of oral and documentary evidence, came to a conclusion that the accident had taken place only due to the rash and negligent driving on the part of the rider of the 2nd respondent. Having come to such a conclusion, the Tribunal fixed the total compensation payable at Rs.17,86,408/- under various heads and the said compensation was directed to be paid with interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum.

4. The Insurance Company aggrieved by the quantum of compensation fixed by the Tribunal has filed the present appeal before this Court.

5. The learned counsel for appellant argues that at the time of alleged accident, a two wheeler belongs to 1st respondent, which was driven by a rider, who was a minor at the time of accident happened in the year 2019. So, there is a gross violation of rules as prescribed under Motor Vehicles Act. The 2nd respondent herein is the owner of vehicle. Therefore, the tribunal ought to have passed an award with pay and recovery. Instead of that, the entire liability was



fixed upon the appellant insurance company as such is illegal and liable to be set aside.

6. The learned counsel for 1st respondent admits that at the time of alleged accident, the rider of two wheeler was a minor.

7. Notice issued. The 2nd respondent/owner of vehicle remained exparte. At the time of argument, the learned counsel pointed out that Ex.R6 is the copy of final report received from the Juvenile court, which shows that rider of two wheeler was a minor. Therefore, the rider was made to appear before the Juvenile court. However, on perusal of entire discussion made by the Tribunal, there is no observation with regard to Ex.R6, which is the final report of Juvenile Court. Therefore, the rider of a two wheeler at the time of accident is a minor. So, the tribunal ought to have considered the same and would have enforced pay and recovery, instead of that, entire liability fixed upon the appellant insurance company as such is illegal and liable to be set aside. Hence, the award passed by the tribunal in MCOP No. 1373 of 2020 is confirmed. But,



in respect fixing liability, the appellant insurance company is directed to pay the award amount as arrived by the Tribunal within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment and they are permitted to recover the same from the 2nd respondent/owner of vehicle. Accordingly, this Civil Miscellaneous Appeal is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected Civil Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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To

1. Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, II Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai.
2. Section Officer, VR Section, Madras High Court.



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