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**226 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****FAO-1283 of 2002 (O&M)****Date of decision: 09.12.2025**

Gurminder Kaur

..Appellant

Versus

Surinder Kaur and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Ms.Gurnam Kaur Turka, Advocate for the appellant

Mr. P.S.Dhaliwal, Advocate for respondent no.1

Mr. V.K.Garg, Advocate for respondent No.3-Insurance
Company**MANDEEP PANNU, J.**

1. This is claimant's appeal against the award dated 22.10.2001 passed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Patiala (hereinafter referred to as 'Tribunal') whereby her claim petition for grant of compensation on account of damage caused to her scooter in the accident, which took place on 27.01.1997, was dismissed.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that award of the Tribunal is erroneous as the same has been recorded merely on account of typographical mistake in mentioning the registration number of the scooter which was damaged in the accident. He further submits that there is no dispute with regard to the factum of accident.



3. Learned counsel for the Insurance Company-respondent no.3 submits that award passed by the Tribunal is well reasoned where claimant's plea of typographical mistake regarding registration number of the scooter has been discussed in detail and rightly declined.

4. This Court has considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties.

5. The whole controversy involved in the present case is whether registration number of the scooter, which belongs to the claimant and was damaged in the accident is PB-11-B-6642 or PB-11-6642.

6. A perusal of the record shows that the claim petition mentions the number of the scooter as PB-11-6642, whereas the registration certificate reflects the number as PB-11-B-6642. The difference is only of a single alphabet, namely the letter "B", and the remaining digits correspond fully with the Registration Certificate. Such a minor variation clearly appears to be a clerical mistake or an inadvertent omission, rather than a circumstance capable of creating any doubt regarding the identity of the offending vehicle. The claimant has consistently asserted that the scooter involved in the accident is the same vehicle whose registration is PB-11-B-6642, and the omission of the alphabet "B" in the pleadings cannot, by itself, be treated as fatal so as to non-suit the claimant. The purpose of pleadings is to identify the subject matter of dispute, and when the identity of the vehicle is otherwise established on record, dismissal of



the claim petition solely on account of this typographical error would amount to defeating the ends of justice. Therefore, keeping in view the entirety of facts, dismissal of claim petition no.72 -T/99 by the Tribunal qua damage caused to the scooter of the claimant is held erroneous and the same is hereby set aside. This Court awards a compensation of Rs.15,000/- on account of damage caused to the scooter of the claimant, alongwith interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum from the date of filing of the claim petition till its realization.

- 7. Accordingly, the appeal stands partly allowed.
- 8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable Yes/No