

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of decision : 28.05.2025

1. FAO-52-1994

Suman Bala and others

..... Appellants

versus

Ram Lal and others

..... Respondents

2. FAO-343-1994

Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd.

..... Appellant

versus

Suman Bala and others

..... Respondents

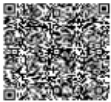
CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Ravinder Arora, Advocate and
Mr. Neeraj Khanna, Advocate
for the appellants.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. These are cross appeals arising out of order dated 29.09.1993 passed by Commissioner, Karnal under Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

2. The insurance company is in appeal aggrieved of the liability qua interest as well as penalty. Claimant is aggrieved of the rate of interest granted on the compensation. Counsel for the insurance company does not dispute that so far as interest is concerned in terms of Section 4-A of 1923 Act, the same was to be awarded @ 12% per annum from 21.08.1991 onwards and not 6% as awarded by the Commissioner. Claimant's appeal is allowed to the aforesaid extent.



3. So far as penalty awarded is concerned, the insurance company is not liable to pay the same. However, the liability to pay the interest component at the enhanced rate as awarded hereinabove has to be shouldered by the insurance company.
4. With the aforesaid modification in the orders, the appeals are disposed off.
5. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.

**(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No