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

Date of Decision : 05.04.2025

FAO No.2229 of 2001 with XOBJC No.10-CII of 2002

Union of India

.....Appellant

Versus

Chiman Lal and others

.....Respondents

FAO No.3200 of 2002 with XOBJC No.1-CII of 2003

Union of India

.....Appellant

Versus

Gora Lal and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present : Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate
for the appellant/UOI.

Mr. Vipul Sharma, Advocate
for the respondents/cross-objectors.

PANKAJ JAIN, J.(Oral)

FAO No.2229 of 2001
FAO No.3200 of 2002

Both the appeals relate to compensation claimed for the death of passengers, who died in a bomb blast that took place at Lehra Khana Railway Station Bathinda. It is not disputed that the claimants were paid ex-



gratia payment of Rs.15,000/- as the Railways admitted them to be *bona fide* passengers.

2. Counsel for the appellant is not in position to dispute that the case of the claimants would be fully covered and the claimants are entitled for compensation as awarded by the Tribunal.

3. In view of above, the appeals are ordered to be dismissed.

XOBJC No.10-CII of 2002
XOBJC No.1-CII of 2003

Instant Cross-objections are at the behest of claimants, who seek compensation in terms of Schedule appended to Railway Accidents and Untoward Incidents (Compensation) Rules, 1990.

2. Counsel for the appellant/respondent in the cross-objections does not dispute that the compensation needs to be awarded in terms of Schedule.

3. Resultantly, the award passed by the Tribunal is modified to the extent that the claimants in the appeals shall be entitled to a compensation of **Rs.2.00 lac each** along with **interest @ 9% per annum** from the date of accident till the date of actual realization or **Rs.8.00 lacs** without interest, **whichever is higher.**

4. With the aforesaid modification, the instant cross-objections are allowed.

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5. A copy of this order be kept on the files of other connected cases.

April 05, 2025		(Pankaj Jain)
Dpr		Judge
	Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
	Whether Reportable	: Yes/No