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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

FAO-2407-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 28.10.2025

Meena Devi & Ors

... Appellant(s)

Versus

Sachin Kumar & Anr

... Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present : Mr. Rajiv Kumar Saini, Advocate for the appellants.

Mr. Gopal Mittal, Advocate for respondent No.2.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present appeal has been preferred by the claimant-appellants aggrieved by the quantum of compensation awarded by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Karnal (hereinafter referred to as ‘Tribunal’) vide the impugned award dated 05.10.2021 in a motor vehicle accident which occurred on 13.07.2019.
2. Since the factum of the accident is not in dispute, the facts are not being adverted to for the sake of brevity.
3. The Tribunal in the present case had awarded the following compensation :

| Sr. No. | Heads                         | Compensation Awarded         |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1       | Monthly Income                | ₹14,610/-                    |
| 2       | Future Prospects - 40%        | ₹20,454/- [₹14,610 + ₹5,844] |
| 3       | Deduction - 1/4 <sup>th</sup> | ₹15,340/- [₹20,454 - ₹5,114] |
| 4       | Annual Income                 | ₹1,84,080/- [₹15,340 x 12]   |

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| 5 | Multiplier - 17           | ₹31,29,360/- [₹1,84,080 x 17] |
| 6 | Loss of estate            | ₹15,000/-                     |
| 7 | Funeral expenses          | ₹15,000/-                     |
| 8 | Loss of consortium        | ₹40,000/-                     |
|   | <b>Total Compensation</b> | <b>₹31,99,360/-</b>           |
|   | <b>Interest</b>           | <b>7%</b>                     |

4. Learned counsel for the claimant-appellants states that he does not challenge the income, deduction, future prospects and multiplier as applied by the Tribunal. He, however, states that the compensation awarded under the conventional heads as well as under the head ‘loss of consortium’ is not in accordance with the law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the cases of **National Insurance Company Ltd. vs. Pranay Sethi & Ors. [(2017) 16 SCC 680]**, **Magma General Insurance Company Limited vs. Nanu Ram alias Chuhru Ram & Ors. [(2018) 18 SCC 130]** and **N. Jayasree & Ors. vs. Chola mandalam M.S General Insurance Company Ltd. [2021(4) RCR (Civil) 642]**.

5. *Per contra*, the learned counsel for respondent No.2-Insurance Company has vehemently argued that sufficient amount has already been awarded as compensation in the present case and that there is no scope of any enhancement.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

7. Admittedly, the appeal being FAO-782-2022 preferred by the Insurance Company has already been dismissed by this Court vide order dated 11.03.2022. In the present case, since no challenge has been laid by the learned counsel for the claimant-appellants to the income, future prospects, deduction and multiplier as applied by the Tribunal, the same are maintained accordingly. Further, the compensation awarded under the conventional heads

and under the head ‘loss of consortium’ is not as per the law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the cases of **Pranay Sethi** (supra), **Magma General Insurance Company Limited** (supra) and **N. Jayasree** (supra), hence, the claimants would be entitled to ₹18,000/- (₹15,000+20% increase) towards loss of estate and ₹18,000/- (₹15,000+20% increase) towards funeral expenses and the claimants (wife, two children and mother of the deceased) would also be entitled to ₹48,000/- each (₹40,000+20% increase) towards loss of consortium. Accordingly, the reworked compensation is as under :

| Sr. No. | Heads                                                                                | Compensation Awarded                                       |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Monthly Income                                                                       | ₹14,610/-                                                  |
| 2       | Future Prospects - 40%                                                               | ₹20,454/- [₹14,610 + ₹5,844]                               |
| 3       | Deduction - 1/4 <sup>th</sup>                                                        | ₹15,340/- [₹20,454 - ₹5,114]                               |
| 4       | Annual Income                                                                        | ₹1,84,080/- [₹15,340 x 12]                                 |
| 5       | Multiplier - 17                                                                      | ₹31,29,360/- [₹1,84,080 x 17]                              |
| 6       | Loss of estate                                                                       | ₹18,000/-                                                  |
| 7       | Funeral expenses                                                                     | ₹18,000/-                                                  |
| 8       | Loss of consortium<br>(i) Parental [₹48,000/- x 2]<br>(ii) Filial<br>(iii) Spousal's | ₹96,000/-<br>₹48,000/-<br>₹48,000/-<br>(Total ₹1,92,000/-) |
|         | <b>Total Compensation</b>                                                            | <b>₹33,57,360/-</b>                                        |

8. The amount in excess of and over and above the amount awarded by the Tribunal shall also attract interest @ 7.5% per annum from the date of filing of the claim petition till the realization of the entire amount.
9. In view of the decision by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in **Parminder Singh Vs. Honey Goyal & Ors. [AIR 2025 SC 1713 = 2025 SCC OnLine SC 567]**, after calculation of the enhanced amount, the same be transferred by the Insurance Company in the bank account(s) of the claimants within six weeks from today and the apportionment thereof shall be as per the

direction of the Tribunal and the share of the minor claimants shall be kept in fixed deposits by the Bank concerned. The particulars of the bank account(s) alongwith the requisite documents(s) in support thereof shall be furnished by the claimants to the Insurance company within a period of two weeks from the date of this order and needful shall be done by the Insurance Company after verification thereof within four weeks thereafter alongwith up-to-date interest. The compliance shall be reported by the Bank to the Tribunal concerned.

10. In view of the above discussion, the present appeal is allowed and the award passed by the Tribunal stands modified accordingly. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed off.

28.10.2025  
Yogesh Sharma

**( ALKA SARIN )**  
**JUDGE**

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking  
Whether reportable: YES/NO