



110 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

FAO-2187-2009 (O&M)
Date of decision : 31.10.2025

Surjeet Singh & ors.

..... Appellants

Versus

Ram Dhan & ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present :- Mr. Paul S.Saini, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Vinod Chaudhri, Advocate for respondent No.2.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

1 Claimants seek enhancement of compensation.

2 Claimants filed petition under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, seeking compensation on account of death of Parveen Kaur, who died in a motor vehicular accident on 18.08.2006 at the age of 32 years.

3 As per the claimants, the deceased was a tailor by profession and was also running a dairy, earning Rs.5,000/- per month, apart from being a homemaker. The Tribunal awarded a lumpsum amount of Rs.2,00,000/-.

4 Counsel for the appellants submits that the Tribunal erred in awarding a lumpsum amount instead of resorting to multiplier method.

5 In the considered opinion of this Court, the enhancement needs to be reworked.



6 Keeping in view that the deceased was an able-bodied young lady aged 32 years, her income is assessed as Rs.6,000/- per month. Future prospects of 40% need to be added. As per ratio of law laid down in *Sarla Verma and others v. Delhi Transport Corporation and another, 2009 ACJ 1298*, multiplier of 16 needs to be applied. Deduction of 1/4th needs to be applied. The claimants shall also be entitled for funeral expenses of Rs.15,000/-. Rs.15,000/- is awarded on account of loss of estate. Each of the claimants is entitled to Rs.40,000/- on account of loss of consortium.

7 Needless to say, the appellants shall be entitled to interest @7% per annum on the enhanced amount from date of filing of the claim petition till the date of actual realization. Any amount already paid to the claimants shall be set off.

8 Disposed off accordingly.

9 Pending miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed off.

31.10.2025
Pooja Sharma-I

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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