



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

FAO-797-2021 (O&M)

Reserved on:- 11.12.2025

Pronounced on:- 15.12.2025

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Pepsu Road Transport Corporation Depot, Faridkot

.....Appellant

vs.

Ramji Dass & others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present:- Mr.Aman Sharma, Advocate for the appellant-PRTC.

Mr.H.S.Dhandi, Advocate for respondent-Claimant.

Respondent No.3 Ex-parte vide order dated 13.10.2021.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA J.

1. The present appeal has been preferred against the award dated 24.01.2020 passed by the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Ludhiana in the claim petition filed under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (for short, 'the Tribunal') wherein the appellant-epsu Road Transport Corporation was held liable to pay compensation to the claimants-respondents to the tune of Rs.13,90,000/- alongwith interest @ 7.5% per annum, on the ground of quantum of compensation to be on the higher side.

2. As sole issue for determination in the present appeal is confined to quantum of compensation awarded by the learned Tribunal, a detailed narration of the facts of the case is not required to be reproduced here for the sake of brevity.



SUBMISSIONS OF LEARNED COUNSEL FOR THE PARTIES

3. The learned counsel for the appellant-PRTC contends that the amount assessed by the learned Tribunal is on the higher side and deserves to be reduced. Therefore, he prays that the present appeal be allowed and amount of compensation be reduced as per latest law.

4. *Per contra*, learned counsel for respondents, however, vehemently argues that the compensation awarded is on lower side. He points out that the respondents have already filed a separate appeal being FAO-2057-2021 titled as *Ramji Dass & another Vs Gurjit Singh & another*, challenging the quantum of compensation and seeking its enhancement. Therefore, he prays for dismissal of the present appeal.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the whole record of this case with their able assistance.

6. At the very outset, it is pertinent to note that FAO-2057-2021, titled as "*Ramji Dass & another Vs Gurjit Singh & another*" filed by claimants/respondents has already been allowed by this Court vide order of even date detailing therein regarding every aspect of the arguments raised in the present appeal. In view thereof, the adjudication of the present appeal no longer survives.

7. In view of the above, the present appeal is **dismissed**.

8. The statutory amount of Rs.25,000/- deposited by the appellant-PRTC at the time of admission of the appeal, is ordered to be refunded to them.

9. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

15.12.2025
Sailesh

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Speaking
Whether reportable : Yes/No