



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

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**FAO-3854-2007 (O&M)
Date of decision : 23.12.2025**

New India Assurance Company Ltd.

..... Appellant

versus

Lachhmi and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Vinod Gupta, Advocate
for the appellant.

None for respondents No.1 to 5.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. Mr. Gupta, at the outset, submits that the amount already stands released. However, submits that there is no evidence with respect to causal relationship between death of the deceased-employee and his employer.

2. I have heard counsel for the appellant and have carefully gone through the records of the case.

3. It has come on record that the deceased Ajeet Singh s/o Daya Nand was employed as helper/cleaner on a tourist bus. He was in Mandi having travelled alongwith the bus from Delhi. Post mortem report reveals that he had consumed alcohol prior to his death. On this, Mr. Gupta submits that the employee having died of excessive drinking, he cannot be held to have died in an accident arising out of and during the course of employment.



4. In the considered opinion of this Court, in the absence of there being any medical evidence to support the plea of excessive drinking, the plea raised by Mr. Gupta cannot be accepted.
5. Pure finding of fact has been recorded by the Commissioner. There being no question of law involved as contemplated under Section 30 of Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1923, this Court finds no ground to interference in well reasoned findings recorded by the Commissioner.
6. Finding no merits in the present appeal, the same is ordered to be dismissed.
7. Since the main case has been decided, pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed off.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

23.12.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No