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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

FAO-1751-2014 (O&M)
Date of decision : 10.01.2025

Meena Rani & ors.

....Appellants

Versus

Lakhwinder Singh & ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present:- Mr. V.K.Handa, Advocate
for the appellants.

Mr. Vinod Chaudhari, Advocate
for respondent No.3.

PANKAJ JAIN, J.(ORAL)

1 Claimants are in appeal seeking enhancement of compensation on account of death of Rishi Pal Kataria who died an unnatural death in a motor vehicular accident on 24.11.2010 at the age of 41 years. He was earning monthly wages of Rs.21,694/-. Nothing has been awarded for future prospects. 30% needs to be awarded in terms of ratio of law laid down in *National Insurance Co., Ltd., Vs. Pranay Sethi & ors., 2017(4) RCR (Civil) 1009*. Keeping in view four claimants deduction of 1/4th will be apt. Multiplier of 11 has been applied which needs to be modified to 15 in terms of ratio of law laid down in *Sarla Verma & ors. Vs. Delhi Transport Corporation & anr., 2009 ACJ 1298*. Each of the claimants are held entitled for an amount of Rs.48,000/- for loss of consortium. They are



further entitled for an amount of Rs.18,000/- under the conventional heads of transportation and funeral expenses.

2 Para 23 of the impugned award is ordered to be modified accordingly.

3 With the aforesaid modifications in the impugned award, the appeal is disposed off.

4 Needless to say that the appellants shall be entitled for interest on the enhanced amount till the date of actual realization. Anything already paid to the claimants needs to be set off.

10.01.2025

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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No