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

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Date of decision :29.10.2025

SUNITA DEVI AND ANOTHER

... APPELLANTS

VERSUS

RANJIT AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARMOD GOYAL

Present: Ms. Babita Gupta, Advocate
for the appellants.

PARMOD GOYAL, J. (ORAL)**CM-14005-CII-2025**

This is an application for condonation of delay of 14 days in filing the present appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and the delay of 14 days in filing the present appeal, is hereby condoned.

Main Case

1. The present appeal has been preferred by the appellants-claimants seeking enhancement of the compensation awarded vide impugned order dated 02.04.2025 passed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Panchkula (hereinafter referred as the 'Tribunal'), whereby a total compensation of ₹21,24,045/- was awarded to the appellants-claimants.
2. The learned Tribunal had awarded following compensation under the following heads:



Head	Amount
Loss of dependency	Rs. 19,92,045/-
Funeral Expenses and Transportation charges	Rs. 18,000/-
Loss of Estate	Rs. 18,000/-
Loss of Consortium (Spousal and Parental)	Rs. 96,000/-
Total compensation awarded	Rs. 21,24,045/-

3. Learned counsel for the appellants-claimants has sought enhancement of the compensation on the ground that the learned Tribunal erred in awarding only ₹18,000/- towards funeral expenses, ₹18,000/- towards loss of estate and transportation charges, and ₹96,000/- towards spousal as well as parental consortium to appellant Nos. 1 and 2. It is contended that the amounts awarded under these heads are on the lower side and not in consonance with the settled law. It is also asserted that the Tribunal ought to have awarded compensation to the tune of ₹50,000/- towards funeral expenses and ₹1,00,000/- each towards loss of estate and consortium, respectively.

4. However, I do not find any merit in the contentions raised on behalf of the learned counsel for the appellants-claimants, as the compensation has been awarded in accordance with the mandate of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *National Insurance Company Ltd. v. Pranay Sethi and Others*, 2017 (4) RCR (Civil) 1009. As per the judgment in Pranay Sethi (supra), compensation of ₹15,000/- each for funeral expenses and loss of estate and ₹40,000/- for loss of consortium has been prescribed, with a 10% enhancement every three years.

5. In the present case, the learned Tribunal has duly applied the said



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principle and awarded the proportionately increased amounts of ₹18,000/- towards funeral expenses, ₹18,000/- towards loss of estate, and ₹48,000/- each towards loss of consortium. Therefore, no error can be found with the impugned award.

6. The contention that the learned Tribunal erred in awarding only 6% interest and that the same ought to have been enhanced to 9% is also without merit. Considering the prevailing rates of interest on fixed deposits, any award granting interest at the rate of 6% per annum or above (but not more than 9%) cannot be said to be inadequate or warranting interference by the Appellate Court.

7. Accordingly, no ground for interference is made out. The appeal, being devoid of merit, stands dismissed.

8. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

29.10.2025
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(PARMOD GOYAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No