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

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Date of Decision: 14.01.2026

NARINDER SINGH

....Appellant

Versus

HARBHAJAN SINGH AND OTHERS

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARMOD GOYAL**

Present:     Mr. Sanjay Jain, Advocate  
                 for the appellant.

Mr. Ajay Chauhan, Advocate  
Mr. Amanjeet Phour, Advocate for  
Mr. Diwan S. Adlakha, Advocate  
for the respondent No.2.

**Parmod Goyal, J. (Oral)**

Appellant/claimant is aggrieved by impugned award dated 24.01.2021 passed by learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Ambala (hereinafter referred to as 'Tribunal') vide which compensation to the extent of Rs.50,000/- towards total damage to vehicle owned by appellant/claimant was awarded. Learned counsel for appellant/claimant submits that learned Tribunal has erred in awarding just Rs.50,000/- whereas total damage as per PW2 Jang Singh, Mechanic who had given the estimate was Rs.2,37,000/- and, therefore, the compensation awarded by learned Tribunal is inadequate and needs to be enhanced.

2.                Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has opposed the contention raised on behalf of appellant/claimant. It is asserted that vehicle



of appellant/claimant was purchased in 1975 for Rs.1,50,000/- and at the time of accident vehicle was 21 years old. Learned Tribunal granted Rs.50,000/- which is more than depreciated value of vehicle and to say that appellant/claimant is entitled to compensation of Rs.2,37,000/- as per estimate made by PW2 would be highly exaggerated.

3. On consideration, I find no error in the award passed by learned Tribunal. Facts are not disputed in the present case. Admittedly, vehicle owned by appellant/claimant which had suffered the damage in the accident was 1975 model. In 1975 it was worth Rs.1,50,000. It was subjected to use for about 21 years before it was knocked down by the offending vehicle. Therefore, the damage suffered by appellant/claimant in any eventuality cannot be more than price of vehicle which vehicle would have fetched without any damages prior to accident. Keeping in view 21 years of depreciation the award of Rs.50,000/- cannot be held to be erroneous. Accordingly, there is no merit in the appeal, hence same is dismissed.

**14.01.2026**  
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**(PARMOD GOYAL)**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether Speaking/Reasoned | : | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | : | Yes/No |