



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

FAO-4652-2023

Date of decision : 12.02.2026

Saroj Kumri

... Appellant

Versus

Avneet Singla and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr.Vikrant Singh Cooner, Advocate for
Mr.J.S. Cooner, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr.Punit Jain, Advocate
for respondent no.3.

VIKAS BAHL, J.(ORAL)

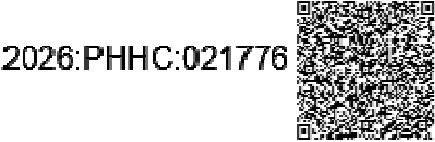
1. Widow of the deceased Sanjay Kumar, who had died in a motor vehicular accident, has filed the present appeal for enhancement.
2. The Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, vide order dated 27.04.2023 had awarded an amount of Rs.12,09,380/- along with interest.
3. The only issue which arises in the present appeal is with respect to the fact, as to whether the present appellant is entitled to any enhanced compensation or not. The other aspects are not disputed before this Court.
4. Learned counsel for the appellant has submitted that in the present case, benefit of increase as per law has not been granted with



respect to consortium, loss of estate and funeral expenses and has submitted that on said count, the appellants are entitled to Rs.48,000/-, Rs.18,000/- and Rs.18,000/- respectively, whereas the appellant has been granted Rs.40,000/-, 15,000/- and Rs.15,000/-. It is thus submitted that the appellant is entitled to additional compensation of Rs.14,000/-. It is submitted that the enhanced amount should be paid to the appellant along with interest at the rate of 9% per annum. In support of his arguments, learned counsel for the appellant has relied upon the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in cases titled as **Sarla Verma (Smt.) and others Vs. Delhi Transport Corporation and another** reported as **(2009) 6 SCC 121**, **National Insurance Company Limited Vs. Pranay Sethi and others** reported as **(2017) 16 SCC 680**, and **Magma General Insurance Company Limited Vs. Nanu Ram alias Chuhru Ram and others** reported as **(2018) 18 SCC 130**.

5. Learned counsel for respondent no.3, on the other hand, has submitted that the rate of interest which the present appellant has sought for the enhanced compensation is highly excessive and the highest rate of interest which can be granted to the present appellant for the enhanced compensation is 6% per annum.

6. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties and has perused the paper book and is of the opinion that the present appellant is entitled to additional compensation of Rs.14,000/- as prayed by her. The consortium which has been granted to the tune of Rs.40,000/- is awarded without considering the aspect of increase and thus, the appellant is entitled



to Rs.48,000/- on the said count. Similarly, with respect to loss of estate and funeral expenses, the amount of Rs.15,000/- each has been granted whereas the amount of Rs.18,000/- each is required to be granted to the appellant on the said counts. With respect to the rate of interest, this Court is consistently awarding the rate of interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum, which rate of interest is also reasonable in the present case.

7. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present appeal is partly allowed and award dated 27.04.2023 is modified and respondent no.3 is directed to pay an additional amount of compensation to the tune of Rs.14,000/- to the appellants along with interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum from the date of filing of the claim petition till its realisation within a period of six weeks from today.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

February 12, 2026.
Davinder Kumar

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No