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

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Date of Decision: 18.03.2026

New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

...Petitioner

Versus

Presiding Officer, Permanent Lok Adalat and another ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Ms. Ritu Punj, Advocate and
 Mr. Sahaj Punj, Advocate for the petitioner

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of award dated 18.06.2025 passed by learned Permanent Lok Adalat, Rewari (for short 'PLA') whereby it has been directed to pay compensation of ₹15 Lakhs along with interest.

2. Respondent No.2 is widow of Mr. Rajeev Kumar who got his vehicle Eicher Canter bearing Registration No.HR-66-B-4797 insured from the petitioner. As per terms and conditions of the policy, the insured was entitled to compensation of ₹15 Lakhs in case of accidental death. Respondent No.2 served legal notice upon the petitioner seeking compensation of aforesaid amount. The petitioner rejected her claim and she approached learned PLA under Section 22C of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (for short '**1987 Act**'). Learned PLA by impugned award has directed the petitioner to pay a sum of ₹ 15 Lakhs along with interest.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per policy,

Claim has to be lodged within 90 days from the date of accident whereas



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legal notice was served after more than four months. Learned PLA has not appreciated this aspect and mechanically allowed respondent No.2's claim.

4. Heard the arguments and perused the record.

5. It is undisputed that insured expired in a road accident which occurred on 12.06.2023. An FIR in this regard was registered. As per insurance policy, the insured was entitled to compensation of ₹15 Lakhs in case of death in road accident.

The petitioner is disputing respondent No.2's claim on the sole ground that intimation was not given within 90 days from the date of accident. Argument of the petitioner seems to be highly unreasonable and manifestly bad. The petitioner has blatantly ignored the fact that FIR was registered on the same day and death of insured in road accident is not disputed. There is no particular clause in the insurance policy mandating that claim would be repudiated if information to insurance company is not supplied within 90 days from the date of accident. Had there been such clause, it was liable to be ignored because registration of FIR and death of insured in road accident was sufficient to claim compensation.

6. In the wake of above discussion and findings, this Court is of the considered opinion that present petition deserves to be dismissed and accordingly dismissed.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

18.03.2026
Mohit Kumar

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