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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

\+ MAC.APP. 114/2026, CM APPL. 8561/2026, CM APPL. 8562/2026 & CM APPL. 8563/2026.

NEW INDIA ASSURANCE CO. LTD. .....Appellant

Through: Mr. Sahil Paul, Mr. Sandeep Dayal and Mr. Harmeet Singh Phillip, Advocates.

versus

BIBI MONASHABARI & ORS. .....Respondents

Through:

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

<u>O R D E R</u>

% **19.05.2026**

1. This appeal has been filed by the Insurance Company challenging the impugned award dated 11th December 2025, passed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Central-District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi ('***MACT***') in MACT No.254/2025, awarding compensation of *Rs.35,95,850/-* along with interest of 7.5% per annum.

2. The accident occurred on 8th October 2024, when a minor child (*Komal*) met with an accident with the DTC bus bearing registration No. DL-51EV-9701. The FIR No.643/2024 was registered at P.S. Subzi Mandi under Sections 281/106(1) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, against the driver.

3. Considering that the issue in this appeal relates to the multiplier to be adopted in the case of death of a minor child below the age of 15 years, this

Court has already taken a view, after considering all the relevant decisions of the Supreme Court and the High Court, in ***Rubi Devi And Anr. v. The New India Assurance Com. Ltd. And Ors.*** 2026:DHC:3674, wherein this Court held that a multiplier of '*18'* ought to be applied in such cases.

4. *Mr. Sahil Paul*, counsel for appellant/Insurance Company, raises an issue regarding the adoption of the minimum wages of a skilled worker as in Delhi, as opposed to Bihar, in view of the Aadhaar Cards of the parents and the deceased herself.

5. However, the Court notes that, in the Memo of Parties filed in the present appeal as well as before the MACT, their address has also been mentioned as *House No. 292, Kabir Basti, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007*.

6. In view of the above, the Court is not inclined to entertain the plea of the Insurance Company in this regard.

7. The appeal is, therefore, dismissed. Pending applications are rendered infructuous.

8. Insurance Company will deposit the entire compensation amount, along with accrued interest, before the MACT within a period of 6 weeks, which will be released to the claimants as per the directions of the MACT in the impugned Award.

9. Statutory deposit be refunded to the appellant/Insurance Company only upon the deposit of the entire compensation along with accrued interest.

10. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

ANISH DAYAL, J

MAY 19, 2026/ak/bp