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

+ **MAC.APP. 190/2026**

RANI KEWAT & ANR.

.....Appellants

Through: Mr. Anshuman Bal, Advocate.

versus

NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Pankaj Seth, Ms. Shruti Jain,
Advocates for R-1. (through VC).

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

% **19.03.2026**

CM APPL. 17417/2026 (*condonation of delay in filing*)

1. This application has been filed seeking condonation of delay of 304 days in filing the present appeal.
2. In view of the facts and circumstances stated in the application, delay is condoned.
3. Application stands disposed of.

CM APPL. 17418/2026 (*Exemption*)

1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

MAC.APP. 190/2026

1. This appeal has been filed for enhancement of the compensation granted *vide* Award dated 25th January 2025 passed by Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Rohini Courts, Delhi (*‘MACT/Tribunal’*) in *MACT*



No.189/2020 at Rs.5,00,000/- in respect of the accident which occurred on 13th February 2020.

2. *Mr. Anshuman Bal*, counsel for appellants, contends that the only issue is with respect to the interest, which was granted at 9% per annum from the date of the award till its realization subject to the Insurance Company's depositing compensation in 30 days from the date of the award, rather than from the date of the filing of the claim petition till its realization.

3. The relevant part of the directions of MACT is extracted as under:

14. Accordingly, respondent no. 2 / Ins. Co. is directed to deposit the above said awarded amount as compensation in this case, within the jurisdiction of this Tribunal at SBI, Rohini Court Branch, Delhi within 30 days from today under intimation of deposition of the awarded amount to be given by respondent no. 2 / Ins. Co. to the petitioners and their advocate however it is given liberty to recover the amount of compensation from respondent no. 1 but after making payment to the petitioners. In default, respondent no. 2 / ins. Co. shall be liable to pay interest @ 9% per annum from the date of award till its realization. Interim amount, if any paid to the petitioners be deducted from this amount.

4. No doubt, the Tribunal has been amiss in not granting the interest from the date of filing. The idea of the interest is that if the compensation had been given to the claimant when the accident occurred or soon thereafter, he would have been duly compensated, but the delay in proceedings triggers necessary directions for payment of interest.

5. Accordingly, the MACT's award is modified to the extent that interest at the rate of 7.5% *per annum* from the date of filing of the claim petition till its realisation is awarded in favour of the claimant on the compensation of Rs.5,00,000/-.

6. *Ms. Shruti Jain*, Advocate, appears on behalf of Insurance Company and takes notice of the directions passed by this Court and states that the



amount shall be deposited within a period of four weeks before the MACT.

7. The said amount, along with interest, be disbursed to the appellants, who are parents of the deceased, in equal proportions.
8. Appeal stands disposed of in above terms.
9. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

ANISH DAYAL, J

MARCH 19, 2026/ak/bp