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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **FAO 200/2020 and CM APPL. 27721/2020**
IFFCO TOKIO GENERAL INSURANCE CO LTDAppellant
Through: Mr.A.K. Soni, Advocate

versus

SMT MEENA & ORS.Respondents
Through: None

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

% **16.04.2026**

1. The present appeal emanates from the decision dated 30.01.2020 passed by the learned Commissioner under the Employee's Compensation Act, 1923, Pushpa Bhavan, Pushp Vihar, New Delhi, in Case No. CEC/SD/D/131/2017/680.
2. Vide the impugned order, despite the contrary stand taken by the employer, the learned Commissioner decided the issue of employer-employee relationship between the parties in favour of the claimants. Pertinently, the claim proceedings were filed in the context of the death of one Pooran Chand, who was stated to be driving a TSR Auto bearing No. DL-1RQ-1098 on 17.05.2016. An FIR bearing No. 242/16 under Sections 279/304A IPC was also registered at P.S. Sunlight Colony, New Delhi. It was claimed that, at the time of the accident, the deceased was employed with the employer and was drawing wages @ Rs. 15,000/- per month.
3. On filing of the appeal, this Court, while issuing notice, directed the appellant to release the award amount in favour of the claimants.



4. Learned counsel for the appellant has assailed the impugned award by contending that the learned Commissioner erred in returning a finding that the employer-employee relationship stood proved, despite the same being denied by the employer.

5. Considering that the present appeal has been instituted under Section 30(1) of the Employee's Compensation Act, 1923, and in terms of the decision in North East Karnataka Road Transport Corporation v. Sujatha, reported in **(2019) 11 SCC 514**, the learned Commissioner is the final authority on findings of fact, including the existence of an employer-employee relationship, and no other issue having been contended, the appeal fails and is consequently dismissed.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

APRIL 16, 2026
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