

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

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**FAO-4300-2019 (O&M)  
Date of decision : 24.04.2025**

**National Insurance Company Ltd.**

**..... Appellant**

**versus**

**Satnam Singh and others**

**..... Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

Present: Mr. Amit Jaiswal, Advocate  
for the appellant.

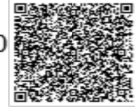
Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate  
for respondents No.1 to 3.

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**PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)**

1. Insurance company is in appeal questioning the assessment of compensation awarded by MACT, Barnala to the respondents-claimants on account of death of Sukhdev Singh, who was 74 years of age in a motor vehicular accident dated 19.01.2017.

2. Mr. Jaiswal submits that the income of Rs.10,000/- has been assessed on higher side. Though, it has been claimed by the claimants that the deceased was an agriculturist, however, the evidence brought on record is with respect to 2 kanal 15 marlas of land. He further submits that keeping in view the age of the deceased i.e. 74 years, future prospects ought not have been awarded. Further submits that 1/2 ought to have been deducted for calculating dependency as none of the claimants was dependent upon the deceased.



3. *Per contra*, counsel for the respondents submits that keeping in view the age of claimants as well as age of the deceased, 1/3rd deduction has been rightly awarded. However, he is not in a position to dispute that so far as future prospects of 30% are concerned, the same ought not have been granted by the Tribunal keeping in view the age of the deceased.

4. In view of above, award passed by the Tribunal is modified to the extent that the respondents are held not entitled to 30% addition under the heading of future income. Rest of the award is maintained.

5. With the aforesaid modification in the impugned award, the appeal is disposed off.

6. Since the main case has been decided, pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed off.

**(PANKAJ JAIN)**  
**JUDGE**

**24.04.2025**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No