

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**FAO-2406-2003 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.10.2025

Manju Bala and others

...Appellants

Versus

Ramesh Kumar @ Sonu and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present: Mr. Sandeep Goyal, Advocate for the appellants.

Mr. Abhishek Goyal, Advocate
for respondent No.3-Insurance Company.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

1. In a motor vehicular accident which took place on 16.04.2001, one Om Parkash expired. His widow and minor children filed a petition under the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, seeking compensation. Learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, vide award dated 07.09.2002 awarded compensation of Rs.3,05,800/- along with interest.
2. Claimants have filed this appeal seeking enhancement.
3. The monthly income of the deceased has been taken by the Tribunal to be Rs.2,700/-, which has not been disputed. The only contention made by learned counsel for the appellants before this Court is that deceased was 41 years of age and therefore, an appropriate multiplier to be applied was 14 but the Tribunal has applied the multiplier of 13.
2. Counsel for the Insurance Company could not refute the aforesaid contention.
3. By taking the income of the deceased at Rs.2,700/- per month and by applying multiplier of 14, it is found that appellants became entitle to total compensation of Rs.3,32,400/-. They have already been awarded



compensation of Rs.3,05,800/- and this way they become entitled to the enhanced compensation of Rs.26,600/-. To take it in round figure, it is held that appellants are entitled to enhanced compensation of Rs.27,000/-, which shall be payable to them along with interest @ 7.5 % from the date of filing of the claim petition, till actual realization. Other terms and conditions of the award shall remain as it is.

4. With the aforesaid modification, the appeal stands disposed of.

16.10.2025

Yogesh

**(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No