



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

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**FAO No.2449 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:21.01.2025**

Usha Bai and others

....Appellants

Versus

Union of India

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Ms. Kamlesh, Advocate, for
Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate,
for the appellants.

Ms. Manpreet, Advocate, for
Ms. Saigeeta Srivastava, Advocate,
for the respondent-UOI.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The claimants are in appeal, aggrieved of the Award passed by the learned Railway Claims Tribunal.
2. The primary dispute *inter se* between the parties relates to interest payable to the claimants on the compensation awarded on account of death of Ashok Kumar Chandra in an untoward incident dated 12.01.2017. The learned Tribunal awarded compensation of Rs.8,00,000/- alongwith simple interest @ 6% per annum payable for the period commencing from the date of Award till the date of payment.
3. After considering rival contentions raised by learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the considered opinion that the Award needs to

modify to the extent that the claimants would be entitled to interest @ 9% per annum for the period commencing from the date of filing of the application till the date of actual realization. The amount already paid shall be liable to be adjusted.

4. In view of the above, the present appeal is disposed of to the above extent.

5. Pending application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

January 21, 2025
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Whether speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No