



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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FAO-3574-2001 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 01.07.2025

Ravi

.... Appellant

Versus

Indraj and others

.... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA**

Present: - None for the appellant.

Mr. Rahul Pathania, Advocate  
for respondent No. 3-Insurance Company.

**NIDHI GUPTA, J. (ORAL)**

The appellant-claimant has filed the instant appeal seeking enhancement of compensation amount of ₹50,000/- awarded to him under the head “No Fault Liability” vide impugned Award dated 23.01.2001, passed by the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Hisar, in a claim petition filed under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

The matter pertains to the year 2001 and was lastly listed for hearing bearing the Daily Lok Adalat, Bench No.3 of this Court.

Perusal of the order-sheets reveals that this is a burnt case and was reconstructed from the salvaged record as noticed in the order dated 21.03.2012. Further, the matter was referred to the Daily Lok Adalat for an amicable settlement between the parties. However, none has put in appearance on behalf of either of the parties before the Daily Lok Adalat Bench No. 3, as is evident from the order dated 27.07.2015. It was also observed in the order dated 27.07.2015 that the learned Tribunal has awarded a sum of ₹50,000/- to the claimant under “No Fault Liability”,



therefore, no settlement is possible. Accordingly, the case was returned back to the High Court.

Office report dated 25.02.2025 indicates that letter issued to Mr. BD Sharma and Mr. KK Garg, Advocates for the appellant has been received back with the report that “*Brief has been taken back by the client*”.

In the aforesaid premise, issuance of fresh notice to the appellant would be a futile exercise as complete particulars/details of the appellant are not available on record on account of burnt and incomplete paper-book. It appears that due to sheer long pendency of the present appeal before this Court for a period of more than 24 years, the appellant has lost interest in pursuing the same, as no attempt has been made by him to contact his counsel or to engage a new counsel.

Be that as it may, in view of the foregoing circumstances, the instant appeal is **disposed of**, with liberty to the appellant, to move an appropriate application within a period of 03 months from today for reviving the same, if so, advised.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stands disposed of.

**01.07.2025**  
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**( NIDHI GUPTA )**  
**JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned    Yes/No**

**Whether Reportable            Yes/No**