



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

FAO-1439-2008 (O&M)

Date of decision : 17.09.2025

Shashi Bala & anr.

..... Appellants

Versus

Gareeb Singh & ors.

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present :- Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Vishal Gupta, Advocate
for the appellants.

Mr. Harinder Kumar, Advocate
for respondent No.3.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

1 Claimants are the unfortunate parents who lost their 20 year old son in a motor vehicular accident dated 22.03.2006.

2 The Tribunal has assessed the compensation taking income of the deceased as Rs.2,400/- per month. Multiplier of 13 has been applied taking into consideration the age of the parents of the deceased. Deduction of 1/3rd has been applied. Nothing has been paid on account of future prospects, loss of estate and funeral expenses. The deceased was a 20 years old able-bodied person. Since it was claimed that he was carrying on his own business, he would be treated as a skilled worker. Deduction of 1/3rd has been wrongly applied. Keeping in view that the deceased was a bachelor, deduction of 1/2 needs to be applied. Taking into consideration



ratio of law laid down in *Sarla Verma and others v. Delhi Transport Corporation and another, 2009 ACJ 1298* multiplier of 18 needs to be applied. 40% future prospects need to be added. The claimants are also entitled for Rs.18,000/- under each head of loss of estate and funeral expenses. Both of them are entitled to Rs.48,000/- on account of parental consortium.

3 The claimants are held entitled to interest @ 7.5% per annum from the date of filing of the claim petition till the date of actual realization. Needless to say, anything already paid shall be set off and adjusted.

4 With the aforesaid modifications in the award, the appeal is disposed off.

17.09.2025
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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No