

23.03.2026

Present : Mr. Abhishek Kukkar, Ld. Counsel for claimant through VC.
 Ms. Manisha, Ld. Counsel for respondent no. 1 alongwith respondent no. 1 in person.
 Mr. Brijesh Jha, Ld. Counsel for respondent no. 2 through VC.
 Ms. Mansi Aggarwal, Ld. Counsel for Mr. Japleen Singh, proposed respondent.

The application under Order 1 Rule 10 of CPC of the petitioner for impleading Mr. Japleen Singh as a respondent is taken up for consideration.

Reply to the application has been filed by Mr. Japleen Singh.

His Counsel submits that the application is opposed only on the ground that Mr. Japleen Singh had sold the offending vehicle. She submits that proof of sale has been filed.

Arguments are heard and record is perused.

Ld. Counsel for Mr. Japleen Singh admits that Mr. Japleen Singh was the registered owner of the offending vehicle on the date of accident.

The liability to pay compensation is of the registered owner and in this context, reliance is placed upon the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Naveen Kumar Vs. Vijay Kumar & Ors.

2018 AIR (SC) 983. In this case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that in view of Section 2 (30) of the Motor Vehicles Act, the liability to pay the awarded amount can only be fastened upon the registered owner of a vehicle.

In view of the above decision, even if the offending vehicle had been sold, the liability to pay compensation is that of the registered owner. As such, the application under Order 1 Rule 10 of CPC is allowed and Mr. Japleen Singh is impleaded as respondent no. 3.

Amended memo of parties be filed by the claimant by the next date of hearing.

Let copy of the Detailed Accident Report be provided by the petitioner to the Ld. Counsel for Mr. Japleen Singh on WhatsApp on the mobile number of his Counsel which is 8920879798.

Let reply be filed by Mr. Japleen Singh within 30 days from receiving copy of the Detailed Accident Report.

To come up for framing of issues on 20.07.2026.

(Shirish Aggarwal)
Judge/ PO, MACT-01
New Delhi, 23.03.2026