Misc DJ No.759/26
Krishan Kumar Bhatia Vs. Manjit

04.06.2026

Present : Mr. A.K. Jha, Ld. Counsel for applicant alongwith applicant in person.

This is an application for premature release of Rs.38 lakhs.

Report is received from UCO Bank, Patiala House Court.

Record is perused.

It is stated in the application that the applicant requires Rs.38 lakhs for purchase of Flat.

The Tribunal is conscious of the provisions of Rule 27 of the Delhi Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal Rules, 2008, which envisage disbursement of compensation in a phased manner to ensure its judicious and prudent utilization by the claimants. However, the said provision is intended for the benefit of the claimant and cannot be construed as a restriction on the claimant's autonomy in dealing with his own compensation amount.

The Tribunal has counseled the claimant and has asked him how he will manage later on if the entire compensation amount is withdrawn and spent. He has responded that he is employed and has sufficient means to sustain himself later on.

The compensation amount belongs to the claimant, and it is his prerogative to seek lumpsum release of the same. The Tribunal cannot

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impose its own opinion as to how the claimant should utilize his money. In the present case, the applicant has sought premature release of Rs.38 lakhs which should not be denied.

Accordingly, the application is allowed.

It is directed that all the balance FDRs alongwith up-to-date interest be prematurely released to the applicant.

A copy of this order be given dasti to the applicant for providing it to the concerned Bank Manager for necessary compliance.

File be consigned to the record room.

(Shirish Aggarwal)
Judge/ PO, MACT-01
New Delhi, 04.06.2026