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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **FAO 381/2014**

ACCESS CRANES PVT LTD

.....Appellant

Through: None

versus

HARISH CHANDER AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: None

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

% **08.07.2026**

CM APPL. 28908/2020 (direction to withdraw the amount by respondent No.1 and CM APPL. 55985/2023 (direction by respondent No.1)

1. None for the parties.
2. By way of the present applications, the applicant/respondent No.1 seeks directions for release of the compensation amount, which is lying deposited in the form of FDRs, in favour of the respondent No.1.
3. Notably, the above-captioned appeal came to be filed under Section 30 of the Workmen Compensation Act, 1923, thereby impugning the award dated 04.03.2014, passed by the learned Commissioner, Employee's Compensation, in Claim Petition No. CWC/SD/D/26/2008 titled as "Sh. Harish Chander & Anr. Vs. M/s Access Cranes Pvt. Ltd.".
4. The said appeal came to be disposed of vide order dated 10.03.2015 noting, therein, that the parties were able to reach an amicable settlement and the terms of the said settlement were placed on record by way of a joint application. In terms thereof, it was agreed between the parties that the appellant shall pay a total sum of Rs. 5,60,000/- towards compensation and



liability accrued out of death of the son of the respondents and the respondents agreed to the payment of the said amount and to waiving off of the interest component. It was also informed that in terms of the award, the appellant had deposited a sum of Rs.7,43,000/- (which was later clarified to be Rs.7,42,000/- as noted in the order dated 28.04.2015) with the learned Commissioner and out of which, a principal amount of Rs.5,60,000/- was directed to be released to the respondents and the interest on the principal amount was directed to be released to the appellant.

5. The Court further directed the Commissioner, Employees Compensation, to issue and send a cheque/demand draft for an amount of Rs.5,60,000/- in the name of respondent No.2/*Munni Devi*. Upon the same being done, a sum of Rs.60,000/- was directed to be immediately released to respondent No.2/*Munni Devi* and the remaining balance amount of Rs.5,00,000 to be kept in 10 FDRs with different maturity periods.

6. In the present applications, the applicant/respondent No.1 seeks release of the FDR amount upon maturity, as respondent No.2/*Munni Devi*, his wife, is stated to have passed away on 22.10.2017. She is stated to have been survived by the present applicant/respondent No.1 as well as her children. Except for one daughter, namely, *Gunja Devi*, all the legal heirs have furnished their no-objection in favour of the applicant/respondent No. 1. The same was noted in the orders dated 12.11.2020 and 07.10.2022, whereafter, this Court had directed verification of the death of respondent No.2/*Munni Devi*. Pursuant thereto, a report dated 10.02.2023 issued by the *Tehsildar*, Sub-Division *Kalkaji*, New Delhi-110019, has been placed on record, confirming the verification of the death certificate of *Munni Devi*.



7. In view of the aforesaid verification, it is directed that $\frac{3}{4}^{\text{th}}$ of the amount lying deposited in the account of respondent No.2/*Munni Devi* in respect of the 10 FDRs, which have since matured, be released in favour of the applicant/respondent No.1. The remaining $\frac{1}{4}^{\text{th}}$ amount be released to *Ms. Gunja Devi*.

8. In view of the above, the present applications are disposed of.

9. The Registry shall communicate a copy of this order to respondent No.1 as well as Manager, *Punjab National Bank, Okhla Phase III, Industrial Area, New Delhi*.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

JULY 8, 2026

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