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

+ **MAC.APP. 243/2025 & CM APPL. 22219-22220/2025**

RELIANCE GENERAL INSURANCE CO. LTD.Appellant

Through: Mr. Pankaj Gupta, Advocate.

versus

RANJU DEVI AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE TARA VITASTA GANJU

ORDER

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17.04.2025

CM APPL. 22220/2025 [Exemption from filing typed/legible copies]

1. Allowed, subject to the Appellant filing typed/legible copies of the annexures within a period of three weeks.
2. The Application stands disposed of.

MAC.APP. 243/2025 & CM APPL. 22219/2025 [Stay]

3. The present Appeal has been filed on behalf of the Appellant under Section 173 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 impugning the judgment and award dated 01.02.2025 [hereinafter referred to as "Impugned Award"] passed by the learned Presiding Officer, MACT, South East, Saket Courts, New Delhi. By the Impugned Award, compensation in the sum of Rs.41,80,570/- along with interest has been awarded.
4. Learned Counsel for the Appellant submits that the only ground of challenge in the Appeal is that the minimum wages of the State of Delhi



were taken instead of State of Bihar while calculating the compensation amount. It is the case of the Appellant that the Appellant was not working in Delhi but was a permanent resident of Bihar.

5. A review of the Impugned Award shows that the wife of the deceased testified that he was working as a driver with a transport company in Delhi, however, they were permanent residents of Bihar. The Respondents had also produced the partner of the transport company as a witness who has deposed that the deceased has worked with them as a driver since 12.07.2023.

6. Learned Counsel for the Appellant however seeks to rely upon the cross-examination to refute this contention. A copy of the same is however not on record.

7. The matter requires further examination.

8. Issue Notice. On steps being taken, let Notice be issued to the Respondents *via* all modes, *dasti* in addition. An affidavit of service be filed within a week.

9. The Registry is directed to urgently place on record the digital copy of the Trial Court Record duly paginated and bookmarked in accordance with the rules of the High Court.

10. List on 07.05.2025 at the end of Supplementary list.

11. The parties shall act based on the digitally signed copy of the order.

TARA VITASTA GANJU, J

APRIL 17, 2025/ ha

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