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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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MAC.APP. 478/2025 & CM Appl. 46438/2025

RELIANCE GENERAL INSURANCE CO. LTD.Appellant

Through: Mr. Pankaj Gupta and Ms. Jyoti
Khulbe, Advs.

versus

SMT SHASHI AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Munish Kumar Sharma and Mr.
Manoj Kumar, Advs. for R-1 to 7.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE TARA VITASTA GANJU

ORDER

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08.08.2025

**CM Appl. 46439/2025/Exemption from filing certified copy of the
impugned award]**

1. Allowed, subject to the Appellant filing certified copy of the
Impugned Award dated 02.04.2025 within a period of three weeks.

2. The Application stands disposed of.

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3. The present Appeal has been filed under Article 173 of the Motor
Vehicles Act, 1988 impugning the award dated 02.04.2025 passed by the
learned Presiding Officer, MACT, District North East, Karkardooma Courts,
Delhi [hereinafter referred to as "Impugned Award"]. By the Impugned
Award, the learned Tribunal has granted compensation amount in the sum of
Rs. 33,51,560/- along with interest at the rate of 9% per annum.

4. The challenge in the present Appeal is on two grounds. Firstly, on the
aspect of multiplier. Learned Counsel for the Appellant submits that age of



deceased in his Aadhar Card is 36 years while the age of the deceased in the Voter Card is 34 years. He submits that the learned Tribunal has taken the age as per the Voter Card which is 34 years. He thus, submits that for computation of compensation the multiplier should have been 15, however, the learned Tribunal has wrongly applied the multiplier as 16.

4.1 The second ground of challenge is that the insurance policy of the offending vehicle was not genuine. Reliance in this behalf is placed on an RTI Application which is annexed along with the Petition as Annexure A-3.

5. Learned Counsel for Respondent Nos. 1 to 7, who appears on advance service, submits that there is no infirmity in the Impugned Award. The Voter Card of the deceased sets out the age of the deceased as 34 years, thus the multiplier of 16 is applicable. Secondly, on the aspect of insurance policy not being valid, it is contended that this issue would not affect the quantum awarded.

6. Issue Notice. Learned Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 7 accepts Notice. On steps being taken, let Notice be issued to the remaining Respondents *via* all modes. An affidavit of service be filed within a week.

7. Subject to the deposit of entire decretal amount inclusive of up-to-date interest within a period of 6 weeks, the operation of the Impugned Award shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing. In the event, there is any default in depositing the amount, the interim protection granted by this Court shall automatically stand vacated.

7.1 Upon deposit by the Appellant, 85% of the deposited amount inclusive of up-to-date interest shall be released to the Respondents/Claimants in accordance with scheme, as is set out in the Impugned Award.



- 7.2 Needless to add, the order passed for release shall be subject to the outcome of the Appeal.
8. Learned Counsel for the parties jointly submit that they shall attempt settling the matter in the Pre-Sitting Lok Adalat.
9. For this purpose, the parties shall appear before the Secretary, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee on 13.08.2025 at 2:30 PM.
10. List before the concerned Registrar for completion of service on 15.10.2025.
11. List before Court on 27.01.2026.
12. The Registry is directed to place on record the digital copy of the Trial Court Record duly paginated and book-marked in accordance with the rules of the High Court.
13. The parties will act based on the digitally signed copy of the order.

TARA VITASTA GANJU, J

AUGUST 8, 2025/r