



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

MACA No.32 OF 2026

The Divisional Manager,
New India Insurance Company Ltd. *Appellant*

Mr. Gopal Chandra Samantaray, Advocate
-versus-

Sakuntala Choudhury and others *Respondents*
Mr. Pradeep Kumar Mishra, Advocate
(For Respondent Nos. 1 & 2)

CORAM:
JUSTICE K.R. MOHAPATRA

Order No.

ORDER
14.03.2026

2. 1. This matter is placed in the 1st National Lok Adalat and is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).
2. Learned counsel for the appellant as well as learned counsel for the respondent Nos.1 and 2 and Officers of Insurance Company are present.
3. As agreed by the parties, the awarded amount of Rs.20,80,352/- (twenty lakhs eighty thousand three hundred fifty-two only) with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of filing of the claim application i.e. 23.12.2024 is modified and reduced to Rs.18,90,000/- (eighteen lakhs ninety thousand only) with simple interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of claim application before the Tribunal.
4. The compromise sheet signed by both the parties/their authorized representatives is taken on record.
5. It is further directed that the appellant-Insurance Company shall deposit the modified amount along with interest as directed



above within a period of two months from the date of receipt of this order before the learned 7th M.A.C.T., Udala, in M.A.C. No.11/133 of 2025/24. On depositing the same, the learned Tribunal shall reapportion the amount keeping in view the ratio fixed in the impugned judgment and accordingly, resettle the amount in favour of the claimants.

6. On production of proof regarding deposit of the modified amount before the Tribunal, the statutory deposit along with accrued interest be refunded to the Appellant-Insurance Company on proper application.

7. As the settlement is arrived at before the Lok Adalat, no Court fee shall be levied from the claimants.

8. Accordingly, the MACA is disposed of.

9. Free copies of this order be handed over to the learned counsel for both sides.

(K.R. Mohapatra)
Judge
(1st National Lok Adalat)