



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Civil Appeal No. 2517 of 1997@@  
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Gurmukh Singh Negi (Dead) by Lrs. ... Appellant (s)

Vs.

Sheo Karan and Ors. ... Respondent (s)

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Gurmukh Singh Negi, in a motor accident, suffered total disability and was paralysed. He filed a claim petition before the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (hereinafter referred to as 'the Tribunal') and the Tribunal awarded a sum of Rs.1,23,200/-. The claimant filed an appeal for enhancement before the High Court. The learned Single Judge of the High Court enhanced the compensation to the extent of Rs.2,16,000/- on all heads. Against the said order, the appellant filed a Letters Patent Appeal before the High Court, but the same was dismissed in limine. Aggrieved, the claimant has filed this appeal.

It is not disputed that the accident took place in the year 1980 and the claimant died on 19th March, 2001. During all these years the claimant had suffered agony. It is also not disputed that the claimant has ...2/-

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left a widow, who was dependant on him. In view of this peculiar facts and circumstances, we feel that the compensation require enhancement. We, therefore, direct that in addition to the compensation awarded by the High Court, the widow of the claimant is entitled to a further sum of Rs.one lac, which shall be paid within six weeks' from today.

With the aforesaid modification of the order and judgment under challenge, the appeal stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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New Delhi,  
January 23, 2003.