

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO(S). _____ OF 2026
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO(S). 5534/2025)

SWETHA TN AND ANOTHER

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

UNITED INDIA INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. AND ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

3. The present appeal arises out of the judgment and order dated 12.03.2024 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru in Miscellaneous First Appeal No. 1325 of 2020 (MV-D), whereby the compensation awarded to the appellants/claimants by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal was enhanced by an amount of Rs.1,22,36,044/-, taking the total compensation to Rs.1,37,24,044/-, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of filing of the claim petition till realization.

4. Upon perusing the impugned judgment and considering the submissions made on behalf of the parties, we find that the compensation has been correctly assessed by the High Court.

However, we find no justification for reducing the rate of interest from 9% to 6% per annum. The rate of interest ordinarily awarded by this Court in such matters is 7.5% per annum.

5. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, we consider it appropriate to award interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum.

6. Accordingly, the impugned judgment is modified to the extent that the rate of interest on the compensation awarded by the High Court shall stand enhanced from 6% to 7.5% per annum, from the date of filing of the claim petition till realization.

7. The appeal stands allowed to the extent indicated above.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

....., J.
(M.M.SUNDRESH)

....., J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI
08th OCTOBER, 2026.

ITEM NO.28

COURT NO.4

SECTION IV-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 5534/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-03-2024 in MFA No. 1325/2020 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

SWETHA TN & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNITED INDIA INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 71521/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 08-10-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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For Respondent(s) Mr. Guntur Pramod Kumar, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
 O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(VARSHA MENDIRATTA)
 COURT MASTER (SH)

(POONAM VAID)
 ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)