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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No.700-702/2023

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-12-2020 in MFA No. 30979/2012, MFA No. 30980/2012 and MFA No. 30981/2012 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Kalaburagi]

SHANTKUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE BRANCH MANAGER THE ORIENTAL
INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 14-05-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sharanagouda Patil, Adv.
Ms. Supreeta Sharanagouda, AOR
Mr. Kotresh A M, Adv.
Mr. Yash S Tiwari, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Sakshi Mittal, AOR

Ms. Ramneek Kaur Handa, Adv.(A.C.)

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

1. Petitioner challenges the judgment dated 01-12-2020 in MFA No. 30979/2012, MFA No. 30980/2012 and MFA No. 30981/2012 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Kalaburagi.
2. We are of the view that the claimants must receive the amount of compensation as adjudicated by the tribunal and affirmed by the High Court.

3. Since none appeared for the claimants in the present petition, this Court appointed Ms. Ramneek Kaur Handa, learned counsel as Amicus Curiae. She submits that she tried to be in touch with the private respondents/claimants, but however, letter sent by her was received un-delivered. Also, despite the efforts put in by the Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, Bidar, Karnataka the private claimants could not be reached out.

4. We also notice that the present petition is preferred by owner of the vehicle upon whom the liability to pay the compensation stands fastened. The presence of the claimants/private respondents may not be necessary for adjudicating the issue/subject matter of the present *lis*.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the appearing parties at length, we are of the considered view that no interference is warranted in the present case, accordingly, the same is dismissed.

6. However, we are of the view that the claimants must receive the compensation as determined by the courts below.

7. As such, we direct the instant petitioner owner of the vehicle to positively pay the amount of compensation to the private respondents within a period of two months from today, failing which, the same shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

8. We direct the Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, Bidar, Karnataka to ensure compliance of the order and file his personal affidavit of compliance within a period of six weeks from today.

9. The Registrar (Judl.) concerned shall immediately communicate this order to the Registrar General of the High Court of Karnataka for compliance.

10. Accordingly, the present Special Leave Petition is dismissed with the aforesaid observation.

11. Even though, we have dismissed the present petition, however, for the purpose of perusing the compliance report, we fix the matter on 30.07.2026.

12. We appreciate the efforts put in by Ms. Ramneek Kaur Handa, learned amicus curiae in this case.

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

(KRITIKA TIWARI)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)