

Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) Section 166 – Income – Deceased working in Doha – Computation of salary – In the absence of any other evidence being produced by the Claimants, the income of the deceased would be required to be computed by taking his base salary at 750 Qatari Riyal p.m. in 1984 as a skilled labourer, as reflected in his Employment Contract Form – Accident in 1998 – Deceased continued to remain in employment for a period of over 14 years in Qatar till he passed away in 1998 – He was evidently doing fairly well, since there are numerous entries of foreign travel in his passport during the 14 years of his stay in Doha – By taking an increment of 10% per annum from 1984 till 1998, the notional income of the deceased could be fixed at 2590 Qatari Riyal p.m., which can be rounded off to 2600 Qatari Riyal p.m. – As per the exchange rate prevailing in 1998, 1 Qatari Riyal was equivalent to 12.41 INR. – Accordingly, the income of the deceased would work out to  $2600 \times 12.41 = \text{Rs. } 32,266 \text{ p.m. i.e. Rs. } 3,87,192 \text{ p.a.}$

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