

**Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Section 168 - Just compensation - There is no restriction that the Court cannot award compensation exceeding the claimed amount, since the function of the Tribunal or Court under Section 168 is to award "just compensation" - The Motor Vehicles Act is a beneficial and welfare legislation - A "just compensation" is one which is reasonable on the basis of evidence produced on record - It cannot be said to have become timebarred - Further, there is no need for a new cause of action to claim an enhanced amount - The Courts are duty bound to award just compensation.**

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