

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 917 OF 2017

IFFCO TOKIO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

SURESH HIRAMAN MAHAJAN RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Being aggrieved by order dated 11.12.2014 passed by the Maharashtra State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Circuit Bench at Aurangabad (for short, 'the State Commission') in First Appeal No.59/2013 by the appellant/opposite party which was affirmed in Revision Petition No.903/2025, this appeal has been preferred.

We have heard learned counsel for the appellant/Insurance Company and learned counsel for the respondent and perused the material on record.

Admittedly, on the day the vehicle was stolen, the registration certificate in respect of the vehicle in question stood in the name of the respondent herein. As per sub-Section 30 of Section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 so long as the motor vehicle stands registered in the name of a person he continues to remain owner of the vehicle. In that view of the matter, we find that the respondent herein

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continued to remain the owner of the vehicle although he may have intended to sell the vehicle and may have even given possession of the vehicle to the intending purchaser. Consequently, we find no merit in this appeal. The Civil Appeal is hence dismissed.

The appellant/Insurance Company shall pay the amount ordered by the District Forum which has been affirmed by the State Commission as well as the National Commission within a period of four weeks from today, if not already paid.

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

.....J.  
[B.V. NAGARATHNA]

.....J.  
[K.V. VISWANATHAN]

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Date : 31-07-2025 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHANFor Appellant(s) : Mr. Zorawar Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Deepak Sharma, adv.  
Mr. Vivek Kishore, AORFor Respondent(s) : Mr. Sachin Patil, Adv.  
Mr. Yogesh K. Ahirrao, Adv.  
Mr. Ajit Pravin Wagh, AORUPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E RThe Civil Appeal is dismissed in terms of the signed  
order.

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(NEETU SACHDEVA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS(DIVYA BABBAR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)