

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CWP no. 23556 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision :21.12.2015

Net Ram and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present : Mr.Naveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners

MAHESH GROVER, J.

The petitioners pray for grant of compensation on account of unfortunate death of their children who had gone to participate in a religious procession. They had made a representation to the Deputy Commissioner which has now been decided expressing inability to address the grievance of the petitioners in the absence of any regular policy to that effect. The Deputy Commissioner while deciding the representation has given the particulars of the compensation given to unfortunate victims of tragedies on account of accidents or natural calamities, on recommendations of the Chief Minister. It has been stated therein that compensation is largely given on account of an assessment of the magnitude of tragedy and circumstance leading to it but no uniform prescription exists where every unnatural death has to be compensated.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioners, I am of the considered view that in the absence of any policy warranting compensation to the deceased persons dying on account of an accident, and in the absence of the State's lapse, the prayer of the petitioners cannot be answered. Consequently, the instant petition is dismissed, leaving the petitioners to their remedy of approaching the respondents again, if they so desire.

December 21, 2015

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(Mahesh Grover)

Judge