

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA ATCHANDIGARH

CWP-13569-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: July 26, 2021

SURENDER AND OTHERS

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

THE STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Ram Pal Verma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sharan Sethi, Addl. A.G., Haryana,
for respondent no.1.

Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. A.G., Haryana,
for respondents no.2 to 5.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioners seek compensation on account of death of their mother Smt. Bimla, who is stated to have died due to electrocution on 25.04.2018.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that Smt. Bimla was electrocuted due to sheer negligence on the part of respondent –Nigam (UHBVNL). Reference is made to copy of the postmortem report dated 01.05.2018 (Annexure P4) and DDR dated 25.04.2018 (Annexure P5). Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners submitted various representations thereafter but due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, they could not pursue the matter in between till a legal notice was issued on 09.04.2021 (Annexure P8), but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer for a decision on legal notice dated 09.04.2021 (Annexure P8), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sharan Sethi, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.1 and Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.2 to 5. Advance copy of the writ petition stand served. Learned counsel for the respondents do not raise any serious objection to the limited prayer addressed.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to consider and decide legal notice dated 09.04.2021 (Annexure P8), within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, petitioners are found entitled to any compensation, same be released within six weeks thereafter.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

26.07.2021

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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No