

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-15065-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 09, 2021

RUKSAR SEKH AND OTHERS

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD. AND ANOTHER

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar Tandon, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sahil Sharma, Dy. A.G., Punjab.

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 unnatural death of Mohd. Parvez Aalam i.e., husband of petitioner no.1, father of petitioners no.2 & 3 and son of petitioners no.4 & 5 allegedly caused due to electrocution after contact with a pole through which electric current was leaking. It is claimed that death of Mohd. Parvez Aalam occurred due to sheer negligence on the part of respondents-authorities, in not maintaining the pole in a proper manner. FIR No.173 dated 29.09.2019 (Annexure P3) in respect to the death of Mohd. Parvez Aalam, is stated to be registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that despite submitting representation dated 11.07.2021 (Annexure P-5), respondent-authorities are not taking any action on the petitioners' claim. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance upon a judgment of a coordinate Bench in CWP-14046-2012, titled *Raman Versus State of Haryana and others*, decided on 02.07.2013, which has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts the prayer for a decision on representation dated 11.07.2021 (Annexure P-5), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Sahil Sharma, Dy. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. Advance copy of the writ petition stands served. Learned counsel for the respondents does 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 representation dated 11.07.2021 (Annexure P-5), within a period of two months from receipt of certified copy of this order, while taking into account decision in the case of Raman Vs. State of Haryana (supra). Compensation, if any, be released within six weeks thereafter.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

09.08.2021

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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No