

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-17482-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: September 07, 2021

AANAND KUMAR AND ANOTHER PETITIONER(s)

Versus

THE STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Sanjay J. Saini, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

Mr. Ashish Yadav, Advocate
for respondents no.2 and 3.

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 their son Sagar Kumar, allegedly caused due to electrocution after coming into contact with 11 KV electricity line. Petitioners plead that when Sagar Kumar along with other employees namely Ravi, Suryapal, Bala and Sujan was repairing the 11 KV line, same was switched on without intimating anybody, as a result of which all the said persons were engulfed with high voltage current. It is claimed that death of Sagar Kumar occurred due to sheer negligence on the part of respondents-authorities. FIR No.361 dated 16.06.2021, in respect to the death of Sagar Kumar, is stated to be registered at Police Station Samalkha, Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that despite submitting representation dated 20.07.2021 (Annexure P-6), respondent-authorities are not taking any action on the petitioners' claim.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts the prayer for a decision on representation dated 20.07.2021 (Annexure P-6), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sharan Sethi, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.1. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Ashish Yadav, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.2 and 3. Advance copy of the writ petition stand served. Learned counsel for respondents no.2 and 3 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 20.07.2021 (Annexure P-6), within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of this order by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners besides permitting them to furnish any other relevant documents in support of their claim. Compensation, if found due, be released within six weeks thereafter.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

07.09.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE