

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.1484 of 2021

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Guriya Devi Wife of Late Pankaj Ram @ Pankaj Singh, resident of Village - Kalyatand @ Kaiyatand, Police Station- Koch, District - Gaya (Bihar).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. The Managing Director, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.
3. The General Manager (Power Supply), South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.
4. The Electrical Superintending Engineer, Gaya Electric Supply, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited, Gaya (Bihar).
5. The Electrical Executive Engineer, Power Supply Division Gaya, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited, Gaya (Bihar).
6. The Assistant Electrical Engineer, Electric Supply Sub-Division, Koch, Police Station- Koch, District - Gaya (Bihar).
7. The Junior Electrical Engineer, Electric Supply Section, Sub-Division Koch, Police Station- Koch, District - Gaya (Bihar).

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Ram Naresh Sharma, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Abbas Haidar, SC-6
For the SBPDCL	:	Mr. Kumar Priya Ranjan, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date : 21-03-2022

Petitioner has prayed for the following relief(s):

“For issuing an appropriate writ or writs, order or orders, direction or directions for commanding the respondents by an order to pay compensation to petitioner for death of her husband caused by electrocution due to negligence of the officials of the respondent No.



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Even though the petitioner’s claim for compensation under the provisions of the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission, Patna Compensation to Victims Of Electrical Accidents Regulations, 2018, stood rejected by the respondents, but however, in terms of our order dated 14.02.2022, the authorities have re-visited their stand and awarded a sum of Rs.4,00,000/- as compensation to the petitioner.

Before us, it is not in dispute that the petitioner’s husband died on 20th of September, 2019 as a result of electrocution by way of a live wire. We notice that under the Regulations, the amount quantified in terms of Chapter-3 already stands paid.

As such, in view of the attending facts and circumstances, we close these proceedings, reserving liberty to the petitioner to pursue other remedies, equally efficacious for further amount on all counts, more so in view of the decisions rendered by Hon’ble Apex Court, as reported in (2005) 6 SCC 156, titled as SDO, GRID Corporation of Orissa Ltd. V. Timudu Oram, and (2002) 2 SCC 162, titled as M.P. Electricity Board v. Shail Kumar.



We are only hopeful that any such proceedings initiated by the petitioner shall be adjudicated expeditiously in accordance with law.

Petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

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

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(S. Kumar, J)

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