

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

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CWP-25350-2022

Date of decision: 04.11.2022

RAJ RANI AND OTHERS

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- None.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Local Bar Association is abstaining from work today.

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant compensation on account of death of Satish Kumar son of Pirdiya, resident of Badona Kalan caused due to electrocution.

As per the averments contained in the writ petition, one Parveen Kumar was working in the filed on 08.07.2022 at about 5:00 p.m. After the rain stopped, Parveen Kumar-friend of deceased Satish Kumar saw that his father was lying unconsciously in the field near the transformer support wire and informed about the same. He transpired that the leg of deceased Satish Kumar came in contact with the iron support wire of the transformer which was, however, energized resulting in electrocution of Satish Kumar. An Ambulance was called

on the spot and deceased was taken to Civil Hospital Raipur Rani where he was declared brought dead. A DDR No. 023 dated 08.07.2022 was also registered in this regard at Police Station Raipur Rani. Post Mortem on the body of deceased was also conducted as per which the cause of death has been ascertained as electrocution. It is averred that the death in question occurred as a result of failure on the part of the respondent-UHBVNL to ensure that connecting supporting wires are duly insulated and do not cause any untoward incident to the people.

It is also evident from a perusal of the pleadings that a representation has already been submitted by the petitioner to the authorities of the UHBVNL for claiming grant of compensation/damages on account of death of Satish Kumar.

This Court has already decided a number of matters where the counsel representing the distribution licensee had apprised about a policy dated 08.07.2019 notified by the UHBVNL for compensation to the victims of electrocution. The said policy also contemplates disbursement of compensation on account of no fault.

Be that as it may, it would be appropriate at this juncture to dispose of the present petition instead of issuing notice and seeking response. The present petition is accordingly disposed of without commenting on the merits of the present case with a direction to the competent authority to decide the said representation as per the policy dated 08.07.2019 and also to treat the present writ petition as a representation and the same shall be decided expeditiously by the competent authority preferably within a period of 04 months from the

date of filing of the such claim/representation, after granting an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

NOVEMBER 04, 2022

Vishal sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No