

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

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**CWP-26388-2022 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 18.11.2022.**

Sheenu Devi and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ. J (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay the compensation to the petitioners on account of death of Rinku due to electrocution attributable to negligence on the part of the respondents.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners contends that the deceased husband of the petitioner No.1 namely Rinku who was doing the work of labourer in the agriculture fields died on 15.07.2022 due to coming in contact with detached/scattered live electric wires and a DDR No.15 dated 15.07.2022 was registered in this regard at Police Station Panipat Sadar, District Panipat and post mortem was also conducted at the Civil Hospital, Karnal. The cause of death thus was ascertained as electrocution as per Annexure P-2. Death certificate of Rinku has also been placed on record as Annexure P-3. Hence, compensation has been prayed for on account of death of Rinku.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of petitioners contends that the incident is dated 15.07.2022 and that the policy dated 08.07.2019 notified by the respondents - UHBVNL relating to compensation to the victims for fatal/non-fatal accidents was then in force and at this juncture that, he would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondent authorities that in the event of the petitioner submitting his claim before the competent authority as per the policy, the same shall be considered and an expeditious decision in terms of the above policy shall be taken thereupon.

In view of above prayer, the present petition is disposed of without prejudice to the respective rights of the parties and without commenting on the merits of their respective claims granting liberty to the petitioners to approach the respondent authorities for seeking disbursement of compensation in terms of applicable policy.

Needless to mention that in the event of filing of such claim/representation by the petitioner before the competent authority as per the policy, 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.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of.

November 18, 2022
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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