

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

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CWP-4337-2023

Date of decision: 02.03.2023

**SUNITA AND OTHERS**

... Petitioners

VERSUS

**UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD. & ANR.**

...Respondents

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

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Present: Mr. Rajesh Goyal, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

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 pay compensation of Rs.50,00,000/- to the petitioners on account of death of Mazid son of Birudin- the husband of the petitioner, who died due to electrocution.

As per the contentions raised in the petition, the deceased was the husband of the petitioner No.1 and father of petitioners No.2 and 3. On 01.11.2022, the deceased had gone to purchase wood and in that process, when he went to the roof of his house to have a look on the old wood, he came in contact with a High Tension Electric wire that was crossing from there at a very short distance. The deceased suffered acute electric shock and resultantly, his body was burnt badly. He was taken to Max Hospital, Panipat, where he was declared as "brought dead". A General Diary No.21 dated 01.11.2022 was also registered in the concerned police station. Post-mortem examination was conducted on the body of deceased by the doctors of Civil Hospital, Panipat. The deceased was the only bread earner for the entire family of petitioners. The petitioners submitted a representation dated 20.12.2022 (Annexure P-6) to the

respondents for seeking grant of compensation, but no action has been taken thereupon till date.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Addl. A.G., Haryana, who by virtue of his assignment is also on the panel of all the statutory corporations and bodies of the Government of Haryana, is directed to accept notice on behalf of the respondents. Hence, he accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and also prays for some time to complete instructions and file response.

This Court, however, 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. Hence, it would be appropriate at this juncture to dispose of the present petition sans waiting for responses from the respondents.

The present petition is accordingly disposed of without commenting on the merits of the present case and with a direction to the competent authority to decide the said representation dated 20.12.2022 (Annexure P-6) 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 effective opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)**  
**JUDGE**

**02.03.2023**

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*Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No*

*Whether reportable : Yes/No*