

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.5516 of 2019

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Puja Devi W/o Late Mukesh Paswan @ Mukesh Kumar R/o Village-Badi
Kewai Daniawan, P.S.-Sahjahanpur, District-Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Department of Energy,
Govt. of Bihar, Patna
2. The Secretary, Bihar State Electricity Board, Patna
3. The Electrical Executive Engineer Fatuha Supply Division, District-Patna
4. The Junior Electrical Engineer Electric Supply Section Fatuha (R), Fatuha,
Patna

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	None
For the State	:	Mr.Abbas Haider (SC6)
For the Res. Nos. 2-4	:	Mr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, Adv.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

9 07-05-2025 Today when the matter was taken up at 12:30 pm.,

one of the Counsel has prayed for an adjournment on account of
engagement of the learned Advocate for the petitioner in other
Court; thus this Court directed to call this matter at 1:00 pm.

2. At 1:00 pm. Despite repeated calls, none had
appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

3. Mr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, learned Advocate for the
South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited as well as
the learned Advocate for the State are present.

4. On the last occasion, when the matter was taken up
on 30.04.2025, there was no representation on behalf of the
petitioner. Today also the position is same. This Court, while
hearing the matter on the last occasion, had categorically
observed as follows:



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4. A counter affidavit has been filed on behalf
of the respondent nos. 2 to 4. It is specifically
averred in paragraph no.5 thereof that the
present writ is not maintainable in
view of the fact that the husband of the
petitioner, who died due to electrocution on
09.02.2018, was neither an employee of the
Energy Department nor the employee of the
South Bihar Power Distribution Company
Limited. It is further contended that there is no
provision in the Bihar State Power Holding
Company Limited, South Bihar Power
Distribution Company Limited and the State
Electricity Board to appoint any dependent of
a staff of outsourcing agency providing
services to South Bihar Power Distribution
Company Limited/any of the rest four
Companies on compassionate ground in cases
of death due to electrocution.
x x x x”

5. Considering the fact that the matter is running on
Board since 2019 and the counter affidavit came to be filed on
19.06.2019 but there is no response; the writ petition stands
dismissed on account of non-prosecution.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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