



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

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CWP-5630-2026

Date of Decision: 21.05.2026

SAKEELA AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Govind Arora, Advocate (through V.C.)
For petitioners

Mr. Akshit Pathania, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana

Mr. Ravish Kaushik, Advocate
For respondent Nos. 2 to 6 (UHBVNL)

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking direction to respondents to pay them compensation on account of death of their family member due to electrocution.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners' application has been rejected on the ground that concerned officer could not contact them. There is no other ground to reject their claim and they are entitled to compensation as per policy dated 08.07.2019.



3. The petitioners are family members of the deceased who on 27.08.2025 received an electric shock due to high voltage current wire and died on the spot. A complaint in this regard was lodged with Police Station. As per record of Civil Hospital as well as post-mortem report, he died on account of multiple electrocution wounds. He was 38 years old. The petitioners are claiming compensation. As per notification dated 08.07.2019, there is strict liability of Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (for short 'Corporation') in case of fatal accident. Paragraph No.11 of the notification which creates strict liability of the Corporation reads as:-

"11. Private Person for Fatal Accident & Non-Fatal Accidents

UHBVN is engaged in the hazardous activity and risky for the human life and thus UHBVN owns strict liability for compensation to the private person. Accordingly, the compensation to the private person shall be payable in case of fatal as well as non-fatal accident irrespective of the reasons for such accident as the electricity system is open to the public. The compensation amount shall be payable as per provision of the Employees Compensation Act, 1923. However, this compensation shall be applicable for the accident cases occurring with the electrical network of the UHBVN and not in private premises."

4. Learned counsel for the respondents-Corporation on instructions from Mr. Lalit Attri, XEN/SDO, Barwala assures the Court that competent authority would consider petitioners' claim and an appropriate order would be passed as per policy dated 08.07.2019.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners agrees to the aforesaid arrangement.



6. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands disposed of.
7. The respondents are hereby directed to consider petitioners' claim and pass an appropriate order within 6 weeks from today.
8. Pending Misc. application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

21.05.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No