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

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Date of Decision: 01.04.2026

Ram Gopal and others**...Petitioners****Versus****Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and others****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: - Mr. Ketan Antil, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Ravish Kaushik, Advocate for the respondents

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 by electrocution.

2. Smt. Sonia Devi on 25.06.2025 while working on the construction site came in contact with electric wires which were passing close to that site. She suffered an electric shock. She was taken away to the hospital. She succumbed to her injuries in Safdarganj Hospital, Delhi on 07.09.2025. As per Discharge Summary Report, she died due to multiple electrocution wounds. She was wife of petitioner No.1 and mother of petitioner Nos. 2 to 5.

3. As per notification dated 08.07.2019, there is strict liability of Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (for short '**Nigam**') in case of fatal accident. Paragraph No.11 of the notification which creates strict liability of the Nigam reads as: -



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“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. On being confronted with aforesaid paragraph of the policy, learned counsel for respondents submits that petitioners’ claim would be considered and an appropriate order in the light of aforesaid policy would be passed within 6 weeks from today.

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.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

08.04.2026

Mohit Kumar

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