



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

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CWP-15771-2026

Date of Decision: 20.05.2026

SMT SURESH DEVI & ANR.

...Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Kartik Mittal, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Akshit Pathania, Assistant A.G. Haryana

Mr. Akash Dahiya, Advocate for respondent-DHBVN

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Article 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. Mahesh Kumar on 14.11.2025 while performing some transformer related work, on the directions of the electricity department, suffered electric current causing severe electric shock resulting in his sudden death. An FIR No. 0158 dated 14.11.2025 under sections 106 and 3(5) of BNS, 2023 in this regard was lodged with Police Station Sadar Kanina, District Mahendergarh. Postmortem was conducted on 15.11.2025 by concerned Government Hospital which revealed death caused due to electrocution.

3. As per notification dated 15.07.2019, there is strict liability of Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (for short 'Nigam') in case of fatal accident. Paragraph No.11 of the notification which creates

“11. Private Person for Fatal Accident & Non-Fatal Accidents DHBVN is engaged in the hazardous activity and risky for the human life and thus DHBVN 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 nonfatal 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 DHBVN and not in private premises.”

4. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that petitioners have not approached jurisdictional authorities.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners preferred representation to the respondent.
6. Be that as it may, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondents to consider petitioners’ claim as per applicable policy and pass an appropriate order within six weeks from today. The present petition may be treated as representation of the petitioners.
7. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

May 20, 2026
Deepak DPA

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No