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

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Date of Decision: 01.04.2026

Monika and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Ashwani Talwar, Senior Advocate with
 Mr. Deepak Goyat, Advocate and
 Mr. Siddheshwar Hans, Advocate for the petitioners
 Mr. Deepak Vashisth, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
 Mr. Ravish Kaushik, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 to 6

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Article 226 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. Mr. Ramesh Kumar on 22.11.2024 while working in his fields came in contact with electric wire which was left exposed. He died on the spot. He was taken to Community Health Centre, Assandh and *Ruqa* was generated by said hospital on 22.11.2024 at 05:14 PM. Post-mortem of deceased was conducted on 23.11.2024 and as per report, the deceased died on account of multiple electrocution wounds. He was husband of petitioner No.1; father of petitioners No.2 and son of petitioner No.3. The petitioners are claiming compensation. They served legal notice upon respondents seeking compensation, however, respondent-authorities denied the same.

3. As per notification dated 08.07.2019, there is strict liability of



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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. On being confronted with aforesaid paragraph of the policy, learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 to 6 submits that petitioners' claim would be re-considered and an appropriate order in the light of aforesaid policy would be passed within six weeks from today.

5. Learned Senior 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

01.04.2026

Mohit Kumar

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