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

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Date of Decision: 20.02.2026

Kumari Rani & another

...Petitioners

Versus

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Goyal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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. Petitioner No.1 is mother and petitioner No.2 is wife of the deceased, who on 04.02.2026 came in contact with high voltage current wire and died on the spot. A GD entry dated 05.02.2026 in this regard was made in the Police Station. As per record of Civil Hospital as well as post-mortem report, he died on account of multiple electrocution wounds. He was 32 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 'Nigam') in case of fatal accident. Paragraph No.11 of the notification, which creates strict liability of the Nigam, 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

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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.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondent - Nigam assures the Court that the competent authority would consider petitioners' claim and pass an appropriate order as per notification dated 08.07.2019.

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

5. In the wake of statements of both sides, the petition stands disposed of.

6. The respondents are hereby directed to consider petitioners' claim and pass an appropriate order within six weeks from today.

20.04.2026

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**(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE**Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**Whether reportable: **Yes/No**