



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

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CWP-14891-2026

Date of Decision: 13.05.2026

SEEMA DEVI AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Vs.

DAKSHIN HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Ms. Sweta Baniwal, Advocate
for the petitioners

Mr. Ravish Kaushik, 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. Mr. Pankaj on 24.03.2021 while washing vehicle came in contact with low hanging wire. He was taken to Jindal Hospital, Hisar where he was declared brought dead. A complaint in this regard was lodged with Police Station vide GDR No. 28 dated 25.03.2021.

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 strict liability of the Nigam reads as:-



“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 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 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 13, 2026
Deepak DPA

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