

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
JODHPUR

D.B. Spl. Appl. Writ No. 603/2024

Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.

----Appellant

Versus

Sugan Prajapat

----Respondent

For Appellant(s)	:	Mr. Ravi Bhansali, Sr. Adv assisted by Mr. Shubham Modi Mr. Vipul Dharnia
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Rajat Arora Mr. Lucky Rajpurohit

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MUNNURI LAXMAN

Order

18/02/2025

Heard on prayer for stay.

Learned Senior Counsel for the appellants would argue that the condition contained in the order dated 27.04.2020 with regard to grant of ex-gratia amount is not fulfilled, as the deceased employee was, though, directed to coordinate with the coordinator of the quarantine center, it cannot be said that he was so closely associated with the Covid duty that he was infected with Covid leading to his death. Therefore, grant of ex-gratia amount cannot be sustained.

Learned counsel for the respondent on the other hand would submit that in the absence of there being any dispute that the deceased was entrusted with the duty to coordinate with the Nodal Officer in connection with the necessary arrangements to be made in the quarantine center, that fact itself firmly establishes

that the deceased died due to infection from Covid while performing his duties.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we are not inclined to stay the effect and operation of the order passed by the learned Single Judge.

Therefore, the stay application is rejected. The ex-gratia amount shall be paid as early as possible preferably within an outer limit of 30 days. The payment so made shall be subject to final outcome of the appeal.

The hearing of this appeal is expedited.

List this case for final hearing in the third week of April, 2025.

(MUNNURI LAXMAN),J

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA),CJ

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