



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

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CWP-4601-2025

Date of Decision : February 19, 2025

**SUSHILA DEVI**

.....Petitioner

**VERSUS****DAKSHIN HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD. AND OTHERS**

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI**

Present : Mr. Sumit Sharma, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

**KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)**

1. Through the instant petition, as cast under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, prayer is made for issuance of mandamus upon the respondents concerned to pay adequate compensation to the petitioners, who have lost their husband/father due to electrocution on account of negligence of the distribution licensee concerned.
2. Notice of motion.
3. Mr. Rajesh Gaur, Advocate, waives service on behalf of the respondents. At the very outset, he takes an objection regarding the maintainability of the instant petition and submits that the petitioners are infact required to approach the Chief Engineer, Operation concerned, at the first instance. He also submits that he has instructions to submit that in case the petitioners approach the Engineer concerned, within a period of one month from today and file an apt application for grant of compensation, the

authority concerned, would decide the same within two months thereafter, by passing a speaking order.

4. In view of the specific stand taken by the learned counsel for the respondents, this Court deems it fit and appropriate to **dispose** of the instant petition with a mandamus upon the respondent concerned, that in case the petitioners prefer any application within one month from today, the latter shall thereafter, within a period of two months, decide the same by passing a speaking order.

5. It goes without saying that the speaking order shall be passed after giving an adequate opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, to establish their claims, as raised through the instant petition.

6. **Disposed** of accordingly.

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No  
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No