

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
9, Bailey Road, Patna – 15

File No **BHRC/COMP.** 960/11

Case of **PINTU** through **Dhurkheli Bind**

Complaint in this matter by Dhurkheli Bind – a resident of village Majhauri P.S. Dhanarua District Patna – is about electrocution death of his 12 year old son Pintu on 20.10.2005. As per the complaint version, Pintu came in contact with live electric wire which had fallen on the ground and died an instantaneous death. The case was reported to the police and application was also made to the local office of the Electricity Board i.e. the office of Assistant Electrical Engineer, Masaurhi for compensation but nothing was paid despite the applicant and approaching the authorities several times.

The fact that the applicant's son died as a result of electrocution stands admitted by the fact that the Bihar State Electricity Board on its own has paid sum of rupees twenty-five thousand as compensation to the applicant. Shri Ajay Kumar Gautam, Advocate appearing for the Board pointed out that as per the prevailing circular at the relevant time dated 12.11.2005, compensation of rupees twenty-five thousand was payable in cases of electrocution deaths until 01.09.2008 when the amount was increased to rupees one lakh.

In similar cases of electrocution death the Commission has awarded compensation of rupees two lakh and it finds no ground to take a different view in the instant case. The complaint about electrocution death being the admitted position, the Commission would direct the Board to pay further sum of rupees one lakh seventy-five thousand (in addition to rupees twenty-five thousand paid earlier as aforesaid) to the applicant and submit compliance report within six weeks.

Copy of this order may be sent to the Bihar State Electricity Board for compliance and to the applicant for information.

Date: 17.04.2012

Justice S.N. Jha
Chairperson