

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

Case No. BHRC/Comp.247/14

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

**Subject: Electrocutation deaths of six children in Jamui district dt.
30.01.2014**

BHRC had taken **suo motu** cognizance on 31.01.2014 of newspapers reports published in various dailies regarding administrative negligence leading to **electrocutation deaths (due to high tension line)** of six children (8-10 yrs.) in village Chandra of Charkapatthar, PS. Sono Block, district Jamui on 30.01.2014. Commission directed DM & SP, Jamui to submit joint report in the matter. They were assisted by officers of the Electricity Department.

2. Joint report from DM & SP, Jamuai indicated that family members of the deceased were given assistance of Rs. 1,500 (Fifteen hundred) each under "**Kabir Anthesthi Yojana**" and Rs.20,000(Twenty Thousand) each under "**Mukhya Mantri Pariwaric labh Yojana**". General Manager (HR/Admin) South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd., Patna was quick enough to sanction **Rs.2,00000(Two Lakhs) each** to the father of deceased on 7th Feb, 2014 and cheques of the same were handed over to their families in the presence of DM & SP, Jamui on **08th Feb,2014**.

3. **The joint report further mentions about non-functioning of vacuum circuit breaker at grid sub-station, Malayapur at the time of occurrence and the low quality of high tension wire.**

Para five and six of the joint report is reproduced below:-

Quote

Para 5 "दिनांक 08.02.2014 को घटना स्थल का निरीक्षण अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा किया गया। अधोहस्ताक्षरी के द्वारा किये गये निरीक्षण एवं तीन सदस्यीय गठित जांच दल के द्वारा समर्पित प्रतिवेदन के अनुसार प्रयुक्त तार की गुणवत्ता उच्च स्तरीय नहीं पायी गई तार की गुणवत्ता के संबंध में कार्यपालक अभियंता, विद्युत आपूर्ति प्रमंडल, जमुई के द्वारा प्रतिवेदित किया गया है कि उक्त ग्राम में लगाये गये तार एवं गाड़े गये पोल राजीव गाँधी ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण योजना के तहत स्वीकृत प्राक्कलन के आलोक में पावरग्रीड के द्वारा कार्य को सम्पन्न कराया गया।

Para 6 तार टूटने के पश्चात तार में विद्युत प्रवाहित होने के सम्बन्ध में कार्यपालक अभियंता, विद्युत आपूर्ति प्रमंडल, जमुई के द्वारा प्रतिवेदित किया गया है कि ग्रीड सब-स्टेशन, मलयपुर एवं शक्ति उपकेन्द्र, सोनो में लगे भैक्यूम सर्किट ब्रेकर में मैकेनिकल पार्ट का सही रूप से कार्य नहीं करने के कारण तुरन्त लाईन ट्रीप नहीं हो सका। उनके द्वारा यह भी प्रतिवेदित किया गया है कि इस घटना में किसी भी विद्युत कर्मियों की लापरवाही प्रतीत नहीं होती है।"

unquote

4. A copy of the joint report from DM & SP, Jamuui was made available to the Managing Director, Bihar Power Transmission Company, Patna on 19.05.2014 for his response by 20th June, 2014 but the same has not been received till date.

5. **Commission, therefore, directs the Managing Director, Bihar Power Transmission Company, Patna to appear before the commission on 08th August, 2014 (Friday) at 12:00 hrs along with action taken report in the matter.**

It is, however, clarified that if report from the Managing Director, BPTC, Patna is received by 06th August, 2014, his personal appearance will remain dispensed with.

6. Copy of the order be sent to the Managing Director, Bihar Power Transmission Company, Patna for necessary action.

(Neelmani)
Member

Date: 03.07.2014

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