

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp.247/14

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Subject: Electrocution deaths of six children in Jamui district

Bihar Human Rights Commission (BHRC) takes **suo motu** cognizance of newspaper reports published in various dailies today regarding administrative/criminal negligence leading to **electrocution deaths (due to high tension line)** of **six children** in village Chandra of Charkapatthar P.S, Sono Block, **Jamui district yesterday**. Newspaper reports mentions **administrative lapses** like non-disconnection of supply line in the broken high tension wires lying on the ground, high tension poles (carrying HT transmission wires) not erected on adequate foundations of proper strength, etc, etc.

2. The Commission, therefore, **orders joint enquiry** by the **District Magistrate, Jamui** and **Superintendent of Police, Jamui** into the episode. **Managing Directors of South Bihar Power Distribution Company** and **Bihar Power Transmission Company** will depute senior officers of their corporation to assist the District Magistrate and S.P. Jamui in conduct of **in-depth enquiry**.

3. **The enquiry, among other things, should cover the following points:-**

(a) Extent of administrative and criminal negligence leading to the electrocution deaths in the present episode.

(b) Action (administrative and legal) initiated in the matter.

(c) Lapses, if any, on the part of superior formations connected with the monitoring and maintenance of high tension transmission lines in the area.

(d) Compensation paid to the family of the deceased.

4. **The Commission will be expecting report from the District Magistrate and S.P. Jamui on or before 3rd March 2014 when the case is listed next.**

5. Copy of the order be sent to (i) **District Magistrate, Jamui**, (ii) **S.P. Jamui**, (iii) **MD, South Bihar Power Distribution Company**, Patna and (iv) **MD, Bihar Power Transmission Company**, Patna **for necessary action indicated above**. A copy be also sent to the **Principal Secretary, Department of Energy**, Government of Bihar for information.

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Acting Chairperson

Date: 31.01.2014

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