

**BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

*9, Bailey Road, Patna*

**File Nos. BHRC/Comp. 3502/14**

**(Suo Motu Cognizance)**

**Case of death of 8-year old girl-child due to electrocution: (Compensation awarded)**

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03.05.2016

Chairman, Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd, represented by its counsel Sri Ajay Kr. Gautam. AEE, REV, Rajendra Nagar, Sri Abhijit. Kr. Saurabh with AEE, Machhua Toli, Sri Varun Kr. Vikash present.

This is a very unfortunate case in which an 8 year old school-going child (a girl student of Class V in Girl's Middle School, Mussalahpur Haat, under Pirbahore police station, Patna) was electrocuted because a live wire was touching the gate of the school.

I have heard them.

An FIR has been filed against a shop-keeper who sells cold-drinks etc. and who according to the FIR was using electricity and somewhere live wire was touching the iron gate of the school and the child touched it and got electrocuted.

Two others according to the FIR received minor injuries. The school administration submits that they are not responsible for any loss. Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd, Patna also takes the same plea. It is unfortunate that the child has

died because of electrocution in the school run by the Government and nobody is owning the responsibility at least to compensate the family.

Let DM, Patna appoint a committee fixing the responsibility of the institution or individual responsible but in the meantime, pay an amount of Rs.2 lakh as compensation to the family of the deceased. The committee may recommend a recovery of money from any private individual if found responsible. The payment of compensation shall be made within four weeks.

Compliance report shall be filed by 8.06.2016.

Copy of the order be sent to (i) family of the victim, (ii) DM, Patna and (iii) Chairman, Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd, Patna for information and necessary action, as the case may be.

***(Justice Bilal Nazki)***  
***Chairperson***