

**BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

9, Bailey Road, Patna

**Case No. BHRC/Comp.247/14**

**(Suo Motu Cognizance)**

**Subject: Electrocution deaths of six children (30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2014) in Jamui district -Failure of the preventive system.**

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BHRC had taken **suo motu** cognizance of newspapers reports regarding administrative negligence leading to **electrocution deaths (due to H.T line)** of six children (8-10 yrs.) in village Chandra of Charkapatthar, PS. Sono Block, district Jamui on 30.01.2014. Family members of the deceased were immediately given assistance of Rs.21, 500 each by the district administration and Rs.2,00,000(Two Lakhs) each by South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited(SBPDCL) by 8<sup>th</sup> Feb,2015 which was extremely prompt and appreciable.

2. The Commission wanted to know the reasons for failure of the preventive system i.e. **non-functioning of Vacuum Circuit Breakers (V.C.B)**. The high powered committee headed by the **Director (operations)** inquired in depth and informed that the **V.C.B installed at Sono Electrical Sub-Station was non-functional at the time of the incident**. Commission, therefore, directed for:

(a) Administrative action against the Officers responsible for omission.

(b) Ensuring that V.C.B and preventive accessories are in place and functional at every grid station / sub stations in Bihar.

3. **Commission has been informed by SBPDCL that:-**

(a) **Administrative action has been initiated against Sh. Arvind Kumar, Electrical Executive Engineer (P & D), Sh. Tipanjan Gorai, Assistant, Electrical Engineer Jhajha and Sh. Harendra Singh, Junior Electrical Engineer, Sono.**

(b) All the Electrical Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineers under SBPDCL have been directed to ensure installation & maintenance of Vacuum Circuit Breakers and other preventive instruments.

4. Commission expresses satisfaction at the follow up actions. Administrative action should be completed within Four months time.

5. Matter is closed with the above observations.

6. Copy of the order be sent to the (i) **CMD, BSPCL** & (ii) **MD,SBPDCL, Patna** for **necessary action** and (iii) **Principal Secretary, Energy Deptt., Govt. of Bihar** for information.

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**Member**

Date: 02.07.2015

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