

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

Case No. BHRC/Comp.676/14

Subject: Harassment to villagers in grant of power connection.

Case of. Village Kubari, PS. Kurtha, Distt. Arwal .

Villagers of Kubari, PO. Narhi, PS. Kurtha, **distt. Arwal** had complained to the Commission that Sh. Piyus Kumar, **Junior Engineer, Electricity**, Atollah, his helper and agents have been extracting money from the villagers under threat of implicating in energy theft cases and refusing to grant connection under the pretext of **inability of the transformer to take the load**.

2. In the response asked by the Commission from **SP, Arwal**, he has informed that the Junior Engineer had registered an energy theft case (Kurth PS Case No. 13/14 dt. 30.01.2014, u/s 135 Electricity Act) against **eight persons** out of which allegations against three namely (1) Sh. Krishan Dubey, S/o Sh. Ramkrit Dubey (2) Sh. Bhairo Kumar S/o Sh. Shyam Charan Dubey (3) Sh. Vinod Dubey, S/o Sh. Rampukar Dubey, village Kubari **were found to be false**.

3. Consequent to the order of the Commission dated 31.03.2015, the **Deputy General Manager -cum- Superintending Engineer, Magadh Electric Supply Region, Gaya** appeared today before the Commission along with the new Electrical Executive Engineer, Arwal and presented the inquiry report indicating :-

(a) Sh. Sada Nand Prasad, the then Executive Engineer, Arwal, failed to take cognizance of the complaint and submit report.

(b) The allegations against Sh. Piyus Kumar, Junior Engineer Electricity, has been found true during spot inquiry. Twenty two new connections have been given from the same transformer. He has been transferred and a fresh departmental proceeding has been recommended against him to the Power Board Hdqs.

(c) Allegations of false implication of three persons in the electricity theft case referred above have been found true.

(d) The same, J.E has been punished on (18th April,2015) in an earlier deptt. proceeding started on similar charges recommended by DM, Arwal.

4. **Commission, therefore, directs MD, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd (SBPDCL) Patna to take following actions in the matter and inform the Commission by 30th June,2015(Tuesday) when the matter is listed next:-**

(a) **A compensation of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand) each to be provided by the SBPDCL, Patna to the three persons falsely implicated in the energy theft case registered vide Kurtha PS Case no. 13/14.**

(b) **Disciplinary action against Sh. Sada Nand Prasad, the then Executive Engineer, Arwal , for failing to respond to the complaint and submit inquiry report.**

(c) **Departmental action against Sh. Piyus Kumar, J.E, Electricity Deptt. ,Atollah(now in Hdqs) should be Fast Tracked and completed in three months time.**

5. Copy of the order be sent to the **MD, SBPDCL, Patna** for necessary action.

Date: 08.05.2015

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Member

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