

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp.2954/2012

Sub: **Compensation for crop damages due to High Tension Line sparks.**

Case of: **Villager of Mani Chapra, PS. Chakiya, Motihari.**

Villager of Mani Chapra, PS. Chakiya, distt. E. Champaran (Motihari) had complained to the Commission that due to sparks in high tension 11 K.V lines on 16.04.2012 two animals were killed and seven acres of wheat was damaged. Further damage could be averted due to intervention by the fire brigade.

2. Commission sought responses from North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd, Patna(NBPDCL). It was reported that due to high velocity winds HT lines collided generating sparks due to which **one acre wheat crop was damaged**. No animal was injured . Commission was also informed that as per policy of the NBPDCL there is no provision for grant of compensation for damages to crops. As the incident was the result of a natural phenomenon , claim for compensation is not sustainable. **Commission suggested CMD, NBPDCL, Patna to consider formulating a policy for compensating such damages.**

3. **CMD, NBPDCL, Patna has informed that compensation for such damages to crops is covered under the Disaster Management Deptt. circular no. 3778 dt. 30.09.2015** under" Agricultural input grants" Company has requested Addl. Collector, Motihari and District Magistrate, Motihari to provide compensation to the victims vide Company's letter nos. 1609 dt. 10.11.2015 and 1633 dt. 24.11.2015. a

Action taken by the district administration so far is not known to the Commission .

4. Commission, therefore, directs the Addl. Collector, Motihari (E.Champaran) to appear before the Commission on 15th July, 2016 (Friday) at 12:00 hrs. along with Action Taken Report in the matter.

5. Copy of the order be faxed to the (i) District Magistrate, Motihari (ii) Addl. Collector, Motihari for necessary action and (iii) CMD, NBPDC, Patna for information w.r.to his letter no. N-VI/IR/ मुआवजा-3123/13/417 dt.04.04.2016

6. The case be listed on 15th July,2016.

Date: 10.06.2016

Asstt. Registrar

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Member