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|        | 01.08.2025 |                                                                                                  | <p>WPIL No. 142 of 2025<br/> <b><u>Hon'ble G. Narendar, C.J.</u></b><br/> <b><u>Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Prabha Naithani, learned counsel for the petitioner.</p> <p>2. Mr. Gajendra Tripathi, learned Standing Counsel for the State.</p> <p>3. Mr. Dharmendra Barthwal, learned counsel for respondent no.3.</p> <p>4. Respondent no.3- Corporation to file an affidavit stating as to how many qualified linemen have been recruited in the last two decades, and also the other recruitments made in the last ten years.</p> <p>5. That apart, an affidavit shall be filed stating as to who has given safety gear to the outsourced employees, proof of having supplied the safety gear, and also the competence and training given to the outsourced personnel to handle the sensitive work of shutdowns.</p> <p>6. Affidavit shall be filed by the next date of hearing.</p> <p>7. List on 18.08.2025.</p> <p>8. In the meanwhile, respondent no.3 shall also place on record the compensation that has been disbursed to the families of the victims, who have died</p> |

on account of electrocution.

9. *Prima facie*, it appears to this Court that respondent no.3 does not appear to have ensured proper training to the personnel deployed by the so called “A-Class Contractors”.

10. We are constrained to infer so in view of the submissions made by learned counsel for respondent no.3, who submits that a *prima facie* finding has been rendered that the accident/ electrocution occurred on account of human error.

11. A phrase often used “*To buck the liability and pass on the buck*”.

12. It is further elaborated that it has been found that the shutdown was not proper. That one shutdown was done complete and the second shutdown was not done completely and on account of that, the victim suffered electrocution. It is further stated that the Corporation faces about 30,000 shutdowns.

13. A copy of the Magisterial Inquiry Report shall be placed before this Court.

14. As an interim measure, respondent no.3 shall also release a sum of Rupees Four Lakhs to the families of the victims.

(Alok Mahra, J.)  
01.08.2025

(G. Narendar, C.J.)  
01.08.2025

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