



Gas Pipeline Blast At Bhilai Steel Plant



In an unfortunate incident on 9th October 2018 at around 10.30 am, in Bhilai Steel Plant, there was a fire in gas pipe line of Coke Oven Battery Complex No 11 during a scheduled maintenance job. 12 persons lost their lives and 14 were Injured. Injured persons were immediately rushed to the BSP hospital for medical care and aid.

Union Minister of Steel Chaudhary Birender Singh reached Bhilai on 10th October. He was accompanied by Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh and Minister of State for Steel Vishnu Deo Sai. Union Minister directed those engaged in the treatment that all efforts must be made to provide the best possible treatment to those injured. A team of doctors from AIIMS, New Delhi arrived to assist the medical team of Bhilai treating the injured employees.

The loss of employees in this unfortunate incident consisted of expert workers who had extensive experience of the safety and maintenance protocol of such jobs. Later addressing media persons at the hospital premises, Union Minister of Steel announced ex-gratia payment of Rs 30 lakh to family of each of the deceased employees, Rs 15 lakh to the seriously injured employees and Rs 2 lakh to employees with minor injuries. He also assured that all possible assistance would be provided to families of deceased persons. Later at a meeting with senior officials of SAIL, Union Minister advised that a BSP officer be appointed to ensure early disbursement of ex-gratia amounts and provide all the support to the families.

Apart from the internal enquiry committee constituted by SAIL, another high-level Enquiry Committee comprising of experts from across the country to enquire into the actual cause of the incident would be constituted by Ministry of Steel.

Union Minister apprised media persons that disciplinary administrative action has been initiated against the responsible officials of BSP. In response to queries from

media persons, the Minister said that new techniques of de-blanking would be introduced to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

Earlier on 9th Oct, Minister of State for Steel Vishnu Deo Sai, accompanied by Chairman SAIL and his team of Directors had rushed to Bhilai to coordinate relief measures and also to ensure that best possible treatment is provided to the injured persons.

After the accident, Arun Kumar Rath replaces M Ravi as Bhilai Steel Plant CEO while General Manager (Safety Department) T Pandya Raja and Deputy General Manager (Energy Department) Naveen Kumar have been suspended.

President presents Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar to RINL



RINL-VSP is the proud recipient of Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar-2018. The Award was bestowed on RINL-VSP in recognition of its contribution in the field of Identifying and Nurturing of Budding Talent in sports.

Sri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India presented the award to P K Rath, CMD, RINL-VSP at a glittering function held in New Delhi on Tuesday night (25th September, 18). PK Rath while congratulating the collective of RINL in this connection, mentioned that VSP is not only known for operational efficiency and innovation but also encouraging talent in the field of sports.

It is worth mentioning that RINL has identified and nurtured several sports persons at district, state and national level and also supporting them by giving scholarships etc. It is also promoting community sports in the township and villages. RINL has created sports infrastructure i.e an exclusive Hockey Stadium, International Skating Rink, Col CK Naidu Ukku Stadium for Cricket, Indoor Stadium with wooden flooring for Volley Ball, exclusive open courts for Lawn Tennis, Volleyball, Shuttle Badminton etc. These efforts resulted in bagging various medals by talented children etc at the State, National and International levels.