

Press Note

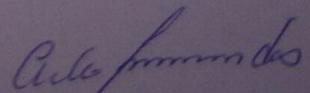
An incident of Leakage of Ammonia Gas liquid in nature occurred when a tanker bearing No. GA-06T 2864 carrying 15 tonnes of liquid Ammonia weighting 35 tonnes on the route from MPT to ZACL, at Chicalim Park approx. 14 kms from MPT fell on its side causing massive leakage of Ammonia Gas at around 2.45 am. The driver claimed that he tried to avoid some tourist taxi when the incident occurred. The driver is presently in Vasco Police Custody.

The Talathi of Momurgao saza Shri Amresh Naik reached at the site at about 3.10 am after he received a call from Anand Rajadhyaksha DGM and estate ZACL who had also contacted the Vasco Police and Fire Service and ZACL 3 fire tenders were on site along with tenders from Goa Fire Service and from MPT.

Thereafter immediately preventive measures were adopted by spraying water. The Dy. Collector and SDO Vasco, Mormugao, Mamlatdar and Jt. Mamlatdar of Momrugao along with fire officials led by Director Shri. Ashok Menon and SP Gawas DySP Sunita Sawant and PI were already on site by 4.15 am. All the four Schools i.e. Regina Mundi, School, Navy Children School, Vidhya Mandir School and Pre-Primary School were asked by the Collectorate Officials to remain closed for today i.e. on 19/01/2018

Further only one person a senior citizen by name Mrs. Bhandari was taken to the Cottage Hospital Chicalim and thereafter to the SMRC hospital and is presently out of danger. The situation is normal and there were no casualties or any untoward incident.

The tanker has been lifted with cranes from ZACL and the rescue and evacuation operation concluded by 11.00 am and there is no law and order or any other situation reported. The tanker was towed and escorted by the Fire Services tender, Vasco Police and Mamlatdar of Vasco.



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