



Chimney collapse in Lucknow.

Date Of Incident: 24.05.10

Location : Lucknow

Description of the accident:

The 220 feet-high chimney of the 250 megawatt extension unit of the Parichha power station collapsed on Monday causing panic in the area. Initial reports suggested that over a dozen persons, mostly laborers from Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand, were buried under the debris of the collapsed structure. Reports stated that about five persons were injured in the accident but there was no confirmation of any casualty.

In fact, the people were aware of the exact nature of the accident, which occurred during lunch time. While some managed to escape, the possibility of unlucky ones being trapped under the debris has not been ruled out.

No. of persons Injured:

Five persons injured but there was no causality.

Potential Root Cause:

Possible root causes may be

Risk assesses the design calculations for possible failures before start of any projects.

Geographical and soil condition of the particular area.

Other possible news about the incident:

Taking cue from the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati's criticism of the NBCC for the quality of construction following the chimney collapse on Monday, Energy Department sources said that the company had been apprised of the slight tilt in the chimney, but the warning was ignored. Following the complaint, work on the chimney had been suspended, sources said. Ms. Mayawati raised the apprehension that not only did the accident cause a setback to the expansion plan; it would also have an adverse effect on the power supply position.

The Power Corporation has decided to get the design of the chimney examined by civil engineering experts. "They will send the design of the chimney to IIT-Delhi to ascertain whether there were some flaws that led to the collapse,"

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The Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) Tuesday registered a first information report (FIR) against a state-run agency in connection with the collapse of a 210-metre chimney at a thermal power station in the state's Jhansi district, an official said.

“For negligence and use of sub-standard material in construction of the chimney, we have registered an FIR against National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC), the agency that was engaged for setting up the chimney,” UPPCL chairman.

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SEED express its deepest condolence and pray the god to look after the families of injured people.



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