



## **Pesticide leak in Chennai Electronic Industry**

**Date Of Incident: 23.07.10**

**Location : Chennai**

### **Description of the accident:**

The company's Sunguvarchatram plant, employing about 500 workers, was reopened Friday after nearly nine months on the back of increased orders for mobile accessories. "Around 2 pm Friday after the lunch time six female workers fainted and were hospitalised in Sriperumbudur. The company decided to open the unit and wanted to fumigate it. While the reason for the workers falling ill is yet to be determined, this seems to be the most probable cause.

### **No. of persons Injured:**

There was no causality.

### **Potential Root Cause:**

The pesticide has been sprayed in the industrial area affected the workers.

### **Other possible news about the incident:**

The Tamil Nadu government has ordered the closure of the plant till all safety aspects are checked and cleared by authorities concerned.

Hospital authorities confirmed that by Saturday afternoon, they had treated over 150 workers. While most of them were sent home after treatment, eight were hospitalised and placed under observation.

The inspection committee headed by Chief inspector of factory visited the plant on Monday and granted to reopen the factory.

**All the industrial Management should evolve emergency plan arising out of such situation and mock the same to act fast in real cases.**

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