

Post 'Fani', MCL on the frontline of disaster relief

Cyclone 'Fani' barrelled through Odisha on 3rd May, 2019 unleashing copious rain and windstorm which caused huge damage to the coastal region of the State of Odisha. It was the strongest tropical cyclone to have hit the Odisha coast since the 1999 super cyclone.

As a responsible corporate, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has extended its arm for first in providing relief and then towards rehabilitation measures. MCL has been providing relief operations during cyclones under its thematic subject of 'Aapdaa Prabandhan'. The Company took-up rural road restoration works in 'Titli' affected hilly terrain of Ganjam district in Oct 2018.

Fulfilling its responsibility under CSR, MCL has extended multi-dimensional assistance to the affected areas in coordination with District authorities.

MCL supplied 1000 nos. of asbestos sheets worth Rs.4.8 lakh to help the 'Fani' affected people repair roof of their houses.

To address the drinking water crisis, MCL provided 300 nos. of 1000L capacity Sintex water tanks worth 24.9 Lakh. These water tanks were offloaded at RWSS division BBSR under receipt of EE RWSSS and GM IDCO Bhubaneswar.

The cyclone caused disruption of power supply leading to stoppage of water supply in many areas across Puri and Bhubaneswar. Responding to the request of State/Distt authorities, MCL dispatched DG sets to these locations. DG sets were sent by Lakhanpur Area (2 Lakh), Hingula Area (1.98 lakh) MCL Corporate office (11 Lakh) and Basundhara Area (3 Lakh). Jagannath Area sent 2500 tarpaulins worth Rs.16.6 Lakh to Puri district. MCL provided Cloths worth Rs.1 Lakh were dispatched by Mahila Mandal Jagannath Area.



Apart from this, Jagannath Area despatched two truckloads of relief packets for distribution to the families affected in Puri. The relief packets comprise of puffed rice, jaggery, glucose powder, ORS, dry snacks, biscuits, water bottles, match boxes etc worth 5 lakhs from welfare fund.

In the long term restoration space, Forest & Environment deptt, Govt of Odisha requested MCL to participate and fund projects on Coastal belt plantation or urban plantation or seedling distribution. MCL has given its consent to the department on taking up the projects of restoration of green cover.
