

PRESS NOTE

Disaster Management Department, Bihar

Date: 16 April 2025

Time: 9:00PM

A fire incident occurred in Rampur Mani village of Sakra block, Muzaffarpur district, due to a gas cylinder leak at around 10:30 AM on April 16. The fire engulfed around 12 to 15 houses, tragically resulting in the death of four children due to burn injuries.

Firefighting operations were carried out using three large and four small fire tenders. According to the Sakra Circle Officer, the fire has been completely extinguished. A community kitchen has been set up to provide cooked meals for the affected people. The above bodies of the deceased have been sent for post-mortem. The Disaster Management Department has instructed the immediate disbursement of ex gratia compensation to the families of the deceased. Special instructions have also been given to transfer compensation into the accounts of victims whose bank passbooks were destroyed in the fire.

Meanwhile, another fire incident occurred around 3 PM in Matlupur Than Hatha village of Bandara block due to a line circuit fault. The fire was brought under control using one large and one small fire engine. In both incidents, the district administration has launched prompt relief measures to ensure timely assistance to affected families.

Sakra Block (Muzaffarpur District):

1. A total ex gratia compensation of ₹16 lakhs (₹4 lakhs per deceased) has been distributed to the next of kin of the four deceased.
2. 59 tarpaulin sheets have been distributed for temporary shelter arrangements.
3. One community kitchen is operational to provide cooked meals to the affected people.
4. For victims whose documents were destroyed, ex gratia assistance (GR) will be disbursed after verification.

Bandara Block (Muzaffarpur District):

1. No casualties have been reported.
2. 14 tarpaulin sheets have been distributed to the affected families.
3. One community kitchen is functional, providing meals to the displaced people.
4. Ex gratia assistance (GR) will be distributed by tomorrow.