

CLOUD BURST INCIDENT REPORT

Date – 25.07.2024
Time – Approximately 12:00 mid night
Location – Paagal Naala near Anjani Mahadev, Tehsil Manali, District Kullu
(Coordinates 32.31188422881345 E 77.1703843946493 N)

The incident was reported by Local Pradhan to the administration around midnight that a cloudburst had occurred in Paagal Naala near Anjani Mahadev, Tehsil Manali. DEOC Kullu received information at 02:11 am and the information was transmitted immediately to the Fire Department Manali, Police Control Room Kullu, HPSEBL Larji and Pandoh dam authorities.

At 02:36 am, information was received from Police Department Manali that traffic had been closed and some vehicles were stuck due to debris falling from the drain near BRO Café Atal Tunnel Manali. It was reported by Tehsildar Manali that the water level rose in the last Naala (Sarehi Naala) above Beas Naala near the Project Yojak and entered the MS03 glacier gallery due to which the road leading to Atal tunnel was completely blocked. As per the information provided by officials from Project Yojak, the road at this spot will be open for traffic in 3-5 hours.



MS03 Glacier Gallery Near BRO Café, Atal Tunnel

It is pertinent to mention that the road from New Bridge Manali to Palchan is managed by Project Deepak and the stretch from Palchan to the Atal Tunnel is managed by Project Yojak.

Thus, the strategically important road which has been damaged at 2 spots- Palchan bridge and Snow gallery – is being restored by Project Yojak.

A report was submitted by Tehsildar Manali that due to the cloudburst, water level in Paagal Naala rose to a dangerous level. Huge boulders and debris from the Atal tunnel dumping site were flowing with the water due to which the flow of the Naala was changed and the course diverted towards the Palchan- Solang Naala road. These boulders have been deposited at the Palchan bridge and the road can be opened for traffic at this spot in 2-3 days. 2 JCBs, 1 tractor, 1 flat bed trailer, 1 gypsy, 2 tippers, 2 dumpers and 2 excavators have been engaged by BRO to clear the debris.

Water entered the Kapil Mohan Beas Kund Hydro project causing some damage. The houses of Sh. Dhani Ram s/o Nokhu r/o Vill Palchan, Prem chand s/o Dhani Ram and Jagdish s/o Dhani Ram were completely washed away which resulted in the loss of approximately 1.25 – 1.5 crores. The house of one Sh. Prem chand s/o Umed chand is in imminent danger as the land under the house has been washed away. One shop of Sh. Suresh s/o Khoob Ram and Mahila Mandal Bhawan was also partially damaged.

It has been reported that 20 sheep belonging to Sh. Prem Chand s/o Kaul Ram were washed away in the flash floods. Sh. Prem Chand who was stuck near the power project site, was moved to a safe place with the help of local residents in the dark.



Damage to the local residents



Palchan bridge



Damage incurred at Kapil Mohan Beas Kund Hydro power project

Out of the total 19 displaced citizens, 12 have been moved to the relief camp set up at Primary School Kulang. The water level in Naalas has receded to normal and no loss of human life has been reported. Worthy DC Kullu visited the incident sites on 25.07.2024 along with all stakeholder departments.