

■ Pipe explodes during Phase I extension work

CMRL to compensate for pipe burst damage

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Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has decided to compensate people affected due to pipe burst occurred on Tuesday during the works of Phase I Extension (from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar) at Apollo junction here.

According to CMRL officials, one of the tea shops located in the area got damaged and water intruded into the nearby area. The CMRL will reconstruct damaged shop. However, situation was brought under control by quickly setting up barricades. Further erosion has been prevented by plugging the ruptured pipes.

The incident, according to CMRL, occurred in the early morning while the excavation and preparatory works for casting of base slab in cut and cover ramp were going on. A waterline that supplies water to Tondiarpet area, burst due to differential



An old tea shop was damaged after a waterline that supplies water to Tondiarpet area, burst during the works of Phase I Extension (from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar) at Apollo junction in Chennai on Tuesday.

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settlement of soil strata surrounding the pipeline.

As a result, erosion of soil took place in the vicinity of the pipeline leading to surface subsidence. One of the old tea shops located near the area got damaged following the incident. "We have

approached the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) for temporary closure of the pipeline till its rectification. However, the burst will not affect continuation of further works," said the officials.