

Press release in connection with Anna Salai incident

The incident of the sink hole took place around 2:03pm. The size of the sink hole is wearing from 0-5 m wide, 0-10m length and wearing 0-2m depth

due to the sudden sink hole formation, the front portion of the mtc bus and car went inside the sink hole. The passengers of the vehicles were immediately rescued by cmrl and contractors. Traffic was immediately diverted from the affected area to ensure smooth traffic flow. The mtc bus and car were lifted using crane that was deployed by CMRL.

CMRL is in the process of construction of phase 1 of Chennai metro comprising of 48 kms underground out of which 46km underground works is complete and less than 2 kms tunnelling is balance between thousand lights and Dms which is in progress.

The basic cause of today's incident is due to the existing loose soil pocket along the tunnelling alignment. Where the tunnel boring machine (tbm) is under operation. CMRL has a strict instrumentation and monitoring of settlement/deflection due to the on going tunnelling work.

The monitoring point has been installed throughout the tunnel alignment at 10m interval. Continuous reading is taken every 6hrs interval to cross check any development did to the on going tunnelling works

The recent reading was taken around 2pm just before the incident and there was no settlement recorded while taking the reading.

Inspection and restoration work of the affected area is taken up in full swing and likely to open to traffic by tomorrow morning.

Post restoration of the road, the road will be safe for travelling.
