

**Request for information under RTI Act 2005**

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Details of the Fee : Indian Postal Order No. 31F 994918 for Rs. 10/-  
In favor of Oil Industry Safety Directorate

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the fire accident of one of the Pipeline networks of GAIL (India) Ltd., that happened in Nagaram (near Tatipaka) village of East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

It is understood that OISD had investigated the fire accident and the Root Cause of the said fire accident. Further another high level committee, headed by the Jt. Secretary (Refineries), MOPNG, had also conducted an investigation of the said Fire incident.

I request your good self to kindly provide Certified Copies of:

- 1 The Investigation Report, of OISD, along with the reason(s)/Root Cause, identified for the fire accident.
- 2 Recommendations made by OISD to GAIL (India) Ltd. in this regard.
- 3 Correspondence made, till date, between OISD and GAIL (India) Ltd. during the investigation and implementation of the recommendations.
- 4 The investigation Report of the committee headed by the Jt. Secretary (Refineries), MOPNG, along with the reason(s)/ root cause identified for the fire accident.
- 5 Recommendations made by the committee headed by the Jt. Secretary (Refineries), MOPNG to GAIL (India) Ltd.

It is certified that I am an Indian Citizen.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully



C. Satyanarayana



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**Sub: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.**

Sir,

This has reference to RTI application no. nil dated 07.08.2015 which was received in our office on 13.08.2015, the requisite information pertaining to your questions on the fire accident of the pipeline network of GAIL (India) Ltd, in Nagaram (near Tatipaka) village of East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh are as under:

Question 1: The investigation Report, of OISD, along with the reason(s)/Root Cause, identified for the fire accident.

Answer : The incident investigation was not carried out by the committee constituted by OISD- rather OISD was member of the investigation committee.

Question 2: Recommendations made by OISD to GAIL (India) Ltd. In this regard.

Answer : Not applicable – please see reply at 5.

Question 3: Correspondence made, till date, between OISD and GAIL (India) Ltd. During the investigation and implementation of the recommendations.

Answer : Without any specific date and reference, the same cannot be provided.

Question 4: The investigation Report of the committee headed by the Jt. Secretary (Refineries), MoP&NG, along with the reason(s)/root cause identified for the fire accident.

Answer : The information sought by you includes the information of commercial confidence, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of third parties and no larger public interest warrants disclosure of such information. Exemption from disclosure of such information is also available u/s 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act, 2005.

This also includes the information, the disclosure of which would endanger the life or physical safety of any person or identify the source of information or assistance given in confidence for law enforcement or security purposes u/s 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Question 5: Recommendations made by the committee headed by the Jt. Secretary (Refineries), MoP&NG to GAIL (India) Ltd.

Answer: Gist of the recommendations is as under:

- a) The entire length of pipeline should be thoroughly inspected and necessary corrective measures must be taken for replacement of all the vulnerable sections in a time bound manner.
- b) A Pipeline Integrity Management system should be prepared, institutionalised & followed for assuring the health of the pipeline.
- c) High dependency for most activities on third party agencies should be avoided. GAIL must develop proper supervisory and control systems for maintaining the health of pipelines in respect of maintenance, inspection and related practices.
- d) Dehydration facility must be provided for removal of water and condensate prior to feeding natural gas in the pipeline. This should be followed for all pipelines handling wet natural gas. (Simple slug catcher as provided at GAIL installation is inadequate).
- e) Scrapper pigging must be done regularly as per OISD-STD-226 followed by pig residue analysis, particularly w.r.t. iron content, which would indicate the rate of internal corrosion etc.

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