

OIL feels heat of Moranhat explosion



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The Oil India Limited feels the heat of the Singijan incident where four people died and four others have been battling for life.

Local residents told [Assam](#) Times that a routine check up on the high powered gas pipeline could have averted the [explosion](#). But that was not done.

Prafulla Das, a local resident alleged it an example of sheer negligence of the [OIL](#) authority which was why, the [explosion](#) took place because of technical fault. “If there was any technical fault, it could have been checked and properly repaired. Then the disaster could have been averted,” he said.

Parinita [Saikia](#), a government employee told [Assam](#) Times that these high powered [LPG](#) pipeline should be installed not in the residential areas.

“We lack farsightedness. That’s what the big problem with us. I am not blaming the [OIL](#) authorities alone. We should not have allowed them to install these pipelines in this densely populated areas,” she said.

Nava Bhumij, a tea garden worker demanded adequate compensation for the victims' family members. Speaking to [Assam](#) Times he said that [OIL](#) authority must pay Rs 20 lakh in the name of the deceased.

“The [injured](#) must get Rs 5 lakh for treatment and rehabilitation apart from [another](#) Rs 10 lakh to help them rebuild the houses which were reduced to ashes in the blazing inferno,” he said.

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