

## Cloudburst in Manali

Two persons were killed, 22 injured while at least a dozen went missing after heavy downpour triggered by cloudburst at MSP-7 near South portal of Rohtang Tunnel on intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2011 near Manali, District Kullu. A body was recovered by riverside from Nehru Kund and another near Old Manali, about 20 km from the spot. The flash flood startled around 130 labourers on the site at around 12.30 am and 22 injured labourers were rescued within an hour. The scene could have been even horrible if the cloudburst had occurred few minutes earlier. Around 130 labourers were working on the site till 11.30 pm. They heard a loud sound of flowing water and debris. Most of them escaped while 22 got trapped in debris and two were drowned to death. The labourers were working for Garg and Garg, a private construction company, on approach road to Rohtang tunnel. They were building snow galleries (avalanche tunnels) at MSP-7, around 20 km from Manali.

Some Pictures of the disaster:-







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