

Construction firm staff arrested for Lucknow flyover collapse

Three employees of the Hindustan Construction Company (HCC) have been arrested from Barabanki town of Uttar Pradesh for the death of at least seven people due to the collapse of an under-construction flyover here, the police said Thursday.

'Senior officials and engineers of the HCC were arrested from Barabanki Wednesday night. We have also arrested one person from Lucknow,' S.C. Dubey, circle officer of Gomti Nagar, told IANS.

A 30-metre-long concrete beam of the under-construction Shaheed Path flyover, a part of the golden quadrilateral, collapsed Tuesday in the Chinhat area of the state capital.

'A case was registered against officials and employees of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and HCC in the Chinhat police station and we had been conducting raids in Lucknow and Barabanki,' Dubey said.

Chief Minister Mayawati, who visited the spot for five minutes after the accident, blamed the central government since the flyover is a central government funded project. She assured strict action against those found guilty.

The NHAI has also constituted a two-member team to probe the accident.

'We visited the spot along with the probe team and have collected vital details about the accident. We will also be inspecting other NHAI projects in the state,' S.C. Arora, NHAI chief general manager, told reporters.

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