

Real Report. What happened on the Day of Tsunami:

It was about 6.30am. The telephone bell rang up. It was a call from Mr. R. Murugaiyan, retired executive engineer from Tamilnadu electricity board. He asked me whether any warning is sensed in my earthquake instrument.

I said no. Then I told him however; I will adjust the sensitivity and see.

He said that he is able to see cup & saucers are moving on the table.

Same time, my daughter-in-law came from the second floor and said that she felt a small shaking of a cot.

Two persons walking on the road were talking to themselves that they felt some shaking for a few seconds.

I was adjusting the sensitivity of my instrument fixed in my hall.

Again another phone call from Mr. Gopal a former project engineer of M/s Enfield India from Annanagar. He said he is able to see water in the bubble top is shaking.

(Most of my friends used to call me to get the clarifications on earthquake). I said I am adjusting the sensitivity of my instrument. I will contact you later.

Then my instrument started sensing the waves - it raised the alarm sound. But there was no ground motion felt by us.

Then we three were contacting each other.

As there was no ground shaking I have disconnected the sounding device and I was observing the flickering of the light in the quake alarm.

Since the frequency of the earthquake (0.5 to 15 Hz) is lower than the capacity of our vision I was able to see the flickering of the bulb. Even though I have 4 **advance warning instruments** in my house (two imported from U.S.A. and the other two are designed by me), only my latest simplified design was adjusted to sense the earthquake on that day.

The warning signal stopped at about 6.42 A.M I.S.T. So the total warning time was 12 minutes. I never heard in the history of earthquake that the signal lasted for 12 minutes. Most of the earthquake produces the shakings only for a few seconds to one or two minutes only. The earthquake shakings sensed for 12 minutes is very high.

I was upset for a few minutes. Then I just thought of the concept of Richter scale. If the amplitude of shaking is low and the time of sensing was for very long time is also equal in magnitude if the amplitude is high and the shaking is for short time. Therefore, I came to a conclusion that the magnitude of the earthquake sensed by my instrument is very high and should be from far away distance.

As my eye was operated, I was unable to move out of my house. Mr Chandrasekar from Ambattur called me over phone and asked about its effect I explained him that the sea water may rise to a great height.

I brought the Xerox copies of earthquake behaviours from USA library. In the book named “why earthquakes” written by Mr Bruce Bolt , they wrote clearly what should be and should not be done before, during and after earthquake. They have clearly mentioned like this “ Stay away from beaches and waterfront areas where Tsunami could strike even long after the shaking has stopped”.

Therefore I informed the door darshan and to Sun T.V. to broadcast the alert message at 6.45 a.m. itself.

One Mr. Chellappa attended the call at Door darshan T V station. He has asked me to bring the instrument to prove my claim. I explained to him my inability to move from the house. He has ignored my warning.

In Sun T.V. my call was directed to Sun news section. I explained about my past history and I told them that I have appeared in Sun T.V. for four times and I have appeared on T.V. of other countries like Singapore and London to explain about my instrument of warning system. But they also ignored my warning.

At last the disaster took place at around 8.45 a.m. If the use of my quake alarm was properly tested and certified by the nodal agency my warning should have got due merit

People were unaware of the changes that took place before the earthquake that is barking of dogs in Chennai which was reported by a police man, the water gone inside the sea before the Tsunami attack at Kanniyakumari and the water in the small tanks and ponds near Nagappattanam spilled out and the water has become muddy.

All because of unawareness ..The fisher men in Malaysia got heavy catch of fishes 2 days before Tsunami attack.

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