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To,

The Chairman & Managing Director
Oil & Natural Gas Corporation, Limited,
NEW DELHI-110001.

Sub: Regarding outburst of Covid-19 cases at Mumbai Offshore.

Respected Sir,

As you might be aware, that there have been various meetings held between Local Management of W.O.U. with us, wherein, management had desired for suggestions on **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** to be followed for compiling and finalizing the same for carrying out the crew change of employees at offshore, which we have been giving from time to time through our various emails, letters & telephonic communication etc. It seems our suggestions were not taken seriously, especially on supervision on contractor's crew change procedures by concerned departments.

It is very unfortunate that SOP prepared are not being followed in Toto; due to which Covid-19 cases are increasing day by day since May 2020, wherein earlier they have been reported from Rigs S/Jyoti, S/Kiran then followed by other Charter Rigs and now to Neelam Platform (31) which has been already reported in newspaper & BHS Platform (70+) including contract workers, which is very alarming.


The above increase in numbers of Covid-19 cases shows negligence in handling the matters by local concerned authorities of ONGC and has sent shocking waves among the family members of the energy soldiers posted at Offshore. The matter is very serious, as employees working there are under tremendous pressure and fear due to this magnitude of spread. Over & above this, the concerned controlling officers & in charges are intimidating the employees that if they don't report for offshore duty they will be dealt with under CDA rules. It is even heard that the SOP in place is also being faltered to compensate for mass evacuations from platforms & rigs.

Sir, this contagion is forced upon the contractor workers at platforms and chartered rig crews which are totally unfair. This could have been averted if full responsibility & timely corrective actions would have been taken by ONGC as the principal Employer.

In view of above, we hereby request that Director Offshore the custodian of offshore operations should personally reach Mumbai and take a review of the situation and spearhead the corrective action plan for restoration of normal operations at Offshore & also look into the lapses that prompted the outburst of virus at Offshore locations.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(S.H. Nanaware)
General Secretary
12/08/20

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