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To,

The Hon. Minister of State (I/C),
Petroleum & Natural Gas,
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201-A, Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi 110001.

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Subject: Blatant theft of equipment, cables and safety gears in offshore area, uncontrolled intensity needs your interference for increased security.

Respected Sir,

ONGC operates a very large number of offshore production installations in the Western Offshore basin of India. These offshore production installations are very crucial to the economic well being of the nation apart from ensuring its uninterrupted march towards energy independence.

The nation has benefitted immensely from these installations which produce oil and gas which is transported to land for processing . The offshore installations extend over a vast geographical area and constitute one of the largest spread out oil fields of the world. These installations constitute mainly process platforms, unmanned platforms and rigs. The main process platform process the well head produce and dispatch the same to land based installations at Uran and Hazira.

These vital economic installations are located at a distance that varies from 20 nautical miles to 90 nautical miles off the Maharashtra-Gujarat Coast. ONGC employees working at offshore platforms visit unmanned oil installations for undertaking maintenance of various electrical, electronic and communication equipment. These unmanned installations have equipment installed on them to facilitate their remote and uninterrupted operation as well to ensure their safety.

In the last few years these unmanned installations are repeatedly being intruded upon by pilferers who cut and abscond with life saving and firefighting equipment, power and communication cables. Till date about fifty plus specific theft cases have been lodged by ONGC, as these installations upon theft of critical components become vulnerable in aspects of safety which endangers the life and limb of personnel visiting these unmanned installations. Due to pilferage of key components these installations of economic vitality fail to perform to their designed capacity and cannot stay communicated with key supervisory installations resulting in slippages in the country's oil and gas production.

The current Offshore Defense Advisory Group (ODAG) which is responsible for the security of these installations has been able to do little despite deployment of a flotilla of ships to stop these thefts as evidenced from large number of pilferage cases that have been reported. The security cover being provided to these installations is still miniscule in size given the number of incidents of thefts being reported.

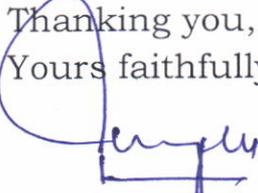
The loss of communications between unmanned and manned platforms leads to operational difficulties resulting in lesser productivity and oil output and higher cost of operations.

The Union Government must consider raising the levels of security and undertake necessary steps to enhance the levels of security being provided to these installations, so that the nations' key economic installations remain well guarded in the years ahead.

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A list of theft is enclosed for your perusal and necessary action, at the same time we confirm that **this is only tip of the iceberg.**

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,


(Pradeep Mayekar)
General Secretary

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