



# OIL & NATURAL GAS COMMISSION (W.O.U.) KARMACHARI SANGHATANA

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**To,**  
The C &MD,  
ONGC,  
Jeevan Bharati – II,  
Indira Gandhi Chowk,  
New Delhi,

*o/c*

The Director (Offshore),

The Director (T&FS),

The Director (HR),

The Director (Finance),

**Subject: Mockery of safety at its peak, having paper-thin value of Human Recourses, Gadgets and Equipment's.**

Respected Sir,

We are in receipt of complaint letter from crewmembers of Rig Sagar Bhushan regarding the deteriorating condition of equipments on ship and the complete Rig itself. After going through the detailed content of the letter, a question lingers in our mind, “ does management really wants to continue with the said Rig or any workout is being done to replace the same with a new one, equipped with latest technology”.

In one of our meetings it was brought to our notice in reference to the input the Rig is not giving performance, “it was very offensive and humiliating”, Its not a ghost Rig that it operates by itself, we the crewmembers operate it and what exactly is input for performance, after going through the details we feel it needs immediate Dry docking.

If the management is of any idea of purchasing a new Rig, which will be more equipped technically to encounter the uncertain cyclonic weather conditions of East coast also the nature of drilling activity, than once again this Rig needs to be anchored immediately to the shore, if we do not want a repeat of MHN and loss of human resources, our best asset as claimed at managements end.

Anchor system, SCR system, accommodation, Power Generation, Water Maker, Master control & Electrical system everything has been detailed in the complaint letter.

All these equipment's are not working properly due to ageing and lack of spares. Some of the systems, equipment's are obsolete which needs replacement by new advance system or and equipments.

Water maker on the ship is out of order since 2008. At present bisleri cans are supplied by caterer and pot water is taken from supply boats which sharply increase operational cost to ONGC. Installation of new water maker is the only remedy, this relates to health and hygiene of crew.

**Proper dry-docking has not been done for along time hence whole body of the ship has corroded, severity may please be gauged, and necessary course of action needs to be expedited. The aging equipments and systems has created salting problems on the rig, which is very serious and may lead to fatal accidents on the Rig.**

There is complaint of crewmembers supplied by Shipping Corporation of India, which is not up-to the mark rather highly pedestrian in experience. Manpower supply contract is awarded to SCI, without assigning any responsibility neither any accountability has been fixed with SCI, hence proper maintenance of marine equipment's are not done.

Shipping Corporation of India should be given proper instructions, we have chosen them being master in the field. They must provide us experience and skilled manpower for maintaining our rig.

