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To, The Director (Offshore) ONGC, NBP Green Heights, BKC, Bandra (East),

Subject: Non supply of potable/ Drinking water to Nhava Supply Base, a matter of serious concern.

Respected Sir,

Mumbai- 400 051.

This has reference to non-supply of potable / Drinking water to Nhava Supply Base. During our union visit on 23.06.2022 we have received serious complaints from the non-executives as well from executives is a matter of serious concern. There is no drinking water supply to Nhava Supply Base from last 7 to 8 years, though there is Drinking Water pipe line laid by the CIDCO. The requirement of water supply is around 1200 to 1500 tons per day whereas only 100 tons water supply is received at NSB every day through CIDCO pipe line. The parallel arrangement for supply of water is made by the agency which supplies the water by barge to offshore.

This problem is faced by all the employees from last 7 to 8 years including contract labour and visitors. It is very unfortunate to note that there is no supply of water to toilets and urinals. Your esteemed authority can guess the worst possible situation prevailing of urinals and toilets when there is no water supply. Moreover, lady employees of ONGC as well as from contract labour are deployed/posted at NSB. We cannot imagine how embarrassing situation is faced by these ladies.

ONGC was paying Rs. 50.00 to 55.00 lakhs every month to CIDCO every year for supply of water which has been reduced to Rs. 5.00 lakhs (Rupees five lakhs) every month. It means every years almost Rs. 6.00 crores are being paid to CIDCO continuously from last so many years. This certainly raises eyebrows questioning integrity of our concerned authorities too. Most surprising and painful to note that there is no effective parallel arrangement for drinking water and supply of water to urinals and toilets.

The condition of urinals and toilets are horrible. Since inception of Nhava Supply Base i.e. almost four decades these urinals and toilets are not renovated neither reconstructed, so also the drainage system and without adequate water supply they all are chocked. Presently these toilets and urinals are not in usable condition.

How the importance of Nhava Supply Base is not gauged by the authorities surprises us, entire offshore operation, like all our supply of chemicals, drill pipes, engineering materials, Supply of food containers and many more is sent to offshore installation from NSB, which runs in three shifts, we remain busy in decorating our corporate offices utilizing hundreds of crores of rupees making Green buildings, whereas NSB like a step child remains neglected, unfortunately this reflects our true concern for environment, ecology, hygiene and above all Human Recourses.

Even though situated in a remote locality, during the pandemic of COVID -19 the supply of all above mentioned material was sent to offshore though there was constraint of transport facility and manpower. The work of NSB was highly appreciated by the then **CMD Shri. Shashi Shankar** when Video conference was arranged to boost up the moral of our employees working in the field.

It is pertinent to mention here that on trial basis a potable water making system of Air to Water was installed at Nhava Supply Base for one month. The capacity of that plant was around **100 liters per day**. Unfortunately no further action was initiated to install the plants at different locations. Almost more than three year are completed but situation at NSB for drinking water has not been changed, really very painful and beyond imagination.

A dedicated plan for supply of drinking water to NSB must be prepared on top priority as employees at NSB have suffered lot. Now the situation at NSB is beyond control which may erupt any time by stopping of work at NSB which will not be in the interest of organization nor our dedicated employees.

Your esteemed authority is requested to arrange a meeting with the concerned authorities to resolve the issue at the earliest. Hoping to take urgent action in the matter as it is already far too delayed.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

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(Pradeep Mayekar) General Secretary

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