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To, The GGM-Head HRO ONGC WOU, NBP Green Heights,BKC, Bandra (E) Mumbai-400051

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Subject: Serious complaint regarding short supply of cooking material, inferior quality of food and non-maintenance of Hygiene, Cleanliness in kitchen and dining area etc. in NSB

Respected sir

We are in a receipt of serious complaint from employees working at **Nhava supply Base** regarding short supply of Cooking Material, Inferior Quality of Food served and Non-Maintenance of Hygiene, Cleanliness in the Kitchen, and Dining area.

At the outset we were apprehensive about the pattern of catering contract adopted because of the geographical constitution, managing such a large area was never very conducive by a single contractor, and within six months we are having our fears surfacing.

Catering contract is being awarded to M/s. KHFM Caterers for six installations;

- 1) Vasudhara bhavan, 2) NBP Green Heights, 3) 11 High, 4) Nhava Supply Base,
- 5) Transit accommodation, 'A' type ONGC Colony, Poonam Nagar and 6) Helibase canteen, from September 2023. Within six months we have started receiving serious complaints on all fronts like short supply of material, substandard quality of food, not managing hygiene and many other statutory factors. Please find attached the complaint of employees working at NSB which is

self-explanatory. They have raised total 9 points which includes,

- Non maintenance of Quality and Quantity of food.
- Non supply of Standard Grocery and other Food Material as per the catering contract.
- Non implementation of Daily Menu.
- Old **Crockery and Damaged Utensils** are not replaced by the contractor even after a lapse of (6) months. As per the contract, contractor must replace old equipment and crockeries.
- Non maintenance of Hygiene and Cleanliness in the Kitchen and Dining area.

- No **Breakfast**, **Lunch and Dinner** is provided on **Saturday**, **Sunday and on Closed Holidays**, horrifying fact which is gross violation of contract. It is pertinent to mention here that NSB is operated round the clock 24*7 throughout the year.
- The said contractor has served expiry date, Juice Packets in the Superannuation Function which is matter of serious concern. It seems that contractor is playing with the life of our employees. It should be seriously noted that we will compel to lodge complaint against contractor in the Local Police Station as well as to Food and Drugs Department in Mumbai.
- No salary of canteen employees is paid on or before 7th of the month. Only
 rupees 10000/-(Rupees Ten thousand only) has been credited in their
 accounts against the salary, which is blatant violation of labour laws.
- It has been reported that no Lunch was prepared due to non-availability of cooking gas. Supply of cooking gas is the responsibility of the present catering contractor.
- These are blatant flouting of labour of labour laws and BEC.

Needless to mention here that as NSB is operated in three shifts round the clock. Employees are leaving their residence early in the morning at **5:00 a.m**. to reach NSB to attend the first shift. Similarly in the first shift they reach home at around **4:00 p.m**. in the evening. Night shift employees reaches at **12:00 pm** in the night which compels them to take dinner at NSB canteen.

We had decided to award the catering contract of Mumbai Region by clubbing all six installations so that reputed contractor will participate in the procedure of awarding catering contract. But we are very sorry to say that our purpose is defeated, mainly because concerned authorities at all work centres are not giving proper attention for quality and supply of food, reasons best known to them. Same problem exists in NBP Green Heights also. Very soon we are issuing letter for unsatisfactory performance of canteen of NBP Green Heights run by the caterer "M/S KHFM Caterer".

Your esteemed authority is requested to kindly look into the matter as the complaints are serious in nature and related to hygiene of our employees too. Our employees are seeking proper hygiene and quality food, when we are spending huge amount on catering. A proper notice for improvement as well as procurement of new **Equipment and Crockery** should be issued to contractor "M/S KHFM caterer" at the earliest.

Simultaneously penalty should be imposed on contractor for Non-payment of canteen employee's salary, Non-replacement of Equipment, Crockery, and unhygienic condition of area of canteen and dining.

Hope your authority will not compel us to resort for direct action as there is unrest among the employees including **Executives and Non-Executives**. When he fails to maintain NBP Green Heights in Mumbai under our nose how do we expect him to maintain NSB a remote area. We may have to reconsider this, i.e. "Awarding of six installations to single contractor".

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

(Pradeep Mayekar) General Secretary

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To, Incharge HR/ER, Nhava Supply Base, Nhava

Subject: Important issues & complaints against cafeteria contractor M/s KHFM at NSB

Respected Sir,

We hope this letter finds you in high spirits. We are undersigned, writing this letter to bring an important issues & complaints to your kind attention against cafeteria **contractor M/s KHFM** employees / workers facing at NSB from last two to three months. We believe it is essential for everyone to address the below mentioned very serious issues of food & service in the cafeteria. Because it can have a severe impact on the health and well-being of the employees (ONGC Employees 150 + & Contractual workers 600 +) Working round the clock duty by 24 x 7 days at Nhava Supply Base.

Point are as follows

1. Not Maintaining Quality & Quantity food

The food supplies by contractor are below sub-standard quality at par, and even the quantity that he served was not accurate to the mentioned standard as per contract. Due to the poor quality of food, we are putting our employees & workers health on the high risk.

2. Not Providing Standard Grocery & food Material

It was observed that Contractor providing sub-standard Grocery & food Items mainly Rice, oil, masalas, Milk, vegetable's, fish, chicken etc. instead of various good and healthy brands mentioned in contract copy. It's very shocking to here that contractor providing only day to day Grocery and Food Items with minimal quantity to cooking staff for preparation of food for more than 500 employees and workers taking their breakfast, lunch and dinner while working in Nhava premises.

Date In 16/02/2024

3. Non Implementation of day to day Menu

It is observe that weekly Menu decided by canteen committee is not followed by contractor. Besides that contractor is not providing fruits, cold drink, juices, ice-creams, biscuits, as per mentioned in to the contract copy. Even there is day to day menu not displayed on notice board of cafeteria which misleads about menu information while working in NSB to employees and workers.

4. Using Older & Damaged Utensils & Crockery

Contractor using older & Damaged Utensils & Crockery for cooking & serving such as Kadhai's, Pans, Tea Thermos, serving Plates, Glasses, bowls etc. instead of providing new ones as per contract agreement. We noticed that mostly his serving sambhar, rasams, in glass cup of teas in office pantry areas. Many of our employee's complaints several times in complaint register and also canteen committee about this unacceptable behaviour.

- 5. Non Maintaining Hygiene and cleanliness at kitchen & Dining Area
 - The Contractor is not following standard procedures for preparing and serving the food. The unsanitary condition of the kitchen is daunting. Contractor not cleaning kitchen & Dining Area day to day also follows nonhygenic practices due to this atmosphere of canteen is not pleasant.
- 6. Non Provision of Breakfast, lunch & Dinner on Saturday & Sunday / Holiday, It is observed that Contractor is not providing proper Breakfast, lunch & Dinner as per weekly menu on Saturday & Sunday / Holiday even though round the clock operations is going on 24 x 7 days at many sections of Nhava.
- 7. Contractor Provided Expired Juice packets In Superannuation Function
 It's very shocking to mention in this letter that, in Superannuation function of one of our senior Executive held on 31 Jan 2024 in presence of our higher dignitaries contractor served Expired juice packets to employees and family members of our superannuated executive gathered at conference hall. It's very lucky day to us that there is no any gastrointestinal issue or food poisoning to any employees or family members which may be occurs very serious problem.
- 8. Non Credit of Monthly Salary for Canteen Staff

As per information received from canteen staff, Contractor has credited only Rs. 10000 as an advance payment in their accounts instead of full month salary has to be credited before 7th of every month as per guideline given by ONGC management. And which is against the Industrial labour law. We also comes to know that contractor not providing proper kits, clothes, to the canteen staff causing them suffering from serious health issues.

9. Non Preparation of Lunch and Unavailability of drinking water.

It's seen that from last few days due to non-supply of cooking Gas from contractor, lunch is not prepare for employees & contractual workers. Mostly of our employees & workers are coming from outside Nhava from long distance and they are not carrying tiffin boxes, as they are living there home in the early morning. Also many times it seen that employees and workers are even not getting drinking water in canteen.

With this letter we brought to your notice that the contractor is playing with employees and workers health with cool minded. Even after many complaints registered in complaint book he is not paying any attentions towards this issue. We hereby humbly request you to take immediate strict action against contractor, otherwise smooth work culture may affects at Nhava supply base.

We look forward to initiate quick and strict actions against contractor as earliest from your side.

Regards,

Nilesh Korlekar Secretary,

ONGC (W.O.U.) Karmachari Sangathana.

Pradip Patil
Joint Secretary,

ONGC (W.O.U.) Karmachari Sangathana.

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- 6. General Secretary, ONGC (W.O.U.) Karmachari Sangathana.

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