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DATE : 16/07/2026

To,
The ED – MH Asset,
ONGC-WOU,
Vasudhara Bhavan,
Bandra (E),
Mumbai- 400 051

Sub.: Urgent intervention regarding 1,135 kg of expired/damaged food stock, reported crew illness & serious catering lapses at SH Platform.

Respected Sir,

We are in receipt of a serious complaint dated 12 July 2026 from employees posted at the SH Platform, MH Asset, reporting a grave health & safety situation arising from the storage & possible use of expired, pest-infested, damaged & poor-quality food materials by the catering establishment. The complaint is supported by an item-wise inventory & photographs stated to have been verified by the concerned Camp Bosses.

Photographs of the expired/damaged food stock conditions are attached for your perusal & necessary action.

According to the employees' inspection, **approximately 1,135 Kg of food provisions were found unfit for consumption.** The stock reportedly included large quantities of Wheat Flour, Maida, Pulses, Gram Flour, Spices, Tea, Papad & other **packaged items that had expired**, carried no expiry particulars, were **pest-infested**, or had **packaging damaged by rats**. The employees have further reported that about **100 kg of Fortune Atta, which had expired on 25th April 2026**, was disposed of into the sea by the SHQ Camp Boss before the inspection. This allegation requires immediate & independent verification, as it raises both food-safety & environmental concerns.

The complaint also records that several personnel experienced vomiting, nausea, loose motions, stomach cramps, dehydration & physical weakness during the preceding weeks. On an offshore installation, where personnel must remain medically fit & alert during safety-critical operations, any food-borne illness can endanger not only the affected employees but also the operational integrity of the platform. The union therefore considers this matter a serious failure of contractor supervision, hygiene control, stock rotation & management oversight.

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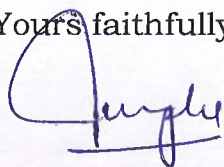
We request ONGC Management to initiate the following action without delay:

1. Immediately seal & remove all expired, damaged, pest-infested & unlabelled food stock from the SH Platform, & ensure its lawful disposal under joint supervision with a written disposal record.
2. Constitute a time-bound inquiry by officers independent of the local catering chain to verify procurement records, expiry-date monitoring, storage conditions, alleged sea disposal, & the responsibility of the contractor, Camp Bosses & supervising officials.
3. Conduct a comprehensive inspection of food stores, kitchens, cold-storage facilities, water quality & hygiene arrangements on all offshore installations serviced by the same contractor.
4. Suspend the use of the affected stock and, where prima facie negligence is established, take contractual & disciplinary action, including recovery of losses & penalties permissible under the contract.
5. Introduce mandatory monthly joint inspections with employee/union representation, batch-wise stock registers, first-expiry-first-out controls, photographic records & surprise audits by ONGC's medical, HSE & administration teams.

We expect management to treat this representation as an urgent occupational health & platform-safety matter. Pending completion of the inquiry, adequate fresh provisions should be supplied immediately & no employee should be subjected to victimization for reporting the incident. A copy of the employees' complaint & inventory may be treated as supporting material for immediate action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(Pradeep Mayekar)
General Secretary

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3. Area Manager - SHP, MH Asset, ONGC-WOU, V.Bhavan, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 51
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To,
OIM- SH Complex,
MH-Asset, Mumbai

Date:12.07.26

Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding 1,100+ kg of Expired Food and Resulting Crew Illnesses

Dear Sir,

We are the employees posted on this SH platform like to raise an alarm regarding a severe health crisis. A recent inspection of our food store revealed over 1,100 kilograms of expired food items still being kept for catering use.

Over the past few weeks, the consequences of this neglect have become painfully clear. Many crew members have suffered from acute health issues, including:

- Severe **vomiting** and nausea
- Frequent episodes of **loose motions** and stomach cramps
- Dehydration and **physical weakness**, impacting our ability to work safely

Working offshore is inherently high-risk, and we rely entirely on the catering service to provide safe, consumable food. Serving expired goods is a direct violation of basic health hazards regulations. It endangers the lives of everyone on board and may compromise platform safety by causing sudden crew illness during critical operations.

We have compiled a detailed list and taken photographs of the 1,100+ kg of expired inventory. We demand immediate intervention to protect our health. We expect the following actions:

- **Immediate Disposal:** Complete removal of all expired stock.
- **Contractor Accountability:** Strict action against the catering team responsible for this life-threatening oversight.

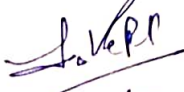
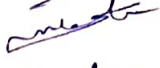
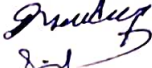
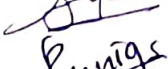
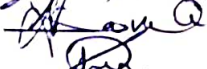
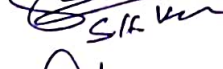
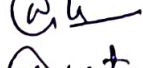
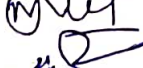
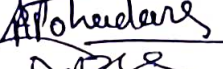
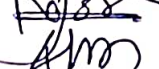
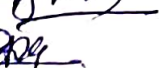
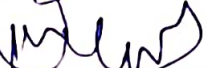
Kindly do the needful.

Sincerely,

SHPIans

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SrNo	Item	make	quantity	Total	Expiry date
1	Atta	Ashirvad	14 x 25 kg	350 KG	Expiry Between 2/6/26 to 20/6/26
2	Atta	Fortune	16x 30 kg	480 KG	Expiry Between 4/6/26 to 18/6/26
3	Maida	Fortune	2 x 50 kg	100KG	7/6/26
4	Moongdal	Power	30 kg	30 KG	Bad quality Expiry not mentioned
5	Besan	Samrat	10kg	10 Kg	20/6/26
6	Urad dal	Dher	7x 5 kg	35 Kg	8/6/26
7	Daniya	Sun Falcon	2 x 5 kg	10 Kg	7/6/26
8	Moong Dal	Un branded	5 Kg	5 Kg	Bad quality Expiry not mentioned
9	Chawli chana	Un branded	5kg	5 Kg	Pest Infested
10	Khaman flour	Talod	3x 500g	1.5 Kg	Rat bite packing
11	Lichi	Real fruit	9x 1 Litre	9 Litres	9/7/26
12	Soya chunks	Nutrela	2x 1 Kg	2 Kg	16/1/26
13	Bombay puri	Garden	18 x 100g	1.8 Kg	20/6/26
14	Coriander powder	Suhana	500g	500g	Rat bite packing
15	Kokam	Kala sona	1 kg	1 Kg	7/3/26
16	Assam tea	Typhoo	100 bags		Feb 2026
17	Black pepper masala	Starzing	500g	500g	17/4/26
18	Dhaniya Dal	Purohit food pr	5x 5 kg	25 Kg	18/4/26
19	Pappad	Ganesh papad	1kg	1 Kg	30/3/26
20	Pappad	Lijjat papad	11 x 1 kg	11 Kg	3/5/26
21	Mouth freshner	Mahek Sarshan	200g	220g	Rat bite packing
22	Tea powder	Red label	1 kg	1 Kg	6/7/26
23	Dry chilli	Purohit	1 kg	1 Kg	6/7/26
24	Pani puri	Roshni	2x 1kg	2 Kg	9/8/25
25	Tea bag	Tetley	100bags		17/1/26
26	Pani puri	Fry king	1 kg	1 Kg	1/5/26
27	Kokam	Purohit	4 x 1 kg	4 Kg	18/5/26
28	Pani puri	Sajed Gol mol	1kg	1 Kg	18/5/26
29	Pani puri	Sachchade	1 kg	1 Kg	29/5/26
30	Dal	Un branded	30 kg	30 kg	Bad quality Expiry not mentioned
31	Channa	Un branded	15 Kg	15 Kg	Bad quality Expiry not mentioned

A total of **1,135 kg of expired and damaged food items** was identified during the inspection. In addition, approximately **100 kg of Fortune brand atta (wheat flour)**, which had expired on **25.04.2026**, was reportedly disposed of into the sea by the **SHQ CampBoss** prior to the inspection. All of the above mentioned items were also verified by both Camp Boss.

