



# OIL & NATURAL GAS CORPORATION (WOU) KARMACHARI SANGHTANA

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To,

**The CMD,**  
ONGC,  
Pt. Dindayal Upadhyay Urja Bhavan,  
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**The Director (Offshore),**

**The Director (T&FS),**

**The Director (Finance),**

**The Director (HR),**

**Sub: Nonpayment of "M/s. Comprehensive Support Services Pvt. Ltd." offshore catering contractor for five months.**

Respected Sir,

It has been brought to our notice that the payment towards catering rendered for rigs **S/Ratna, S/Uday, S/ Shakti** by the above caterer is pending for five months, by the end of this month it will be six months. The rate in the present contract per day per person is Rs. 811/- (Rupees Eight Hundred Eleven Only). Your authority can gauge the seriousness as on any day there are more than ninety persons onboard. The back-log amount is mounting to more than two crores

The decision of splitting the procedure of initiating the contracts and settling the dues was highly impractical with no vision of consequences, today we understand the issue/differences is about who will make the payment to the contractor, this is how the officers concerned value their responsibilities there is nothing called accountability, most unfortunate part is when we are already rolling into the sixth month, settling things is yet to be decided.

It may sound offensive, but we cannot stop ourselves from bringing to the notice of such officers that OIL & GAS is our bread and butter and WOU accounts to more than 65% of ONGCs production and all this mainly comes from offshore , we take one more step ahead asking these officers how many of them have encountered accidents while on duty sacrificing their lives, yet after witnessing such accidents offshore going personal have not stopped going to offshore, seeking transfers, questioning am I singularly responsible to risk my life. Seating in the ivory tower we are so casual with our attitude with this people.

It's heart breaking to learn just two days back committee was constituted consisting three directors to take a decision. **When the awarding of the said contract has no anomalies in its procedure and policies are in place that an advance can be given reference to the pending dues, why such a step cannot be taken without delay, so as to maintain a continuity of the services.**

Every concerned authority in base has given no thought of catering position on the Rig which is deteriorating day by day. As per catering contract provision, one food box has to be sent in a week on the Rig. At present only half of the food box is sent on the Rig which is creating shortage of green vegetables, fruits, dry provision, non-veg items on all three Rigs.

It is surprising to note that green vegetables, even chilies, coriander, lemon, curry leaves are sent by helicopter to all three rigs. Cost of these green vegetables including chilies, coriander, lemon etc. is negligible in the market but by sending these items by helicopters it costs Rs. 200 to Rs.300 per Kg as helicopter freight charges are Rs. 200 per kg. Compromising crew members to accommodate green vegetable in the chopper. All these avoidable expenditures incurred and blatant irregularities goes unquestioned.

Sir, as the crew members on the Rig is not getting proper catering service, worst will have to work with half stomach, uncertainty looming large concerning the payments, not only widely spoken, **it is known fact that the caterer has served the notice of discontinuing his food supply on all the three rigs from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**, we are left with no option but to go on "**Hunger Strike**" within seven days of issuance of this letter.