



# OIL & NATURAL GAS COMMISSION (B.O.P.) KARMACHARI SANGHATANA

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To:-  
Gr.General Manager,  
Head Drilling Services,  
ONGC, MR, 11-High,  
Mumbai

Sir,

Sub: Safety lapses of choppers.

We have received a complaint from Shri V.D.Medekar, Asst. F/M(Welding), regarding the serious incident of Chopper VT-PHL, which created havoc amongst the travellers on 13.5.06. Shri Medekar is working on rig S/Gaurav. This chopper took off from S/Gaurav and came to unmanned platform and then came at BLQ1 platform. From BLQ the chopper started at 3.45 p.m and arrived at 4.20 pm at Helibase. During this whole journey the chopper was flying up-down, taking left and right turns, and was flying in zig-zag condition. This created the panic amongst all the travellers. Normally flying-time between BLQ and Helibase is 22 minutes, whereas this chopper took 35 minutes.

As you are well aware that we have lost 29 precious lives in chopper crash on 11.8.2003. After this incident we had been assured that now onwards all safety measures will be taken to see the safety of the employees. But the above incident once again indicates the lapses of the Management towards the safety of employees.

You are therefore requested to examine into the lapses on the above incident and be assured that henceforth all the safety measures are carried out without fail.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Pradeep Mayekar)  
General Secretary

Encl: As above

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