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ON PATH TO VICTORY – STILL MILES TO GO.....

"Stop not till the goal is achieved"

Dear Friends,

We take this opportunity to thank the employees of ONGC and also other organizations for the solidarity shown in the Direct Action Programme of the Oil Sector in our struggle for a just and dignified pay revision.

After withdrawal of strike, 64 office bearers of ASTO were issued the order of "Removal from Service". In the Board of Directors meeting which was held on 28th January, 2008 a decision was taken to reinstate 62 office bearers out of 64. However, six have been placed under suspension and decision on Mr. Amit Kumar, President ASTO-CWC and Mr. Rajan Pillai, General Secretary, ASTO-CWC was deferred. We convey our sincere thanks to ONGC Board specially our CMD who has shown his magnanimity in reinstating 62 office bearers of ASTO. We further appeal to CMD and the Board of Directors for revoking the suspension of 6 office bearers as well as reinstating Shri Amit Kumar and Shri Rajan Pillai at the earliest.

Three IOC personnels were also terminated and 10 were placed under suspension, also 6 personnels of GAIL are also under suspension. Similarly, office bearers in EIL, BPCL, Balmer Lawrie also have been placed under suspension. Each and every person has witnessed the biased and partial role of Print and Electronic Media during the strike period. It is deplorable and can never be appreciated.

Friends, despite all this, your Association continues to focus on the agenda of Pay Revision. The Group of Ministers had called us for making presentations on 30.01.2009. Shri K. Vasudevan in his capacity as Convenor-OSOA Pay Revision Committee made the presentation which is available on www.astodelhi.com. The presentation on behalf of Oil Sector Management was made by Director (HR) and was in sync with our demands. The GoM's report is expected to come out shortly. We are sure that our efforts will not go waste.

Friends, as a united body we have to take up the issue of reinstatement of our leaders at the earliest. Today this is a major target for all of us. We request all of you not to believe in any SMS or any rumour which may be floated by some people who may have some other personal agenda.

It is our moral responsibility to rededicate ourselves and rebuild the image of our great organization. We have to continue our efforts for improving the overall performance of the Organisation and the welfare of all the employees of this great organization.

Friends, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared "If you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk, If you can't walk, crawl; but by all means keep moving." As long as we live and persevere and never give up. There is hope. As long as we work hard and keep moving forward, a path will open for us.

"Long Live ASTO Unity"

(P.K. Sharma)
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