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**NEWSLETTER NO. 36**

**STOP NOT TILL THE GOAL IS ACHIEVED**

Dear Friends,

Subsequent to our meeting with the Ministers of PNG on 14.09.2011, where a detailed discussion had taken place on the issue of Perks and allowances, ASTO met Director (HR) on 17.09.2011 at Nazira. We apprised him of the outcome of the meeting and we also requested that the letter from all the CMD's of Oil PSUs be sent at the earliest to the MOPNG. We further took following issues for early resolution of the same:

1. The judgement of Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, related to NE policy, was discussed and we requested him to implement the provisions related to QTF vide order no. 21.08.2008 in this regard as directed in the order. He has assured to look into the same.
2. The interim order dated 12.09.2011 of bench headed by Chief Justice of Hon'ble Supreme Court related to perks on housing facilities was also discussed and a copy of the same was handed over to him. Vide this order stay has been granted to us on the deduction of tax on housing perquisites till the final outcome of our petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Director (HR) agreed to look into the case and implement the same.
3. The issue regarding payment of underground mining allowance to officers posted in **CWS-Sibsagar, logging, cementing, drilling, work over, Surface/SST – Maintenance, Area Managers, FEG etc. at other Assets as well** and other officers doing field duty was also discussed and the provisions of the existing order in which they can be covered were also discussed in detail. We brought out that despite the existing provisions, numbers of officers are being denied the same, though they are regularly doing field related work only and are going to field also. We also pointed out that Oil India Limited is making the payment of underground mining allowance to everyone. Director (HR) and ED-Chief-ER were very positive on this issue and assured that necessary action in this regard shall be taken.

Friends, on 17.09.2011 telephonic conversation with MOPNG evinced that things are moving in the positive direction and Minister of State for PNG has already issued a note for keeping the DPE guidelines on perks and allowances on hold. We are hopeful that instructions to this effect may be issued shortly to all the OIL PSUs. Words of caution to all- kindly do not believe in lot of SMS's and false propoganda that may be going on. Only believe in authentic information coming out from ASTO-CWC and keep visiting our ASTO website – [www.astodelhi.com](http://www.astodelhi.com)

With best wishes,

**LONG LIVE ASTO**

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