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## NOTIFICATION

No.H.12017/4/93-LJD : the 19th August, 1993. The following Ordinance is hereby published for general information.

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MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS

(Legislative Department)

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THE OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION (TRANSFER OF UNDERTAKING AND REPEAL) ORDINANCE, 1993  
No. 28 OF 1993

Promulgated by the President in the Forty-fourth Year of the Republic of India.

An Ordinance to provide for the transfer and vesting of the undertaking of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission to and in the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto and also to repeal the Oil and Natural Gas Commission Act, 1959.

WHEREAS Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of

article 123 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance :—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Ordinance, 1993. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires,— Definitions.

(a) “appointed day” means such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint under section 3;

(b) “Corporation” means the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956: 1 of 1956

(c) “Commission” means the Oil and Natural Gas Commission established under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission Act, 1959. 43 of 1959

Undertaking of Commission to vest in Corporation.

3. On such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette appoint, the undertaking of the Commission shall stand transferred to, and vest in, the Corporation.

4. (1) On and from the appointed day, the entire capital of the Commission shall, by virtue of this Ordinance, stand vested in the Corporation.

General effect of vesting undertaking in Corporation.

(2) The undertaking of the Commission which is transferred to, and which vests in the Corporation under section 3 shall be deemed to include all assets, right, powers, authorities and privileges and all properties, movable and immovable, real and personal, corporeal or incorporeal, in possession or reservation, present or contingent of whatever nature and wheresoever situate including lands, buildings, works, workshops, vehicles, oil rigs, oil platforms cash balances, deposits, foreign currencies, reserves, reserve funds of any other investments, securities, tenancies, leases and book debts and all other right and interest arising out of such properties as were immediately before the appointed day in the ownership possession or power of the Commission in relation to its



undertaking, whether within or outside India, all books of account and registers, records and documents relating thereto and shall also be deemed to include all liabilities and obligations of whatever kind, within or outside India of the Commission in relation to its undertaking subsisting immediately before the appointed day.

(3) All contracts, deeds, bond, guarantees, powers of attorney, other instruments and working arrangements subsisting immediately before the appointed day and affecting the Commission shall cease to have effect or to be enforceable against the Commission and shall be of as full force and effect against or in favour of the Corporation and enforceable as fully and effectually as if, instead of the Commission, the Corporation had been named therein or had been a party thereto.

(4) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the appointed day by or against the Commission, in relation to its undertaking may, as from the appointed day, be continued and enforced by or against the Corporation as it might have been enforced by or against the Commission, if this Ordinance had not been promulgated, and shall cease to be enforceable by or against the Commission.

Licences,  
etc., to be  
deemed to  
have been  
granted to  
Corpora-  
tion.

5. With effect from the appointed day, all licences, leases, concessions, permits, quotas, benefits, privileges and exemptions granted to the Commission in connection with the affairs of the Commission under any law for the time being in force, shall be deemed to have been granted to the Corporation.

43 of 1961.

6. (1) Where any exemption from or any assessment with respect to any tax has been granted or made or any benefit by way of set off or carry forward of any unabsorbed depreciation or investment allowance or other allowance or loss has been extended or is available to the Commission under the Income-tax Act, 1961, such exemption, assessment or benefit shall continue to have effect in relation to the Corporation.

Tax  
exemption  
or benefit  
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to have  
effect.

43 of 1961.

(2) Where any payment made by the Commission is exempt from deduction of the tax at source under any provision of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the exemption from tax will continue to be available as if the provisions of the said Act made applicable to the Commission were operative in relation to the Corporation.

43 of 1961. (3) The transfer and vesting of the undertaking or any part thereof in terms of section 3 shall not be construed as a transfer within the meaning of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for the purpose of capital gains.

7. Any guarantee given for or in favour of the Commission with respect of any loan or lease finance or other assistance shall continue to be operative in relation to the Corporation. Gurantee to be operative.

8. (1) Every officer or other employee of the Commission (except a member or the chairman) serving in its employment immediately before the appointed day shall, in so far as such officer or other employee is employed in connection with the undertaking which has vested in the Corporation by virtue of this Ordinance, become, as from the appointed day, an officer or, as the case may be, other employee of the Corporation and shall hold his office or service therein by the same tenure, at the same remuneration, upon the same terms and conditions, with the same obligations and with the same rights and privileges as to leave, passage insurance, superannuation scheme, provident fund, other funds, retirement, pension, gratuity and other benefits as he would have held under the Commission if its undertaking had not vested in the Corporation and shall continue to do so as an officer or other employee of the Corporation or until the expiry of a period of one year from the appointed day if such officer or other employee opts not to be the officer or other employee of the Corporation within such period. Provisions in respect of officers and other employees of Commission.

(2) Where an officer or other employee of the Commission opts under sub-section (1) not to be in the employment or service of the Corporation such officer or other employee shall be deemed to have resigned.

14 of 1947. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 or in any other law for the time being in force, the transfer of the services of any officer or other employee of the Commission to the Corporation shall not entitle such officer or other employee to any compensation under this Ordinance or under any other law for the time being in force and no such claim shall be entertained by any court, tribunal or other authority.

(4) The officers and other employees who have retired before the appointed day from the service of the Commission and are entitled to any benefits, rights or



privileges from the Corporation.

(5) The trusts of the provident fund, gratuity fund or the superannuation scheme of the Commission and any other bodies created for the welfare of officers or other employees shall continue to discharge their functions in the Corporation as was being done hitherto in the Commission and any tax exemption granted to the provident fund, gratuity fund and superannuation scheme or any other bodies created for the welfare of officers or other employees would continue to be applied to the Corporation.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance or in the Companies Act, 1956 or in any other law for the time being in force or in the regulations of the Commission, no member or chairman of the Commission shall be entitled to any compensation against the Commission or the Corporation for the loss of office or for the premature termination of any contract of management entered into by him with the Commission. 1 of 1956.

Power  
of entry.

9. (1) For the purposes of ascertaining the availability of any oil or natural gas, the Central Government may, on the request being made by the Corporation, authorise any officer or employee of the Corporation by general or special order,—

(a) to enter and inspect any land;

(b) to survey and take measurements of any such land;

(c) to dig holes or perform any other functions for the purposes of measuring or prospecting for the availability of oil and natural gas; and

(d) to examine any document, book, register or record in the possession or power of any person having the control of or connected with any such land and place marks of identification thereon and take extracts from and make copies of any such document, book, register or record.

(2) Every person authorised by the Central Government under sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code. 45 of 1860.



(3) The Corporation shall be liable to pay compensation for any loss or damage caused to the land caused by its officers or employees in performing the functions under sub-section (1) in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made under this Ordinance to the occupier of the land.

(4) The Amount of compensation payable under sub-section (3) shall be determined by the competent authority appointed by the Central Government in the manner prescribed by rules made under this Ordinance.

Power  
to make  
rules.

10. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) Every rule made under this Ordinance shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each house of Parliament, while in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the rule.

23 of 1959

11 (1) On the appointed day, the Oil and Natural Gas Commission Act, 1959 shall stand repealed.

Repeal of  
act.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, the Corporation shall, so far as may be comply with the provisions of section 22 and 23 of the said Act so repealed for any of the purposes related to the annual, accounts of the Commission.

SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA,  
President.

K.L. MOHANPURIA,  
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