

Race Starts for ONGC Top Job



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Some 28 candidates will apply for the top job at ONGC. A search panel headed by the Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) Chairman, Mr N.K. Sinha, held interviews on June 5-6 to select the Chairman and Managing Director of the exploration giant. The interviews assume significance as the names of earlier candidates short-listed after interviews conducted by the PESB in August 2006 were returned by the PMO. Those in the race for the job include Mr R.S. Sharma, acting Chairman of ONGC; Mr A.K. Balyan, Director (HR); Mr A.K. Hazarika, Director (Onshore); Mr D.K. Pande, Director (Exploration); Mr U.N. Bose, Director (Technical Services); and Mr R.S. Butola, Managing Director, ONGC Videsh. Besides, Mr M.R. Hingnikar, Director (HR) of GAIL (India) Ltd; Mr M.N. Prasad, CEO, Prize Petroleum; and Mr Najeeb Jung, associated with Oxford Institute of Energy Studies, are in the reckoning. Mr Jung was formerly Joint Secretary (Exploration) in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and is also associated with the Observer Foundation. The search committee comprises the Petroleum Secretary, Mr M.S. Srinivasan, the former Finance Secretary, Mr Vijay Kelkar, the IIM-Ahmedabad Director, Mr Bakul Dholakia, and PESB memb

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