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OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING SUSPENSION OF GAS SUPPLY
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PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
CHAIRMAN**

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1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Standing Committee on Petroleum have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on a point of public importance regarding suspension of gas supply in Sindh, raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen during the sitting of the senate held on 14th December, 2018.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
3.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
4.	Senator Shamim Afridi	Member
5.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shahi	Member
6.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
7.	Senator Behramand Khan Tangi	Member
8.	Senator Qurat Ul Ain Marri	Member
9.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
10.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
11.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
12.	Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
13.	Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division)	Ex-officio Member

2. The Committee took up the issue in its meeting held on 24th December, 2018 which was attended by the following members:-

1.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Mover
4.	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Mover
5.	Senator Sassui Palijo	Mover

3. Accordingly the Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen apprised the Committee about the situation on ground. He highlighted the plight faced by the Domestic and the Industrial consumers in Sindh and stressed that the problem did not lie in the production but in the management. The Committee decided to look at the causes behind the Gas shortage in a systematic manner and then propose possible solutions.

4. MD, SSGC briefed the Committee about the reasons behind the shortfall of gas during the year 2018 in comparison with the previous year. The Committee was apprised that whereas there was a shortfall of 115 MMCFD this December compared to the December of 2017, the production was also curtailed at the Gambat Gasfield (PPI) and at Kunar Pasaki (OGDCL) by

about the present sectorial priority scheme being advertised by the ECC, which placed the Domestic and the Commercial consumers as the top most priority followed by the Power Sector and Zero rated General Industries at 2nd and the General Industry, Fertilizer and Captive Power at the 3rd priority. The Committee was further informed that the General Industrial Captive Power were advised to curtail their load by 50% to make up for the shortfall, however, since the sector did not cooperate, CNG load shedding was left as the last resort to accommodate the domestic consumers.

5. The Committee after detailed deliberations with the SSGC came to the conclusion that if the policy regarding the curtailment of the General industrial Captive Power were enforced and the routine cut off on Sundays in the zero-rated Industries was implemented, the shortfall could be easily met. The Committee therefore directed the MD, SSGC to come up with a possible solution and implement the same within four days so the issue of supply to the Domestic Consumer is resolved. Furthermore, the issue being faced by the zero-rated industries should be resolved within 6 days. The Committee directed the SSGP to submit before it a report regarding the resolution of both the issues within 7 days which will be taken up during the next meeting of the Committee.

6. **Recommendations:** The Committee directed SSGP to resolve the issue being faced by the domestic consumers in Sindh within 4 days and for the zero-rated industrial sector within a period of 6 days. The Committee directed the SSGP to submit before it a report regarding the resolution of both the issues within 7 days which will be taken up during the next meeting of the Committee.



(SADIA AMIR)
Acting Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the
26th December, 2018.