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**SENATE OF PAKISTAN  
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**

**Report No.03**



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POWER**

**ON**

**EFFECTS OF THAR COAL PROJECT ON LOCAL PEOPLE**

**PRESENTED BY:**

**SENATOR FIDA MUHAMMAD**  
**CHAIRMAN**

## **SENATE SECRETARIAT**

### **REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POWER ON POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR GIANCHAND REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF THAR COAL PROJECT ON LOCAL PEOPLE**

I, Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Gianchand in the House on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 regarding "effects of Thar Coal Project on local people".

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

1.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
5.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
6.	Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani	Member
7.	Senator Mushahidullah Khan	Member
8.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
9.	Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
10.	Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
12.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
13.	Senator Siraj ul Haq	Member

3. The Committee considered the subject matter in its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, at Parliament House, Islamabad. The following attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Chairman
2.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
3.	Senator Siraj Ul Haq	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
6.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
7.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
8.	Senator Gianchand	Mover

4. Mr. Abul Fazal Rizvi, CEO, Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company, briefed the Committee about the steps taken by the company to save the local people from the environmental effects of the project. He said that in order to determine the impact on environment components including water, wind, soil, noise, etc., detailed assessment was reviewed and approved by the concerned provincial environmental protection agencies. He further said that all rules, regulations and standards to safeguard environment were strictly adhered to. He added that NOCs from the Sindh Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) was obtained for the Thar coal based Engro Powergen Thar Coal Power Project. He apprised the Committee about the initiatives taken by the company on account of Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) that included:-

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- i) Provision of accommodation to displaced people of Thar.
  - ii) Establishment of mother child clinics and 250-Bed Thar Foundation Hospital, Islamkot.
  - iii) Setting up of 24 primary schools.
  - iv) Employment of local people in the project.
  - v) Training and employment of thari female truck drivers.
  - vi) Khushal Thar Technical Training Programm.
  - vii) Khushal Naari Programme.
- i) **Villages Improvement Plan** : provision of clean drinking water, street pavements, roads connectivity, street solar light system, parks, clean lavatories, good drainage/sanitation, etc.
  - ii) Million-Tree Plantation project initiated for green Thar.

5. The Mover of the agenda item expressed his satisfaction on the briefing given by the CEO of the Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company and the matter was disposed of.

  
(ABID HUSSAIN)  
Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR FIDA MUHAMMAD)  
Chairman Committee

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