

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PETROLEUM ON "POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
REGARDING SUPPLY OF GAS TO MASTUNG, KHADDI, KOCHA,
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**PRESENTED BY
SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Standing Committee on Petroleum have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Point of Public Importance regarding supply of gas to Mastung, Khaddi Kocha, Mangochar and Kalat raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shahi during sitting of the Senate held on 22nd July, 2020 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
3.	Senator Salem Zia	Member
4.	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
5.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shahi	Member
6.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	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.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
13.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
14.	Minister for Energy	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee took up the issue in its meetings held on 6th March, 2020 but was deferred due to absence of the mover. The Committee again took up the issue in its meeting held on 10th August, 2020 which was attended by the following members:

1.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shahi	Member/Mover
3.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
4.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
5.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
6.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
7.	Senator Sassui Palijo	Mover
8.	Federal Minister for Energy	Ex-Officio Member

4. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi informed the Committee that district Mastung including Khaddi Kocha, Mangochar and district Kalat face shortage of gas. He stated that during winter seasons, the temperatures drops to -18-20 degrees there. Therefore, the people of those areas require gas for their survival as against the rest of the country where people use gas for their domestic needs. Due to non-provision of gas, the people of these areas are compelled to cut the precious trees of Juniper etc. to save their children and families from the extreme cold. He informed that he is raising this issue again and again since 2015 but the problem is resolved for a month or two and



thereafter, again there is no gas supply. He stated that the consumers in these districts are not provided gas on regular basis but the bills are sent regularly and in some cases highly inflated bills are sent to the domestic consumers. He also complained that the billing system/office for consumers of Khaddi Kocha, which is situated in Mastung, has been established in Kalat. He requested that the issue of gas shortage in Mastung and Kalat enroute villages should be resolved permanently. He also requested to look into the issue of overbilling and to shift the billing system/office for consumers of Khaddi Kocha from Kalat to Mastung.


5 The Deputy Managing Director and the G.M. (Distribution), SSGCL stated that the company is providing gas to Mastung and Kalat enroute villages through 16" & 8" pipeline having length of 120 kms from Quetta. They informed that the two districts were provided more gas during the last winter season as compared to the months of July and August, 2019. They also informed that augmentation of the existing system is being carried out to eliminate the low gas pressure complaints. They further informed that a new 8" pipeline has been laid in Mastung which will be commissioned during the month of September, 2020 well before the start of winter season. About the new 16" gas pipeline for district Kalat, they informed that it is a mega project and requires approval from OGRA and other relevant forums which will take considerable time.

6. The Committee noted that the said districts faces extreme cold during the winter seasons, therefore, the SSGC should take appropriate steps for provision of adequate gas to the same. The Committee asked for a report about the complete details of the project for laying of new gas pipeline for Kalat including the expected time for its approval and the commencement of physical work on the same. The Committee also directed to expedite the work on the projects for gas supply to Mastung and Kalat. The Committee also directed SSGC to look into the issue of overbilling and to shift the billing system/office for the consumers of Khaddi Kocha from Kalat to Mastung.

7. **Recommendation:** After discussion, the Committee made the following recommendations:

1. The Committee asked the SSGC to send a report about the complete details of the project for laying of new gas pipeline for Kalat including the expected time for its approval and the commencement of physical work on the same.
- ii. The Committee directed the SSGC to expedite the work on the projects for gas supply to Mastung and Kalat. The Committee also directed SSGC to look into the issue of overbilling and to shift the billing system/office for the consumers of Khaddi Kocha from Kalat to Mastung.


(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the
11th August, 2020.