

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE



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**PRESENTED BY
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CHAIRMAN**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Question no.13 regarding details of "coal imported annually during the last ten years indicating the names of countries, annual volume of quantity of coal and amount incurred there on" asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in the sitting of the Senate held on 22nd January, 2021

2. The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Standing Committee on the Commerce with the direction to report back to the House.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:

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| 1. | Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi | Chairman |
| 2. | Senator Syed Shibli Faraz | Member |
| 3. | Senator Ahmed Khan | Member |
| 4. | Senator Dilawar Khan | Member |
| 5. | Senator Rana Mehmood-ul-Hassan | Member |
| 6. | Senator Dr.Ghous Mohammad Khan Niazi | Member |
| 7. | Senator Nuzhat Sadiq | Member |
| 8. | Senator Islammudin Shaikh | Member |
| 9. | Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo | Member |
| 10. | Senator Atta-ur-Rehman | Member |
| 11. | Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen | Member |
| 12. | Senator Khushbakht Shujat | Member |
| 13. | Senator Zeeshan Khanzada | Member |
| 14. | Minister for Commerce | Ex-Officio Member |

4. The Committee discussed the matter in its meeting held on 11th February, 2021, which was attended by the following members;

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| 1. | Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi | Chairman |
| 2. | Senator Zeeshan Khanzada | Member |
| 3. | Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hasan | Member |
| 4. | Senator Nuzhat Sadiq | Member |
| 5. | Senator Dilawar Khan | Member |

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| 6. Senator Atta Ur Rehman | Member |
| 7. Senator Ahmed Khan | Member |
| 8. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi | Member |
| 6. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Mover |

5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar apprised the Committee that Pakistan imports coal worth more than a billion dollars annually whereas there are rich coal deposits in provinces of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh. He stated that there is need for investment and research on country's local deposits so that the import bill of coal can be reduced. He added that local coal deposits should be utilized instead so that the local economy can benefit. He inquired what special features imported coal possessed and why it is considered for use over local coal.

6. The Special Secretary, Ministry of Commerce stated that imported coal in Pakistan is used for the power generation. Since 2010, the amount of coal imported by Pakistan has increased by a multiple of four. It is preferred because it is less costly to produce power from coal as compared to current High-Speed Diesel (HSD) and Petroleum. He further stated that Mineral Mining is a provincial subject and provinces can provide the data and statistics about the coal deposits in various provinces of Pakistan. Further, it was informed that coal of Sindh faces the limitation of transportation due to high levels of sulphur and moisture content, being a lignite form of coal. The Committee has been apprised that while local coal is suitable for mine mouth power generation, it cannot be transported, as per a feasibility study conducted by a German company. The Committee has also been apprised that power generation from coal stands at only 1% in Pakistan, whereas in India, it stands at 70%.

7. The Chairman Committee opined that local coal should be utilized for power generation, and modern technology and machinery should be adopted to suit the chemical composition of coal in Pakistan for electricity generation. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar emphasized that government should install coal power plants in various areas of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

8. The Committee recommended:

- i. Local coal should be used in the 300 MW power plant being set up in Gawadar.
- ii. Geological survey of Pakistan should conduct a survey and map all reserves of coal and other minerals in Pakistan.
- iii. Local coal should be given preference over imported coal, and for this purpose, specialized technologies and machinery should be utilized to meet the requirement of using local coal.

9. With these recommendations, the matter is disposed off.


(Iffat Mustafa)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi)
Chairman Committee

