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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POWER

ON

**THE NUMBER OF ELECTRICITY METERS INSTALLED BY PESCO
DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS WITH SUB-DIVISION/AREA WISE
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DURING THE SAID PERIOD**

Presented by

SENATOR FIDA MUHMAMMAD
Chairman Committee

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POWER ON STARRED QUESTION NO. 15, ASKED BY SENATOR BAHRAMAND KHAN TANGI, REGARDING "THE NUMBER OF ELECTRICITY METERS INSTALLED BY PESCO DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS WITH SUB-DIVISION/AREA WISE BREAK UP AND THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE SAID COMPANY TO CONTROL ELECTRICITY THEFT THROUGH KUNDA SYSTEM DURING THE SAID PERIOD".

1, Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on Starred Question No. 15, asked by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, during the Senate Session held on 22nd October, 2020, regarding "the number of electricity meters installed by PESCO during the last six months with sub-division/area wise break up and the steps taken by the said company to control electricity theft through *kunda* system during the said period."

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 2nd February, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad. The following attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
4.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
5.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Mover

4. Mover of the agenda item, Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, said that he had raised the slogan of eradication of electricity theft through *kunda system* and in that regard he had made a team of volunteers in his area's all Union Councils to motivate people to play their role for the betterment of the country through installation of electricity meters. He further said that people were ready to install the meters but due to non-seriousness of the CEO, PESCO, things had not been heading in the right direction. He alleged that the PESCO officials were promoting *kunda* culture and the company was badly involved in corrupt practices. He added that daily wagers and poverty stricken people of the area were receiving bills of even up to Rs.500,000/-.

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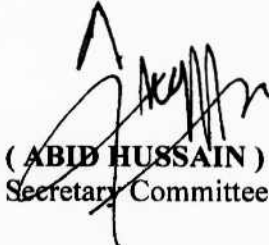
5. The Chief Engineer (Operations), PESCO, informed the Committee that during the past 6 months, 16 thousands meters were installed in Peshawar circle, 13 thousands in Khyber, 9700 in Mardan, 6700 in Hazara-1, 21000 in Swat, 4000 in Bannu, 6000 in Hazara-II and 3800 in Swabi circle. He said that there were land ownership issues of the people which were a primary requirement for installation of electricity meter. The Secretary, Power Division, assured the Committee that with the approval of the BoD of the company the requirement of land ownership papers would be removed.

6. The Chairman Committee was of the view that installation of meters was necessary for culmination of *kunda system*. He said that some mechanism was needed to be made in that regard. He further said that same problems exist in the erstwhile FATA/PATA and in the surroundings of Peshawar where there were hundreds and thousands of households. He added that common masses and even parliamentarians were sick of the callous attitude of the PESCO management. The Committee decided to take up both the agenda items of Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi in its next meeting for further consideration.

7. The Committee again considered the subject matter in its meeting held on 8th February, 2021, at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad. The following attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
4.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
5.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
6.	Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
7.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
8.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Mover

8. The Mover said that in the last meeting the Committee had suggested that the CEO, PESCO, would contact him to find out a practicable way out of the issue. Expressing displeasure, he said that the CEO did not value the suggestion of the august Committee and till date he had been waiting for his call. The CEO, PESCO, apologised for not being able to contact the honourable Senator due to the fact that he had been very busy in attending the high level official meetings at Islamabad. However, he assured the Committee that after 11th February, 2021, he would contact Senator Tangi, visit the area along with all concerned and would mutually try to find out an agreeable solution of the problem. The Mover expressed his satisfaction on the assurance of the CEO and the matter was disposed of accordingly.


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Secretary Committee


(SENATOR FIDA MUHAMMAD)
Chairman Committee