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**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PETROLEUM ON A POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
REGARDING PAYMENT OF LESS THAN THE MINIMUM
WAGES TO THE DAILY WAGE WORKERS WORKING IN PPL
AND SSGCL FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS RAISED BY
SENATOR SARFARAZ AHMED BUGTI DURING SITTING OF
THE SENATE HELD ON 27TH MAY, 2021.**

PRESENTED BY:

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**



SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING THE ISSUE OF PAYMENT OF LESS THAN THE MINIMUM WAGES TO THE DAILY WAGE WORKERS WORKING IN PPL AND SSGCL FOR THE LAST MORE THAN 15 YEARS RAISED BY SENATOR SARFARAZ AHMED BUGTI.

I, Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir, Chairman Standing Committee on Petroleum has the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the point of public importance regarding the payment of less than the minimum wages to the daily wage workers working in of PPL and SSGCL for the last more than 15 years, raised by Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti during the sitting of the Senate held on 27th May, 2021 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir	Chairman
2.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
3.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
4.	Senator Aon Abbas	Member
5.	Senator Prince Ahmed Omer Ahmedzai	Member
6.	Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
7.	Senator Qurat ul Ain Marri	Member
8.	Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
9.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
10.	Senator Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
12.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
13.	Minister for Energy	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee took up the issue in its meeting held on 26th July, 2018 which was attended by the following members:

1.	Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir	Chairman
2.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
3.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
4.	Senator Aon Abbas	Member
5.	Senator Prince Ahmed Omer Ahmedzai	Member
6.	Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
7.	Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
8.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
9.	Senator Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
10.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafeeq Tareen	Special Invitee


4. Senator Sarfarz Ahemd Bugti informed the Committee that PPL and SSGCL has hired the local people as line walkers on daily wages basis for the protection of their pipelines in

Dera Bugti area of Balochistan. These line walkers are working with the two companies for the last more than 15 years. Initially they were paid Rs. 5000/p.m. which was later increased upto Rs. 12000/- p.m. till date. The companies make these people to work on 24 hour basis but they are paid less than the minimum wages announced by the Government which is not only a violation of their rights but also of law of the land. He was of the view that since these people have been working as line walkers for the last more than 15 years so they have become overage to get another job. He requested that they should be paid atleast the minimum wages announced by the Government.

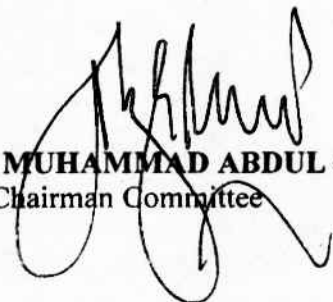
5. The Secretary Petroleum informed the Committee that two agreements have been made for the protection of gas pipelines in the area. One agreement has been made with the F.C. and the other with the District Administration. The line walkers have not been hired by PPL and the SSGCL. They have been hired by other parties to the agreement. He informed that in such agreements they include a standing clause that the wages to be paid to workers should not be less than that of the minimum wages announced by the Government. In this case both companies make payments to the F.C. which is responsible for further disbursement of the wages to the workers hired by them.

6. The Committee showed serious observations on the issue of payment of less than the minimum wages to the line walkers in Dera Bugti. The Committee directed the Petroleum Division to look into the issue and ensure that the payment being made to the line walkers is not less than the minimum wages announced by the Government.

7. **Recommendation:** After thorough discussion, the Committee disposed off the matter with direction to the Petroleum Division to immediately take measures to ensure payment of at least minimum wages as announced by the Government to the line walkers hired for protection of the pipelines of PPL and SSGCL in Balochistan particularly in Dera Bugti area of the province.


(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee

Islamabad, the
26th July, 2021.


(SENATOR MUHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR)
Chairman Committee