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**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PETROLEUM ON A POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT OF ENGINEERS AND
DIPLOMA HOLDERS OF BALOCHISTAN IN OIL AND GAS
SECTOR 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

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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 unemployment of Engineers and Diploma Holders of Balochistan in Oil and Gas sector, 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, 2021 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
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9.	Senator Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
10.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafeeq Tareen	Special Invitee

4. Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti informed the Committee that the issue mainly pertains to the Pakistan Petroleum Ltd. (PPL). According to him PPL signed an MoU with the Government of Pakistan for a new lease agreement for its oil and gas fields in Balochistan. According to the terms and conditions of the MoU, the company is bound to recruit 10 Engineer

and 15 Associate Engineers/Diploma Holders from Balochistan on annual basis. The PPL also agreed to give 10 scholarships annually to the students of the area in eminent educational institutions of the country like Lawrence College, Muree. He informed that after signing of the MoU, PPL implemented these conditions in 2017 but thereafter, they have stopped implementation of the same. He further informed that at present more than 300 Engineers are holding a sit-in at the gate of PPL but the PPL is not honoring the MoU. He was of the view that since the PPL is producing oil and gas from the fields under the MoU, therefore, it should honor the conditions included in it and provide jobs to the Engineers and Diploma holders as per the terms of the same.

5. The MD, PPL informed the Committee that the lease agreement of the PPL expired in 2015, therefore, an MoU was signed with the Government in 2016. But the Government of Balochistan has not finalized the lease agreement. He stated that since the Government of Balochistan has not finalized the lease agreement so far, therefore, the company is not in a position to implement the conditions of the MoU. He further stated that the resources in the area are fast depleting and the company, being a commercial entity, is not in a position to provide jobs to the persons holding sit-in at the gate of the company.

6. The Committee observed that since the PPL continues its production from the area despite the non-finalization of lease agreement by the Balochistan Government, therefore, it should also honor the terms and conditions of the MoU signed in 2016 regarding provision of employment and scholarships. The Committee directed the Secretary Petroleum to take up this issue in the next meeting of the Board of Directors of PPL, sort it out and make a mechanism for proper implementation of the terms and conditions of the MoU.

7. **Recommendation:** After thorough discussion, the Committee disposed off the matter with direction to the Secretary Petroleum to take up this issue in the next meeting of the Board of Directors of PPL, and make a mechanism for proper implementation of the terms and conditions of the MoU regarding provision of employment to the Engineers and Diploma Holders and scholarships to the students of the area.


(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee

Islamabad, the
26th July, 2021.


(SENATOR MUHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR)
Chairman Committee