

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PETROLEUM ON A POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
REGARDING LOADSHEDDING OF GAS IN BALOCHISTAN
AND NON-ESTABLISHMENT OF LPG PLANT IN PANJGORE,
RAISED BY SENATOR DANESH KUMAR DURING SITTING
OF THE SENATE HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2022.**

PRESENTED BY:

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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1. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, Chairman Standing Committee on Petroleum has the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on Point of Public Importance regarding gas load - shedding in the province of Balochistan and non-establishment of LPG Plants in Panjgor, raised by Senator Danesh Kumar during the sitting of the Senate held on 8th February, 2022 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Chairman
2.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
3.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
4.	Senator Aon Abbas Bappi	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.	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
14.	Minister for Energy	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee took up the issue in its meeting held on 17th March, 2022 which was attended by the following members:

1.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Chairman
2.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
3.	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
4.	Senator Prince Ahmed Omer Ahmedzai	Member
5.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
6.	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
7.	Senator Aon Abbas	Member
8.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
9.	Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member



4. Deputy Managing Director, Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL), briefed the Committee on Point of Public importance regarding gas load-shedding in the province of Balochistan and stated that gas consumption in Balochistan during winter season is very high resulting in low gas pressures due to extreme cold weather and the absence of alternate fuel for heating. Also, Quetta is exceeding its demand from 75 million standard cubic feet per day (MMCFD) in summer to 205 MMCFD during this peak winter season. It has also been observed that during winter peaks upstream customers are using gas through unauthorized tapping, which affects tail end customers in getting required gas pressures.
5. DMD, SSGCL further informed that they are striving to serve all of its customers especially the domestic consumers, however, their efforts have been limited due to the scarcity and continuous depletion in indigenous gas resources which is a major source of gas for the domestic consumer sector.
6. Moreover, with regard to non-establishment of LPG Plants in Panjgor, DMD, SSGC, briefed the Committee that Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet in March, 2020 has decided to shelve installation of all LPG Air Mix Plants including Panjgor excluding only two already commissioned LPG Air Mix Plants at Awaran and Bella and a plant near completion at Gilgit. Department of Explosives, informed that currently there is no ban on construction/ installation of LPG Plants and licenses are being granted to applicants who fulfill requirement of Mineral and Industrial Gases Safety Rules, 2010.
7. The Committee, thereafter, disposed of the point of public importance with the recommendation to the Petroleum Division to facilitate the domestic consumers in the province of Balochistan especially during the winters keeping in view harsh weather.


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Secretary Committee


(SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR)
Chairman
Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum

Islamabad, the
25th March, 2022.