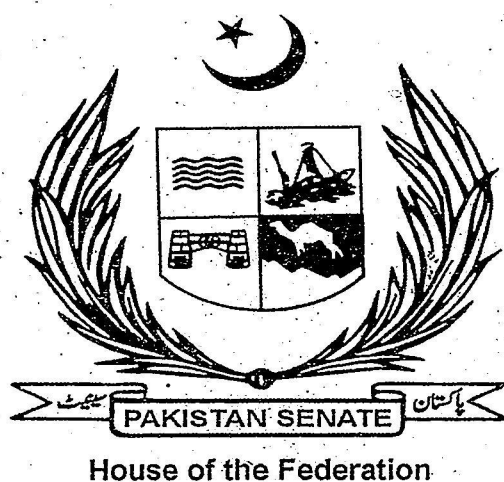


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PRESENTED BY:

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mohammad 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 gas loadshedding in the province of Sindh raised by Senator Saifullah Abro during 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 Atta ur Rehman	Member
11.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
12.	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
13.	Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division)	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee discussed the issue in its meetings held on 30th May & 12th December, 2022 and 2nd February, 2023. The last meeting of the Committee was attended by the following members:

1.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Chairman
2.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
3.	Senator Sadia Abbasi	Member
4.	Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
5.	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
6.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Mover

4. During the meeting held on 30th May, 2022 Senator Saifullah Abro informed the Committee that during the month of January, 2022, Karachi faced severe problem of low gas pressure. He stated that the Government told that the issue of low gas pressure was due to compressor pumps installed by the industries. He stated that in February, 2022 it was informed that so many industries were involved in the illegal act and that a fine of Rs. 300 million has been imposed on them. He asked for details of cases regarding installation of compressor pumps by the industrial units

and directed that the issue of low gas pressure particularly during winter season in Karachi be resolved.

5. The MD and DMD, SSGCL informed the Committee that in winter season 2021-22, there was shortfall of 245 to 300 MMMCFD which was supposed to be met through closure of supply to CNG and general industry. While the CNG sector voluntarily closed their stations, the industrial sector did not cooperate. Resultantly, the company disconnected the supply to industries but they obtained stay orders from the court and started using compressor pumps. In January 2021 179 such cases were detected and in February there were 99 cases. They consumed 304 and 28 MMCFD gas respectively in these two months. Accordingly their connections were disconnected and they were imposed a fine of Rs. 350 million.

6. During the meeting held on 2nd February, 2023, Senator Saifullah Abro informed the Committee that since May, 2022 he has been asking the company to provide the details of these cases including the estimated quantity and value of the gas consumed by each industry, the penalty imposed and received in each case, the employees of the company involved in these cases and action taken against them but the same has not been provided so far.

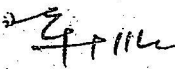
7. The Committee observed that Karachi is an important city which provides huge revenue to the country both in the shape of exports and taxes. Therefore, the Government should take appropriate measures to resolve the issue of low gas pressure to both the domestic and industrial sectors in Karachi on priority basis. The Committee also directed the SSGCL to provide all the information about the cases of installation of compressor pumps by the industrial units in Karachi in January and February, 2022 including the estimated quantity and value of the gas consumed by each industry through compressor pumps, the penalty imposed and received in each case, the employees of the company found involved in these cases and action taken against them. The Committee further directed the company to take effective measures to control the use of compressor pumps and other means of illegal use of gas in Karachi. The Committee disposed off the point of public importance.

8. **Recommendation.** After thorough discussion, the Committee disposed of the issue raised through the instant point of public importance and made the following recommendations:

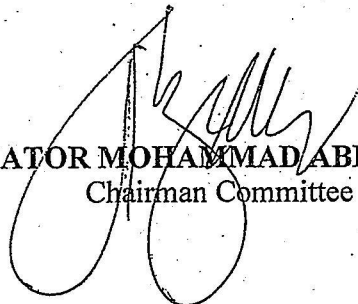
I. The Committee directed that in view of the importance of Karachi in terms of industry and revenue generation, the Government should take appropriate measures to resolve the issue of low gas pressure to both the domestic and industrial sectors in the city on priority basis.

II. The Committee directed the SSGCL to provide all the information about the cases of installation of compressor pumps by the industrial units in Karachi in January and February, 2022 including the estimated quantity and value of the gas consumed by each industry through compressor pumps, the penalty imposed and received in each case, the employees of the company found involved in these cases and action taken against them.

III. The Committee further directed the company to take effective measures to control the use of compressor pumps and other means of illegal use of gas in Karachi. The Committee disposed off the point of public importance.


(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee

Islamabad, the
3rd February, 2023.


(SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR)
Chairman Committee