

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

**PRESENTED BY:**

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR**

## 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 the point of public importance regarding gas loadshedding in the Province of Balochistan and non-installation of LPG plant in Panjgore raised by Senator Danesh Kumar during sitting of the Senate held on 8<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March & 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 Senator Danesh Kumar informed the Committee that a number of areas in Balochistan faces extreme cold in winter season where the temperatures drop to minus 20 degrees. The SSGCL carry out both scheduled and unscheduled load-shedding of gas in Balochistan during winters due to which people suffer

as they have no source to warm their houses and many people die due to extreme cold. He also informed that the Government had announced installation of LPG plant for provision of gas to people in Panjgore but the same has not been installed so far. He asked for steps by the SSGCL to end loadshedding of gas in Balochistan particularly during winters and installation of LPG plant in Panjgore.

5. The MD and DMD, SSGCL informed the Committee that the requirement of Balochistan is 75 MMCFD gas apart from 25 MMCFD in Hub. However, in winter seasons of 2021-22 the requirement rose to 205 which was provided to the province. There was no planned load shedding of gas in the province. However, due to extremely low temperatures the usage of gas increased manifold. The upstream consumers were using gas through unauthorized tapping due to which the tail end consumers were facing low gas pressure. He informed that their company has initiated a number of projects in Balochistan which after completion will resolve the issue of low gas pressure in the province. He also stated that the company is facing huge line losses in the province due to increased usage of gas in winters which results in high amount of bills and the consumers find it difficult to pay the same. The Chairman Committee directed that the SSGCL should take all necessary measures including early completion of the ongoing projects to resolve the issue of low gas pressure in Balochistan particularly during winter season. The Committee also directed that the Petroleum Division should work out a mechanism for the domestic consumers in Balochistan so that during winter season their bills remain in certain limit to enable the people to pay the bill and save the company from losses.

6. Regarding the installation of LPG Air Mix Plant the Committee was informed that in 2016 the ECC approved installation of 30 LPG Air Mix Plants including one in Panjgore. The consumer were to be charged Rs. 121 to 146/MMBTU whereas the per unit cost of gas generation of the plant was Rs. 46401/MMBBTU. So the SSGC needed Rs. 9.92 billion to Rs. 12.60 billion per annum subsidy to operate the plants. This position was place before the ECC in 2020 which shelved the project.

7. 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 Chairman Committee directed that the SSGCL should take all necessary measures including early completion of the ongoing projects to resolve the issue of low gas pressure in Balochistan particularly during winter season.
- II. The Committee also directed that the Petroleum Division should work out a mechanism for the domestic consumers in Balochistan so that their bills remain in certain limit particularly during winter season to enable the people to pay the bill and save the company from losses.

  
(RAFIULLAH)  
Secretary Committee

Islamabad, the  
3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023.

  
(SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR)  
Chairman Committee