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PRESENTED BY

Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar

Chairman

Standing Committee on Power

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

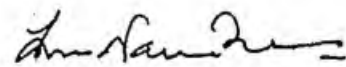
I am deeply privileged to present before the House of Federation this report which depicts and details the important initiatives, measures, decisions and endeavours undertaken by the committee in time with the its mandate addressing the most crucial challenges faced by the power sector, the real engine of our socio-economic growth.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the Committee Members for their unwavering support and tireless efforts in proposing valuable suggestions and recommendations related to the power sector, and also ensuring their prompt implementation. My distinguished colleagues the Members of the committee have played a pivotal role in the effective functioning and successful delivery of the Committee's mandate. Without their support and cooperation, our achievements would not have been possible.

I am pleased to report that the Committee has minutely reviewed the performance and progress of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) and its allied departments. We discussed diverse aspects and issues of the power sector and consistently communicated policy guidelines and recommendations as per national and public interest to the Ministry and its departments.

Throughout this period, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to upholding the highest standards of integrity, transparency, parliamentary oversight, and public accountability. We greatly appreciate the invaluable contributions made by the Secretary Committee, as well as the dedicated efforts of my personal staff.

I am, therefore, honoured to present this report on the performance and accomplishments of the Senate Standing Committee on Power. It reflects our dedication to addressing the most pressing issues in the power sector and our commitment to enhancing the well-being and prosperity of our nation.



(SENATOR AZAM NAZEER TARAR)
Chairman Committee

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Chairman Standing Committee on Power, have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, for the period from June, 2021 – February, 2024. During this period, the Committee held fifty five (55) meetings and discussed major aspects related to Power / Energy sector.

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

1.	Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Chairman
2.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
3.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
4.	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
5.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
6.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed	Member
7.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
8.	Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan	Member
9.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
10.	Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
11.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
12.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member

Note: It would be important to mention that initially the Committee was chaired by Senator Saifullah Abro, whereas the composition of the Committee was later changed. While the Committee was recently being led by Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, the Committee also recognized the services of Senator Saifullah Abro during his tenure.

AGENDA OF THE MEETINGS

3. The agenda of the meetings was as under:

i. 24th June, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Consideration of the Bill titled "The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021", referred by the House to the Committee on 15th June, 2021 for consideration and report.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary Energy (Power Division) on overall working and performance of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division).
- A detailed briefing on the performance of the attached departments of Power

Division by their respective Heads, CEOs and MDs of all DISCOs, PEPCO, K-Electric, AEDB, PPIB, NESPAK, NTDC, NEECA, CPPA, GENCOs and PITC.

- A detailed briefing by Chairman WAPDA on the issues related to Power Generation with the NTDC & CPPA.
- Briefing by CEO-HESCO on certain complaints regarding mal-behaviour of HESCO Officers and Staff with its consumers on different issues on regular basis.

ii. 8th July, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by the Power Division on the Agreements signed between Government of Pakistan and the IPPs at the time of setting up of the Power Plants, (copies of all the agreements may be provided to the Committee for its perusal).
- A detailed briefing by the Power Division on the reasons of the continuous increase in Circular Debt and the steps been taken by the Government to control / decrease the same.
- A detailed briefing on the privatization of K-Electric with provision of attested copy of the Agreement in this regard.
- A detailed briefing on the SEPCO, HESCO and K-Electric on the details of unpaid electricity bills of the public departments of federal & provincial governments for the last five years with year-wise breakup.
- A detailed briefing by the NTDC on the current status of proposed 220KV grid station at Larkana.
- A detailed briefing by PESCO on the latest position of new 132KV grid station Dargi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

iii. 28th July, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- MD, PPIB will brief and provide the Committee agreements signed between IPPs and government of Pakistan and will give the details of circular debt from very beginning year and year wise position from 2002 to 2021.
- A detailed briefing on the privatization of K-Electric with provision of all original copies of the agreements in this regard.
- The following CEOs of DISCOs will brief the Committee on:
 - a. CEO, QESCO on excessive load shedding in Jaffarabad and Naseerabad, Balochistan.
 - b. CEO, PESCO on process of appointments of technical and non-technical staff.
 - c. CEO, LESCO, FESCO, MEPCO and GEPCO on preparation for upcoming monsoon season in their respective areas.
- MD, NTDC will give the updates on the tendering process of 200KV grid station in Larkana.
- CEOs of Jamshoro Power Company Limited GENCO-I, Central Power Generation Company GENCO-II, Northern Power Generation Company GENCO-III and Lakhra Power Generation Company GENCO-IV will brief

the Committee on improvement of power production of their respective power plants during the last five years.

iv. 5th August, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Compliance report on the recommendations of the Committee made in its previous meetings held on 24th June, 2021, 8th July, 2021 & 28th July, 2021.
- Briefing:
 - a. On the aims & objectives of establishment of GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) alongwith their targets sets and targets achieved, so far;
 - b. By the CEOs of Jamshoro Power Company Limited GENCO-I, Central Power Generation Company GENCO-II, Northern Power Generation Company GENCO-III and Lakhra Power Generation Company GENCO-IV on improvement of power production of their respective power plants during the last five years.
- Further discussion on agreements signed between IPPs and government of Pakistan and MD, PPIB & MD, CPPA (G) will give the details of circular debt from very beginning year and year wise position from 2007 to 2021 along with provision of the details payable amount year wise.
- Details of BODs of all the concerned Companies / departments under Power Division:
 - a. Procedure and date of their appointments.
 - b. Details of each BoD meeting carried on till date alongwith progress and expenditure incurred.
- Briefing on procedure adopted for newly appointed MD-NTDC indicating required Qualifications, experience, pay, perks & privileges, terms & conditions offered on his employment.

v. 23rd August, 2021 at 02:00 p.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Compliance report on the recommendations of the Committee made in its previous meetings held on 24th June 2021, 8th July 2021, 28th July 2021 and 5th August 2021.
- Briefing:
 - a. By the MD, GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) to present the conclusive report on their targets sets and targets achieved after formation of GHCL in the light of the discussion held in previous Committee meeting on 5th August, 2021.
 - b. By the MD, GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) on the appointment of New CEO at Central Power Generation Company GENCO-II.
 - c. By the MD, GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) on the rehabilitation and construction / installation of one or two new 330 MW Power Plants at Lakhra (GENCO-IV) as well as keeping in view the earlier report of Sub-Committee by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
- Further Discussion on the details of circular debt from very beginning year and breakup of year wise payable amount from 2007 to 202.

- Briefing by MD, NTDC on the date of starting of tendering process from the share of GoP for proposed 220KV. grid Station in Larkana.
- Further discussion on the appointments of members of BODs of all the concerned Companies/ departments under Power Division
- A detailed briefing by the CEOs of all DISCOs regarding the issue of "Kunda culture" in their respective areas alongwith complete data.
- A detail briefing by Secretary, Power Division on promotion policy of Engineers from LS-II to highest ranks.
- A detail briefing by CEO, LESCO on the progress of shifting of Overhead Feeder of Padhana / haydara in Green Housing society, Barki Road, Lahore and on the incident occurred of fallen of transmission lines on 30th July, 2021 in the said housing society.
- Briefing by CEO, IESCO for approving / extending temporary connections to those housing societies which have no NOCs or approved LOPs, falls under jurisdiction of IESCO, particularly with reference to Gulberg Housing Society, Islamabad.
- Briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the steps taken to improve their services for the welfare of consumers and a comparison chart be showing all measures / services year by year from 2006 to 2021.

vi. 1st September, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Compliance report on the recommendations of the Committee made in its previous meeting held on 23rd August, 2021. (Report on appointment of MD, NTDC and new advertisement for the post of MD, GHCL, which is pending from previous meetings).
- Consideration of a matter referred by the Honourable Chairman Senate on 'Electricity issue at the Export Processing Zone, Risalpur' to the Committee for report.
- A detail briefing by Secretary, Power Division on promotion policy of Engineers from LS-II to highest ranks.
- Further discussion on 'Kunda Culture' along with report on number of regular & kunda connections in each DISCOs.
- Further discussion on achievements of GHCL in the light of report from MD, GHCL presented in the Committee meeting held on 23rd August, 2021.

vii. 15th September, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 1st September, 2021; especially regarding (a) fresh appointment of MD-GHCL and CEO-GENCO-II & matter of CFO-IESCO; (b) procedure adopted for the appointed of GM (HR)-PEPCO along with complete documents; (c) update about promotion in GENCOs of Engineers; (d) performance of BODs of all DISCOs & GENCOs and their accountability procedures and steps taken (e) breakup of circular debt from June, 2008 to 2021 (f) policy and detail

regarding consumption of electricity of employees and theft in power sector areas; (g) promotion policy of Engineers from LS-II to higher ranks.

- Briefing by CEOs of all DISCOs & K-Electric on illegal, kunda connections, & on regular connections, giving district-wise breakup and steps taken to improve kunda connections and action taken against convicts & the staff of DISCOs and K-Electric (involved in irregularity).
- Breakup of outstanding / receivable dues of all DISCOs against federal government and provincial governments with indication of each department.
- Briefing by CEO-K-Electric on the incident of tripping / breakdown in Karachi on 1st September, 2021 and further the issue of bribe taken from Mr. Ashraf Jabbar Qureshi and also provide notification of current BODs along with CVs.

viii. 6th October, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Briefing by:
 - a. CEO, GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs, along with the report regarding damage and repair of 747MW in Block V in GENCO-II; and
 - b. Chairman, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I.
- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division on capacity payment and energy payment (out of consumption) made to all IPPs from the date of their commencements till date and also provide copies of agreements of each IPPs with GoP.
- Update by Secretary, Power Division and CEO, K-Electric on recovery of circular debt amounting to Rs. 292 Billion from K-Electric, which is long pending.
- Briefing by CEO, IESCO on Kunda connections / Electricity theft in Islamabad and its adjacent areas under IESCO.

ix. 28th October, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further Discussion & Briefing by:
 - a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs, along with the report regarding damage and repair of 747MW in Block V in GENCO-II; and
 - b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs alongwith fuel wise detail of each IPPs in separate tabular form.
- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division:

- a. on capacity payment and energy payment (out of consumption) made to all IPPs from the date of their commencements till date and also provide copies of agreements of each IPPs with GoP.
- b. on Kunda connections / Electricity theft in areas under IESCO, MEPCO & HESCO.
- c. on the status of appointment of MD, NESPAK.
- d. on the recent written test conducted for the post of ALM & other Staff for PESCO by KMU.
- e. on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 6th October, 2021.

x. 11th November, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further Discussion & Briefing by:

- a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs, along with Independent Inquiry Report regarding damage and repair of 747MW in Block-V in GENCO-II and detail of BoDs of all GENCOs from 2002 till date along with their notifications & CVs.
- b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape.

- Briefing by Secretary (Power Division), MD, PPIB & CEO, CPPA-G regarding IPPs:

- a. on capacity payment and energy payment made to all IPPs from the date of their commencements till date and also provide copies of agreements of each IPPs with GoP.
- b. on all the IPPs projects under CPEC. (In-camera briefing).
- c. on the recent written test conducted for the post of ALM for PESCO by KMU and status of previous Junior Engineers whose agreement has been expired recently.

xi. 25th November, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further Discussion & Briefing by:

- a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs, along with Independent Inquiry Report regarding damage and repair of GT-14 (747MW-Block-V) in GENCO-II.
- b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape.

- Briefing by Secretary (Power Division), MD, PPB & CEO, CPPA-G regarding IPPs:

- a. on capacity payment and energy payment made to all IPPs from the date of their commencements till date and also provide copies of agreements of each IPPs with GoP.
- b. on all the IPPs-projects under CPEC. (In-camera briefing).
- c. on the recent written test conducted for the post of ALM for PESCO by KMU and status of previous Junior Engineers whose agreement has been expired recently.

xii. 9th December, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further Discussion & Briefing by:

- a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs, along with Independent Inquiry Report regarding damage and repair of GT-14 (747MW-Block-V) in GENCO-II and provision of complete correspondence with Power Division regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. (Meeting held on 28th October, 2021).
- b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape and according to his opinion & an update regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. (Meeting held on 28th October, 2021).

- Briefing by CEOs, HESCO and SEPCO on the expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date.

xiii. 12th December, 2021 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further Discussion & Briefing by:

- a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs, along with Independent Inquiry Report regarding damage and repair of GT-14 (747MW-Block-V) in GENCO-II and provision of complete correspondence with Power Division regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. (Meeting held on 28th October, 2021).

b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape and according to his opinion & an update regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. (Meeting held on 28th October, 2021) and brief on new economical projects in system (completed or in progress) in the light of discussion held in previous meetings.

- Further discussion and briefing by CEOs, HESCO and SEPCO on the expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date. (Details of the projects for rehabilitation & completed year-wise on above heads including details on expenditure on projects carried under CPEC projects (project wise details).

xiv. 11th January, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on recent Power sector reforms / restructuring regarding Power Planning & Monitoring Company (PPMC).
- Further Discussion & Briefing by:
 - a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs, along with Independent Inquiry Report regarding damage and repair of GT-14 (747MW-Block-V) in GENCO-II and provision of complete correspondence with Power Division regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil.
 - b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape and according to his opinion & an update regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. Update regarding permission given for extension of KAPCO contract upto October, 2022.
- Further discussion and briefing by CEOs, HESCO, SEPCO, PESCO, MEPCO & QESCO on the expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date. (Details of the projects completed year-wise on above heads). Update regarding the Promotion Policy of Engineers from LS-II to higher ranks alongwith new applications received against vacant posts.
- A detailed briefing by MD, Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB) on the implementation status of the recommendation / report of the SSC on Power in its meeting held on 2nd April, 2019 regarding "Award of payment to the owners of land acquired for "Suki Kinari Hydel Project".
- A detailed briefing by CEO, HESCO on verification of a letter issued from his office vide No. CEO/HESCO/M(Admn)/A2/SCNC-02/C-5500 dated 10th October, 2014 regarding payment of salary & allowances of Mr. Sikandar Ali Khawaja (now A.R.E., Power House Pasni / Gwadar)

and briefing on his reinstatement of service and solve his job related issues, before his retirement i.e 31st December, 2021.

xv. 14th February, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 11th January, 2022.
- Further Discussion & Briefing by:
 - a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants of GENCO-I and brief on construction of 747MW plant and Independent Inquiry Report of GT-14 in GENCO-II.
 - b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape and according to his opinion & an update regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. Update regarding permission given for extension of KAPCO contract upto October, 2022. Update on new economical projects in system (completed or in progress) in the light of discussion held in previous meetings.
- Consideration of a matter referred by the Honourable Chairman Senate on "Restoration of Services of SDOs / ROs of PESCO" to the Committee for report.
- Consideration of a Private Members' Bill titled "The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021", as passed by the National Assembly, moved by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Atta-ur-Rehman and Dilawar Khan in the Senate sitting held on 17th January, 2022 and referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.
- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Increase in Fuel Price Adjustment on Electricity Bills", raised by Senator Fida Muhammad in the Senate sitting held on 27th December, 2021.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-4033 regarding "Government requires merger of same organizations (AEDB & PPWB) working under Power Division", referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-4056 regarding "Illegal Reappointment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO)", referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- Briefing on the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) of the Ministry for the financial 2022-2023, u/r 166(7) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Senate, 2012.
- Briefing by CEOs, MEPCO & LESCO on the expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date.

- Consideration of a recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 13th & 14th December, 2021 at Quetta & referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 29th December, 2021.

xvi. 23rd February, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Briefing on the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) of the Ministry for the financial 2022-2023, u/r 166(7) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Senate, 2012.
- Briefing by CEO, HESCO on Detection Bills in HESCO especially in Hyderabad alongwith concerned S.E, Hyderabad and XEN, Qasimabad on complain of overbilling and unnecessary detection Bills to the consumers in HESCO. Update on the action taken against officials involved in appointment of 551 employees in HESCO.
- Briefing on the appointments of CEO, GHCL, MD, NTDC, & DMD (System Operation), NTDC.

xvii. 25th March, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 14th February, 2022.
- Further Discussion & Briefing by:
 - a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants of GENCO-I and brief on construction of 747MW plant and Independent Inquiry Report of GT-14 in GENCO-II.
 - b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape and according to his opinion & an update regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. Update regarding permission given for extension of KAPCO contract upto October, 2022. Update on new economical projects in system (completed or in progress) in the light of discussion held in previous meetings.
- Further consideration of a Private Members' Bill titled "The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021", as passed by the National Assembly, moved by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Atta-ur-Rehman and Dilawar Khan in the Senate sitting held on 17th January, 2022 and referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.
- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Fuel Price adjustment charges in Electricity Bills", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed

Khan in the Senate sittings held on 14th January, 2022 & 14th February, 2022.

- Consideration of Starred Question No. 124 in Senate sitting held on 1st February, 2022, referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-4108 regarding "Electricity bills without electricity and meter readings", referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- Briefing by CEOs, MEPCO & LESCO on the expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date.
- Consideration of a recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 13th & 14th December, 2021 at Quetta & referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 29th December, 2021.

xviii. 28th March, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 14th February, 2022.
- Further Discussion & Briefing by:
 - a. CEO, GHCL on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants of GENCO-I and brief on construction of 747MW plant and Independent Inquiry Report of GT-14 in GENCO-II.
 - b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I and current Tariff of all IPPs in tabular shape and according to his opinion & an update regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. Update regarding permission given for extension of KAPCO contract upto October, 2022. Update on new economical projects in system (completed or in progress) in the light of discussion held in previous meetings.
- Further consideration of a Private Members' Bill titled "The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021", as passed by the National Assembly, moved by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Atta-ur-Rehman and Dilawar Khan in the Senate sitting held on 17th January, 2022 and referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.
- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Fuel Price adjustment charges in Electricity Bills", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan in the Senate sittings held on 14th January, 2022 & 14th February, 2022.
- Consideration of Starred Question No. 124 in Senate sitting held on 1st February, 2022, referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-4108 regarding "Electricity bills without electricity and meter readings", referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.

- Briefing by CEOs, MEPCO & LESCO on the expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date.
- Consideration of a recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 13th & 14th December, 2021 at Quetta & referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 29th December, 2021.

xix. 27th April, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants under GHCL, brief on construction and repair of 747MW (GT-14) plant, action taken against the concerned officers / officials and BOD of GHCL and GENCO-I in the light of independent inquiry report submitted to the Committee on 28-03-2022, update on the promotion of SEs in GHCL, update on the promotion of LS-II to Assistant Engineer in all DISCOs and Power Division.
- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Fuel Price adjustment charges in Electricity Bills", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan in the Senate sittings held on 14th January, 2022 & 14th February, 2022.
- Further Consideration of Starred Question No. 124 in Senate sitting held on 1st February, 2022, referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of a recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 13th & 14th December, 2021 at Quetta & referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 29th December, 2021.
- Briefing by CEO, PESCO on completion / function of MUNDA Grid Station, District Lower Dir.

xx. 16th May, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Further Discussion and Briefing by:
 - a. Secretary, Power Division on implementation status of (3) Letters No. GPI-E/01/2022-Vol-1 issued by Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on 31st March, 2022 regarding Independent Inquiry Report of construction and damage of 747MW (GT-14) plant and rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants under GHCL; update on the promotion of SEs in GHCL; update on the promotion of LS-II to Assistant Engineer in all DISCOs and Power Division; detail expenditure and update made on the account of construction of 220KV proposed Grid Station in Larkana under NTDC.
 - b. Chairman, NEPRA on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I & an update regarding the recommendation of the Committee for operating the GENCO-I power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil. Update regarding permission given

for extension of KAPCO contract upto October, 2022. Update on new economical projects in system (completed or in-progress) in the light of discussion held in previous meetings.

xxi. 31st May, 2022 at 02:00 p.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Further Discussion and Briefing by:
 - a. Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 16th May, 2022; implementation status of (3) Letters No. GP1-E/01/2022-Vol-I issued by Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on 31st March, 2022 regarding Independent Inquiry Report of construction and damage of 747MW (GT-14) plant and action taken against Chairmen, Board of Directors (BoDs) of GHCL Islamabad & CPGCL, CEO, GHCL and other involved officials; provision of electricity & load shedding of all Feeders in all DISCOs from 1st March, 2022 to 28th May, 2022 and Construction of Compressor Station at Guddu Thermal Power Plant.
- Briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt of Govt. of Pakistan & update on the massive power outage in Karachi.

xxii. 18th July, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Consideration of Starred Question No. 23 asked by Senator Kamran Murtaza regarding "month-wise details of decrease / increase made by NEPRA in electricity tariff in the name of Fuel Adjustment during the last four months", referred by the House on 24th May, 2022.
- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Issuance of inflated Electricity Bills by the Lahore Electricity Supply Company (LESCO)", raised by Senator Walid Iqbal in the Senate sitting held on 23rd June, 2022.
- Further consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Fuel Price adjustment charges in Electricity Bills", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan in the Senate sittings held on 14th January, 2022 & 14th February, 2022.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, SEPCO alongwith S.E Larkana Circle and all XEN Larkana Circle on load shedding, electricity theft, illegal connection and action taken against involved officials and CEO, QESCO on load shedding in the concerned areas of Kalat, Jaffarabad, Usta Muhammad, Chaghi, Dalbandin & Naukundi.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 23rd February, 2022 onwards.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on Jamshoro Coal Power Project (Lot-I & Lot-II) and further discussion on Construction of Gas

Booster Compressor Station at TPS, Guddu with provision of copy of the Agreement alongwith Bill of Quantities (BoQ) in this regard.

xxiii. 2nd August, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division alongwith all Additional Secretaries and Senior Joint Secretary & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 18th July, 2022, on Construction of Gas Booster Compressor Station at TPS, Guddu with provision of copy of the Agreement alongwith Bill of Quantities (BoQ), projects completed or in progress in NTDC since 2012 till date and appointments of MD, DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) & DMD (SO) posts in NTDC, determination of Tariff of electricity for DISCOs & IPPs and load shedding, electricity theft, illegal connection and action taken against involved officials under SEPCO S.E Larkana Circle.

xxiv. 19th August, 2022 at 02:00 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division alongwith all Additional Secretaries and Senior Joint Secretary & All concerned on the implementation status of the all the pending Recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings held during the period from 24th June, 2021 to 2nd August, 2022, Status of appointment of new CEO, GHCL, Construction of Gas Booster Compressor Station at TPS, Guddu with provision of copy of the Agreement alongwith Bill of Quantities (BoQ), projects completed or in progress in NTDC since 2012 till date and appointments of MD, DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) & DMD (SO) posts in NTDC alongwith their complete appointment procedure, determination of Tariff of electricity for DISCOs & IPPs, Newly appointed BoDs of MEPCO & GEPCO alongwith their CVs and complete appointment procedure and expenditures of all BoDs from July 2017 till date and compliant against SE Larkana regarding his involvement in theft of electricity in Larkana Circle.

xxv. 30th September, 2022 at 02:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the recommendations made by the Committee in meetings i.e 2nd August, 2022 & 19th August, 2022, projects completed or in progress in NTDC since 2012 till date, complete appointment procedure and expenditures of all BoDs from July 2017 till date including new BoDs of MEPCO, GEPCO, HESCO & SEPCO alongwith their CVs & criteria and update on the utilization of funds in TESCO allocated since July, 2016 through SDGs for electrification in districts Bajaur and Mohmand.
- Further discussion on Starred Question No. 23 asked by Senator Kamran Murtaza regarding "month-wise details of decrease / increase made by

NEPRA in electricity tariff in the name of Fuel Adjustment during the last four months", referred by the House on 24th May, 2022.

- Further discussion on Point of Public Importance regarding "Issuance of inflated Electricity Bills by the Lahore Electricity Supply Company (LESCO)", raised by Senator Walid Iqbal in the Senate sitting held on 23rd June, 2022.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-4893 regarding "rehabilitation & energizing of Grid Station at coastal town of Garho, Sindh", referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on foreign & local visits by CEO, K-Electric & other officials during the last ten years.

xxvi. 13th October, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division & All concerned on the implementation status of the recommendations made by the Committee in meetings i.e 2nd August, 2022, 19th August, 2022 & 30th September, 2022, complete appointment procedure and expenditures of all BoDs from July 2017 till date including new BoDs of MEPCO, GEPCO, HESCO & SEPCO alongwith their CVs & criteria, projects completed or in progress in NTDC since 2012 till date, update on the utilization of funds in TESCO allocated since July, 2016 through SDGs for electrification in districts Bajaur and Mohmand.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division, Chairman, NEPRA & CEO, CPPA-G on the issue of massive over-invoicing in IPPs alongwith the details of capacity & energy payments made to IPPs during the last ten years.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. 4900 regarding "provision of 100kVA transformers with requisite accessories for street 5 mohallah Mushtaq Masood Anjumabad University Road Muriali D.I.Khan" referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, QESCO on total generation & consumption of electricity in Balochistan alongwith details related to consumption of electricity by agriculture tube wells operating in Balochistan and detail of illegal tube wells as per briefing by CEO, QESCO in the previous Committee meeting. (Dated 30-09-2022).

xxvii. 8th November, 2022 at 01:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary Power Division on K-Electric regarding matters on their part financial & recovery status & All

concerned on the implementation status of the recommendations made by the Committee in meetings i.e 2nd August 2022, 19th August 2022, 30th September 2022 & 13th October 2022, brief on projects completed or in progress in NTDC since 2012 till date, update on fresh list of BoDs of remaining departments working under Power Division, update on the utilization of funds in TESCO allocated since July, 2016 through SDGs for electrification in districts Bajaur and Mohmand and update on inquiry against S.E Larkana Circle, Mr. Abdul Gaffar Maako regarding his involvement in corruption and detail of previous inquiries against him.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on Nandipur power plant, Balloki combined-cycle gas-fired power plant, Haveli Bahadur Shah power plant, Bhikki combined-cycle power plant and Neelum-Jhelum hydropower plant and low-cost solar power energy initiatives in the country.

xxviii. 22nd November, 2022 at 01:30 p.m. in in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on Nandipur power plant, Balloki combined-cycle gas-fired power plant, Haveli Bahadur Shah power plant, Bhikki combined-cycle power plant and Neelum-Jhelum hydropower plant and low-cost solar power energy initiatives in the country and incumbency of officers / officials of all the above four power plants.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric, Financial Audit Reports of claims of Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) since 2005 till October, 2022 in the light of D.G Commercial Audit & Evaluation, yearly profit earned by K-Electric since 2005 till October, 2005, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on foreign & local visits by CEO, K-Electric & other officials during the last ten years and details of electricity provided to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue, Subsidy received by Govt. of Pakistan & provincial Govt. of Balochistan from start till date.

xxix. 5th December, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad:

- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric, Financial Audit Reports of claims of Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) since 2005 till October, 2022 in the light of D.G Commercial Audit & Evaluation, yearly profit earned by K-Electric since 2005 till October, 2005, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on foreign & local visits by CEO, K-Electric & other officials during

the last ten years and details of electricity provided to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue, Subsidy received by Govt. of Pakistan & provincial Govt. of Balochistan from start till date.

- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Provision of jobs to the candidates who qualified the recruitment test of PESCO", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan in the Senate sitting held on 7th October, 2022.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP - 4963 regarding "GEPCO advertise the 20 percent promotion induction quota on lump sum pay package instead of regular promotion induction alike LESCO & FESCO", referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP - 4964 regarding "Regularization of the Employees recruited in FESCO as LS-I & SSO-I through advertisement in 2015 - 2016", referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.

xxx. 20th December, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the inception of the Company, complete procedure including tendering process of privatization of K-Electric, ownership & achievements made so far, development sector plan and projects along with complete tendering process and investments made and complete details of correspondence made with Power Division regarding installation of new power plants, correspondence regarding financial matters in pending from taking the charge of DISCO till date and agreement in-camera only.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric, Financial Audit Reports of claims of Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) since 2005 till October, 2022 in the light of D.G Commercial Audit & Evaluation, yearly profit earned by K-Electric since 2005 till November, 2022, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on foreign & local visits by CEO, K-Electric & other officials during the last ten years and details of electricity provided to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue, Subsidy received by Govt. of Pakistan & provincial Govt. of Balochistan from start till date.
- Further consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Provision of jobs to the candidates who qualified the recruitment test of PESCO", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan in the Senate sitting held on 7th October, 2022.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the implementation status of the Nine recommendations made by the Committee in its previous Committee meetings. (Letter No. F.No. 5(1)/2021-24/C-II, issued by Senate Secretariat on 25th November,

2022 and component wise details of Nandipur Power project along with O& M contract and tendering process along with BoQs of all bidders along with consultant officials.

xxxi. 2nd January, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the inception of the Company, complete procedure including tendering process of privatization of K-Electric, ownership & achievements made so far, development sector plan and projects alongwith complete tendering process and investments made and complete details of correspondence made with Power Division regarding installation of new power plants, correspondence regarding financial matters in pending from taking the charge of DISCO till date and agreement in-camera only.
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- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the implementation status of the Nine recommendations made by the Committee in its previous Committee meetings. (Letter No. F.No. 5(1)/2021-24/C-II, issued by Senate Secretariat on 25th November, 2022, component wise details of Nandipur Power project along with O& M contract and tendering process along with BoQs of all bidders along with consultant officials and update on recent appointments made in Power Division, DISCOs, NTDC and allied departments since July, 2021 till date, update by CEO, PESCO & CCO, PESCO on non-provision of billing of Export units through solar system to A.J Textile Mills Pvt. Limited, Gadoon Amazai and update by MD, NTDC on the Tender No. DISP.01(RR)/GSO (S)/2022 (National Competitive Basis) and action taken against involved officials regarding abandoned 220KV Transmission line Uch - I to Sibbi-I (105 KM), 220KV transmission line Uch-I DM Jamali - Sibbi PCC Pole (108KM), 220KV transmission Guddu - Shikarpur PCC Pole (97KM). and 220KV Transmission PCC Pole portion of Shikarpur -Uch-II (53.6KM) and projects completed or in progress in NTDC since 2012 till date.

xxxii. 7th February, 2023 at 01:30 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the recent massive power breakdown across the country along with details of major cities affected, comprehensive report on digital blackout, disrupting industries, hospitals and loss to the country's economy and steps needs to be taken in improvement of transmission and generation system in this regard and action taken against responsible officers / officials.
- A detailed briefing by MD, NTDC a) on Construction of 765KV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to

Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process b) CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process and c) Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132KV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132KV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the implementation status of the Nine recommendations made by the Committee in its previous Committee meetings. (Letter No. F.No. 5(1)/2021-24/C-II, issued by Senate Secretariat on 25th November, 2022 component wise details of Nandipur Power project along with O& M contract and tendering process along with BoQs of all bidders along with consultant officials and update on recent appointments made in Power Division, DISCOs, NTDC and allied departments since July, 2021 till date, update by CEO, PESCO & GCO, PESCO on non-provision of billing of Export units through solar system to A.J Textile Mills Pvt. Limited, Gadoon Amazai and update by MD, NTDC on the Tender No. DISP.01(RR) / GSO (S)/2022 (National Competitive Basis) and action taken against involved officials regarding abandoned 220KV Transmission line Uch - I to Sibbi-I (105 KM), 220KV transmission line Uch-I DM Jamali - Sibbi PCC Pole (108KM), 220KV transmission Guddu - Shikarpur PCC Pole (97KM) and 220KV Transmission PCC Pole portion of Shikarpur - Uch-II (53.6KM) and projects completed or in progress in NTDC since 2012 till date.

xxxiii. 14th February, 2023 at 01:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the recent massive power breakdown across the country along with details of major cities affected, comprehensive report on digital blackout, disrupting industries, hospitals and loss to the country's economy and steps needs to be taken in improvement of transmission and generation system in this regard and action taken against responsible officers / officials. As per discussion of the Committee, update on the internal inquiry Committee of Power Division under the convenership of Mr. Tanvir Jafri, Ex-CEO, GENCO-I.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on removal of previous BoDs in Power Division on which basis previous BoDs were removed and action taken against the irregularities occurred in the appointment / violation of rules in selection of new BoDs in Power Division in the light of detailed discussion made in the previous Committee meetings. (13-10-2022 and 8-11-2022).
- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric; Financial Audit Reports of claims of Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) since 2005 till October, 2022 in the light of D.G Commercial Audit & Evaluation, yearly profit earned by K-Electric since 2005 till November, 2022, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on

foreign & local visits by GEO, K-Electric & other officials during the last ten years, details of electricity provided to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue, subsidy received from Govt. of Pakistan & provincial Govt. of Balochistan from start till date and update on privatization process of K-Electric.

xxxiv. 2nd March, 2023 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the recent massive power breakdown across the country along with details of major cities affected, comprehensive report on digital blackout, disrupting industries, hospitals and loss to the country's economy and steps needs to be taken in improvement of transmission and generation system in this regard and action taken against responsible officers / officials. As per discussion of the Committee, update on the internal inquiry Committee of Power Division under the convenorship of Mr. Tanvir Jafri, Ex-CEO, GENCO-I and provide details related to the Construction of 765KV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process b) CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process and c) Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132KV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132KV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund, update and action taken by Power Division regarding inquiry of Tender No. DISP.01(RR) / GSO (S)/2022 (National Competitive Basis) abandoned 220KV transmission lines. Briefing should be provided as per discussion of previous Committee meeting.
- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "issue of electricity billing in four union Councils of Turbat, Balochistan", raised by Senator Muhammad Akram in the Senate sitting held on 16th January, 2023 and Consideration of a matter referred by the Honourable Chairman Senate on the "issue of electricity billing in village Gaibun, Union Council, Nasirabad, Balochistan" to the Committee for report.
- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "issue of Kotri Power House", raised by Senator Moula Bux Chandio in the Senate sitting held on 17th January, 2023.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the implementation status of the recommendations made by the Committee in meetings i.e 7th February, 2023 & 14th February, 2023.

xxxv. 22nd March, 2023 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the recent massive power breakdown across the country along with details

of major cities affected, comprehensive report on digital blackout, disrupting industries, hospitals and loss to the country's economy and steps needs to be taken in improvement of transmission and generation system in this regard and action taken against responsible officers / officials. As per discussion of the Committee, update on the internal inquiry Committee of Power Division under the convenorship of Mr. Tanvir Jafri, Ex-CEO, GENCO-I and provide details related to the Construction of 765KV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process b) CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process and c) Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132KV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132KV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund, update and action taken by Power Division regarding inquiry of Tender No. DISP.01(RR) / GSO (S)/2022 (National Competitive Basis) abandoned 220KV transmission lines. Briefing to be provided as per discussion of previous Committee meeting.

- Update by Secretary, Power Division on electricity prices (January, 2022 till date) and action taken against the newly appointed BoDs in the light of recommendation of the Committee and a detailed briefing by CEOs, SEPCO and HESCO on electricity material provided village wise and area wise along with their recovery status (January, 2022 till February, 2023).

- Further consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "issue of electricity billing in four union Councils of Turbat, Balochistan", raised by Senator Muhammad Akram in the Senate sitting held on 16th January, 2023 and further consideration of a matter referred by the Honourable Chairman Senate on the "issue of electricity billing in village Gaibun, Union Council Nasirabad, Balochistan" to the Committee for report.

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- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric, Financial Audit Reports of claims of Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) since 2005 till October, 2022 in the light of D.G Commercial Audit & Evaluation, yearly profit earned by K-Electric since 2005 till November, 2022, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on foreign & local visits by CEO, K-Electric & other officials during the last ten years, details of electricity provided to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue, subsidy received from Govt. of Pakistan & provincial Govt. of Balochistan from start till date and update on privatization process of K-Electric.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the implementation status of the recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings on 7th February, 2023, 14th February, 2023 and 2nd March, 2023.

xxxvi. 5th April, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the recent massive power breakdown across the country along with details of major cities affected, comprehensive report on digital blackout, disrupting industries, hospitals and loss to the country's economy and steps needs to be taken in improvement of transmission and generation system in this regard and action taken against responsible officers / officials. As per discussion of the Committee, update on the internal inquiry Committee of Power Division under the convenorship of Mr. Tanvir Jafri, Ex-CEO, GENCO-I and provide details related to the Construction of 765KV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process b) CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process and c), Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132KV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132KV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund, update and action taken by Power Division regarding inquiry of Tender No. DISP:01(RR) / GSO (S)/2022 (National Competitive Basis) abandoned 220KV transmission lines. Briefing should be provided as per discussion of previous Committee meeting.
- Update by Secretary, Power Division on electricity prices (January, 2022 till date) and action taken against the newly appointed BoDs in the light of recommendation of the Committee and a detailed briefing by CEOs, SEPCO and HESCO on electricity material provided village wise and area wise along with their recovery status (January, 2022 till February, 2023).
- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric, Financial Audit Reports of claims of Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) since 2005 till October, 2022 in the light of D.G Commercial Audit & Evaluation, yearly profit earned by K-Electric since 2005 till November, 2022, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on foreign & local visits by CEO, K-Electric & other officials during the last ten years, details of electricity provided to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells along with its recovery & revenue, subsidy received from Govt. of Pakistan & provincial Govt. of Balochistan from start till date, update on privatization process of K-Electric and investment of Rs. 474 billion including name of the project, year, initial cost and completion cost, tender and completion date along with project wise all bidders participated in the tenders.

xxxvii. 27th April, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the recent massive power breakdown across the country along with details

of major cities affected, comprehensive report on digital blackout, disrupting industries, hospitals and loss to the country's economy and steps needs to be taken in improvement of transmission and generation system in this regard and action taken against responsible officers / officials. As per discussion of the Committee, update on the internal inquiry Committee of Power Division under the convenership of Mr. Tanvir Jafri, Ex-CEO, GENCO-I and provide details related to the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date b) CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process and c) Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund. Update and action taken by Power Division regarding inquiry of Tender No. DISP.01(RR) / GSO (S)/2022 (National Competitive Basis) abandoned 220kV transmission lines. Briefing should be provided as per discussion of previous Committee meeting. Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since long.

- Consideration of Point-of Public Importance regarding "The Process of appointments in MEPCO", raised by Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan in the Senate sitting held on 7th April, 2023.
- Further update by Secretary, Power Division on electricity prices (January, 2022 till date) and action taken against the newly appointed BoDs in the light of recommendation of the Committee and a detailed briefing by CEOs, SEPCO and HESCO on electricity material provided village wise and area wise along with their recovery status (January 2022 till February, 2023).
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on contract agreements and tendering documents process related to construction, operations and Maintenance (O & M) of Nandipur, Balloki, Haveli Bahadur Shah and Bhikki Power Plants.
- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on the implementation status of the recommendations made by the Committee in meeting i.e 7th February 2023, 14th February, 2023, 2nd March, 2023 and 22nd March, 2023.
- Update by Secretary, Power Division on proposed 132kV Grid Station at Tehsil Dargai, District Malakand.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, TESCO on establishment / bifurcation of different feeders in the grid station of Parachinar District, Kurrum along with details of funds released or will be released for said work.

xxxviii. 2nd June, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765KV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date b) CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process and c) Construction and commissioning of

500/220/132KV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132KV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Order and Experience Certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. (As discussed in previous Committee meeting). Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since long and action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and recommendation of the Committee.

xxxix. 15th June, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the recent massive power breakdown across the country along with details of major cities affected; comprehensive report on digital blackout, disrupting industries, hospitals and loss to the country's economy and steps needs to be taken in improvement of transmission and generation system in this regard and action taken against responsible officers / officials. As per discussion of the Committee, update on the internal inquiry Committee of Power Division in the light of decision of Cabinet and inquiry report and provide details related to the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date b) CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process and c) Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund, update and action taken by Power Division regarding inquiry of Tender No. DISP.01(RR) / GSO (S)/2022 (National Competitive Basis) abandoned 220kV transmission lines Uch - I to Sibbi-I (105 KM), Uch-I DM Jamali - Sibbi PCC Pole (108KM), Guddu - Shikarpur PCC Pole (97KM) and Transmission PCC Pole portion of Shikarpur -Uch-II (53.6KM). Briefing should be provided as per discussion of previous Committee meeting. Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since long and update on privatization process of K-Electric and investment of Rs. 474 billion including name of the project, year, initial cost and completion cost, tender and completion date along with project wise all bidders participated in the tenders and update on the inquiry report regarding illegal tube wells operating under K-Electric and QESCO in the light of Committee formed by Power Division.
- Update of maintenance and operation status of Public Sector Power Plants installed at all GENCOs along with recovery of damage of 747MW (GT-I4) from M/s GE and status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E and update status of appointment of CEO, GUCL.

- Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "The Process of appointments in MEPCO", raised by Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan in the Senate sitting held on 7th April, 2023.
- Update by Secretary, Power Division on proposed 132kV Grid Station at Tehsil Dargai, District Malakand.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, TESCO on establishment / bifurcation of different feeders in the grid station of Parachinar District, Kurram along with details of funds released or will be released for said work.

xl. 4th July, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date and Work order, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant contractor, CASA-1000 Project along with complete tendering process, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. (As discussed in previous Committee meeting). Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since along and action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instruction of the Power Division and recommendation of the Committee and briefing on inquiry report regarding 765 kV Dasu - Islamabad transmission line for whole project conducted by Power Division and NTDC.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-5290 to 5293 & PP- 5297 to 5299 regarding dispensation of justice and continuity of service into regular cadre referred by Hon. Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of a matter referred by Honourable Chairman Senate as envisioned by the Government improving ease of doing business in power sector ADB ties \$400m loan to merger of two boards (AEDB with PPIB) to the Committee for report.
- Briefing by MD, NESPAK on their consultancy and progress of all project in Power Sector.
- Updates by Secretary, Power Division on the action taken regarding three letters issued by Power Division on 31-3-2022 regarding recovery of amount of damaged GT-14 (747MW) from GE, status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E in GHCL, updates status of appointment of CEO, GHCL, CEOs of all GENCO and D.G (HR) & D.G (Finance) GHCL and share all the advertisement and process of CEO, GHCL since January, 2021. Action taken against the newly appointed BoD's in the light of recommendation of the Committee and briefing by CEOs SEPCO, HESCO, PESCO and QESCO on

consumption of funds and rehabilitation works under ELR since June, 2018 till May, 2023.

xli. 24th July, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor, CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. (As discussed in previous Committee meeting). Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since long, action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and recommendation of the Committee and briefing by inquiry Committee, NTDC under the convenorship of Mr. Muhammad Mustafa (then GM Tech and Present DMD (Asset Development & Management) & other Members of the Committee on inquiry report regarding 765kV Dasu -- Islamabad transmission line for whole project conducted by Power Division and NTDC and provision of writ petitions filed in Lahore High Court as per briefing by MD, NTDC and commitment by officials of Power Division in a meeting held on dated 04-07-2023. (In-Camera).
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP – 5309 regarding non-payment of group life insurance after retirement referred by Hon. Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of a matter referred by the Honourable Chairman Senate as envisioned by the Government improving ease of doing business in power sector ADB ties \$400m loan to merger of two boards (AEDB with PPIB) to the Committee for report.
- Briefing by MD, NESPAK on their consultancy and progress of all projects in Power Sector.
- Update by Secretary, Power Division on the action taken regarding three letters issued by Power Division on 31-3-2022 regarding recovery of amount of damaged GT-14 (747MW) from GE, status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E in GHCL, update status of appointment of CEO, GHCL, CEOs of all GENCO and D.G (HR) & D.G (Finance) GHCL and share all the advertisement and process of CEO, GHCL since January, 2021. Action taken against the newly appointed BoDs in the light of recommendation of the Committee, briefing by CEOs SEPCO, HESCO, PESCO and QESCO on consumption of funds and rehabilitation works under ELR since June, 2018 till May, 2023 and briefing by CEO, GENCO-I on the progress of 1320MW Coal Power Plant.

xlii. 25th July, 2023 at 12:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor, CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. (As discussed in previous Committee meeting). Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since long, action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and recommendation of the Committee and briefing by inquiry Committee, NTDC under the convenorship of Mr. Muhammad Mustafa (then GM Tech and Present DMD (Asset Development & Management) & other Members of the Committee on inquiry report regarding 765kV Dasu – Islamabad transmission line for whole project conducted by Power Division and NTDC and provision of writ petitions filed in Lahore High Court as per briefing by MD, NTDC and commitment by officials of Power Division in a meeting held on dated 04-07-2023. (In-Camera).

xliii. 3rd August, 2023 at 02:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 3, First Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor, CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. (As discussed in previous Committee meeting). Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since long, action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and

recommendation of the Committee and briefing by inquiry Committee, NTDC under the convenorship of Mr. Muhammad Mustafa (then GM Tech and Present DMD (Asset Development & Management) & other Members of the Committee on inquiry report regarding 765kV Dasu -- Islamabad transmission line for whole project conducted by Power Division and NTDC and provision of writ petitions filed in Lahore High Court as per briefing by MD, NTDC and commitment by officials of Power Division in a meeting held on dated 04-07-2023.

- Consideration of Public Petitions No. PP- 5338 & PP- 5350 regarding tender, design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 765kV double circuit transmission lines, Dasu-Mansehra-Islamabad (Lot-I, II & III) referred by Hon. Chairman Senate.
- Update by Secretary, Power Division on the action taken regarding three letters issued by Power Division on 31-3-2022 regarding recovery of amount of damaged GT-14 (747MW) from GE, status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E in GHCL, update status of appointment of CEO, GHCL, CEOs of all GENCO and D.G (HR) & D.G (Finance) GHCL and share all the advertisement and process of CEO, GHCL since January, 2021. Action taken against the newly appointed BoDs and GHCL officials in the light of recommendation of the previous Committee meeting held on 24-07-2023 and functions and responsibilities of BoD / officials of RESCO, SEPCO, HESCO & QESCO alongwith CVs of Members of above BoDs.

xliv. 4th August, 2023 at 02:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 3, First Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/e Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor, CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. (As discussed in previous Committee meeting). Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations), DMD (AD&M) posts in NTDC as the matter is pending since long, action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and recommendation of the Committee and briefing by inquiry Committee, NTDC under the convenorship of Mr. Muhammad Mustafa (then GM Tech and Present DMD (Asset Development & Management) & other Members of the Committee on inquiry report regarding 765kV Dasu -- Islamabad transmission line for whole project conducted by Power Division and NTDC and provision of writ petitions filed in Lahore

High Court as per briefing by MD, NTDC and commitment by officials of Power Division in a meeting held on dated-04-07-2023.

• Consideration of Public Petitions No. PP- 5338 & PP- 5350 regarding tender, design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 765kV double circuit transmission lines, Dasu-Mansehra-Islamabad (Lot-I, II & III) referred by Hon. Chairman Senate.

xlv. 22nd August, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

• Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience / successful completion certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor for LoT-II, III, IV & other works, CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointment of DMD (System Operations) in NTDC as the matter is pending since long and action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and implementation status on last Committee meetings from 24-05-2023 to 04-08-2023 and regarding re-tendering process of LoT-I Dasu - Islamabad Transmission Line which was declared mis- procurement.

• Consideration of a matter referred by the Honourable Chairman Senate regarding IDA CREDIT NO. 5497-PK & 5498-PK & IBRD LOAN NO. 9076, RFB-DASU-TL-01; Pk-Dasutl-149818-Cw-RFB. Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 765kv D/C Transmission Line From Dasu Hydropower Plant to Mansehra Substation, Lot-I (765KV Dasu Transmission Line project under World Bank financing) application submitted by SA-RA Energy Construction Trade & Industry Co. Inc.

• Update by Secretary, Power Division on the action taken regarding three letters issued by Power Division on 31-3-2022 regarding recovery of amount of damaged GT-14 (747MW) from GE, status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E in GHCL, update status of appointment of CEO, GHCL, CEOs of all GENCO and D.G (HR) & D.G (Finance) GHCL and share all the advertisement and process of CEO, GHCL since January, 2021. Action taken against the newly appointed BoDs and GHCL officials in the light of recommendation of the previous Committee meeting held on 24-07-2023 and detailed report regarding appointment of all BoDs in overall Ministry of Power Division by Secretary, Power Division (as per commitment in meeting held on 03-08-2023) including expenditure materials procurement & supplied from June, 2021 till July, 2023 month wise & district wise

alongwith recovery of of those districts and development plan 2023-24 by CEOs of PESCO, SEPCO, HESCO & QESCO.

xlvi. 28th August, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Further briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD, NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience / successful completion certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor for LoT-II, III, IV & other works, CASA-1000 project along with complete tendering process, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station and extension work of 500/220/132kV Nokhar Grid Station under ADB fund along with Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor. Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointment of DMD (System Operations) in NTDC as the matter is pending since long and action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and implementation status on last Committee meetings from 24-05-2023 to 22-08-2023 regarding re-tendering process of LoT-I Dasu — Islamabad Transmission Line which was declared mis-procurement and detailed report on expenditure materials procurement & supplied from June, 2021 till July, 2023 month wise & district wise alongwith recovery of of those districts and development plan 2023-24 by CEOs of PESCO, SEPCO, HESCO & QESCO.
- Further consideration of Public Petition No. PP - 5309 submitted by Mr. Ashraf Ansari regarding non-payment of group life insurance to retired employees of WAPDA referred by Hon. Chairman Senate.
- A detailed briefing by CEO, K-Electric on the status of renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric; pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric, Financial Audit Reports of claims of Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) since 2005 till October, 2022 in the light of D.G Commercial Audit & Evaluation; yearly profit earned by K-Electric since 2005 till November, 2022, update on the massive power outage in Karachi, Damage of Bin Qasim Power Station (BQPS), Expenditure on foreign & local visits by CEO, K-Electric & other officials during the last ten years, details of electricity provided to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue, subsidy received from Govt. of Pakistan & provincial Govt. of Balochistan from start till date, update on privatization process of K-Electric and investment of Rs. 474 billion including name of the project, year, initial cost and completion cost, tender and completion date along with project wise all bidders participated in the tenders.

xlvi. 5th September, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary Power Division and Chairman NEPRA alongwith his all provincial Members on recent high inflated electricity rates/bills and its solution, electricity purchase & recovery made by DISCOs including K-Electric, recent increase in circular debt and subsidies given by the Federal Government to different departments, province-wise electricity generation with average cost per unit, demand and supply and status of royalty payments.
- Further briefing by Secretary Power Division & MD NTDC on the Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station alongwith complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience / successful completion certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor for Lot-II, Lot-III, Lot-IV and other works (provide the completion certificate of 2019 and financial statements for Lot-II), Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station under ADB fund alongwith Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant & contractor. CASA-1000 project alongwith complete tendering process. Update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations) in NTDC as the matter is pending since long and action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and Implementation status on last Committee meetings from 24-05-2023 to 28-08-2023 regarding re-tendering of Lot-I, Lot-II and taking over charge of consultant by NESPAK from M/s GOPA Intec for 765kV Dasu-Islamabad Transmission Line which was declared mis-procurement. Detailed report on expenditure materials procurement & supplied from June, 2021 till July, 2023 month-wise and district-wise alongwith recovery of those districts and development plan 2023-24 by CEOs of PESCO, SEPCO, HESCO & QESCO. Briefing by CEO GHCL on the implementation status regarding recommendations issued in earlier meetings, update on Jamshoro Coal Power Plant (1320 MW) GENCO-I, recovery of amount of damaged GT-14 (747MW) from GE, (O&M) status of 747MW Power Plant and rehabilitation of 415 MW Power Plant at Guddu (GENCO-II) and status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E. in GHCL

xlvi. 14th September, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary Power Division and Chairman NEPRA alongwith all provincial Members on recent high inflated electricity rates/bills and its solution, electricity purchase & recovery made by DISCOs including K-Electric, recent increase in circular debt and subsidies given by the Federal Government to different departments, province-wise electricity generation with average cost per

unit, demand and supply and status of royalty payments, estimates of all IPPs since installation, detail of owners of all IPPs and copy of agreement of negotiations with 34 IPPs out of 46 in 2021 (as per briefing of A.S, Power Division in previous Committee meeting).

Briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD NTDC on the loss occurred in the projects of NTDC in the light of audit paras raised by Auditor General of Pakistan and further briefing on Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station alongwith complete tendering process till date and Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience / successful completion certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant and contractor for Lot-II, Lot-III, Lot-IV and other-works (provide the completion certificate of 2019 and financial statements for Lot-II), Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station under ADB fund alongwith Work Orders, completion certificates and other experience certificates of the Companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant & contractor. CASA-1000 project alongwith complete tendering process, update on the action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations) in NTDC as the matter is pending since long and action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and Implementation status on last Committee meetings from 24-05-2023 to 05-09-2023 regarding re-tendering of Lot-I, Lot-II and taking over charge of consultant by NESPAK from M/s GOPA Intec for 765kV Dasu-Islamabad Transmission Line which was declared mis-procurement. Detailed report on expenditure materials procurement & supplied from June, 2021 till July, 2023 month-wise and district-wise alongwith recovery of those districts and development plan 2023-24 by CEOs of PESCO, SEPCO, HESCO & QESCO. Briefing by CEO GHCL on the implementation status regarding recommendations issued in earlier meetings, update on Jamshoro Coal Power Plant (1320 MW) GENCO-I, recovery of amount of damaged GT-14 (747MW) from GE, (O&M) status of 747MW Power Plant and rehabilitation of 415 MW Power Plant at Guddu (GENCO-II) and status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E. in GHCL.

xlix. 26th October, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

Briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD NTDC on implementation status of LoT-I, LoT-II and Consultant M/s GOPA Intec for construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station and hiring of consultant and contractor for Lot-III, Lot-IV, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station under ADB fund alongwith Work Orders, completion certificates of the companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant & contractor, ADP project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A, CASA-1000 project alongwith complete tendering process, update on the

action taken by Power Division on the illegal appointments of DMD (System Operations) in NTDC as the matter is pending since long and action taken against Chairman and Members of BoD, NTDC over the non-implementation of the instructions of the Power Division and Implementation status on last Committee meetings from 24-05-2023 to 05-09-2023 regarding re-tendering of Lot-I, Lot-II and Briefing by CEO, GHCL on the implementation status regarding recommendations issued in earlier meetings, update on Jamshoro Coal Power Plant (1320 MW) GENCO-I, recovery of amount of damaged GT-14 (747MW) from GE, (O&M) status of 747MW Power Plant and rehabilitation of 415 MW Power Plant at Guddu (GENCO-II) and status of promotion of technical staff from XEN to C.E. in GHCL.

- A detailed briefing by Chairman NEPRA alongwith all provincial Members on illegal extension of KAPCO Power Plant (which was first IPP agreement expired in June, 2021), estimates of all IPPs since installation, detail of owners of all IPPs and copy of agreement of negotiations with 34 IPPs out of 46 in 2021 and on report prepared by Mr. Muhammad Ali, sitting Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) in 2021.
- Briefing by MD, NESPAK on their consultancy and progress of all projects in Power Sector and on ADP project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A.

1. 17th October, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall (PRC-Hall), Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

- Briefing by MD, NESPAK on their consultancy and progress of all projects in Power Sector and on ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A.
- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division & MD NTDC on implementation status of LoT-I, LoT-II and Consultant M/s GOPA Intec for construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station and hiring of consultant and contractor for Lot-III, Lot-IV, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station under ADB fund alongwith Work Orders, completion certificates of the companies participated in bidding process for hiring of consultant & contractor, ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A and CASA-1000 project alongwith complete tendering process.
- A detailed briefing by Chairman NEPRA alongwith all provincial Members on illegal extension of KAPCO Power Plant (which was first IPP agreement expired in June, 2021), estimates of all IPPs since installation, detail of owners of all IPPs and copy of agreement of negotiations with 34 IPPs out of 46 in 2021 and on report prepared by Mr. Muhammad Ali, sitting Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) in 2021.

ii. 27th November, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. I, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Briefing by MD, NESPAK on the non-implementation, regarding submission of re-evaluation report and status of the recommendations made by the Committee in its last meeting for ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-I A.
- Briefing by Secretary Power Division, MD, NTDC and BoD, NTDC on non-implementation status and non-serious attitude on clear recommendations of Senate Standing Committee on Power on huge violations in awarding of contracts to disqualified firms for LoT-I (M/s Sinohydro Corporation) and LoT-II (M/s Harbin Electric International) and consultant (M/s GOPA Intec) malafidely for construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station and brief on tender for Lot-III and Lot-IV along with Mr. Muhammad Mustafa and his inquiry Committee team on inquiry report and way forward report by Mr. Adnan Riaz Mir, GM (Technical) PPMC along with his team and main noting file by Power Division regarding this project, Construction and commissioning of 500/220/132kV Lahore North Grid Station under ADB fund along with all concerned documents.

lii. 15th December, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, (Power Division) on overall working and performance of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division).
- A detailed briefing on the performance of the attached departments of Power Division by their respective Heads, CEOs and MDs of all DISCOs, K-Electric, NTDC, NESPAK, PPIB, CPPA-G, PITC, PPMC, NPPMCL, PHL and GENCOS.

liii. 16th January, 2024 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- Briefing by Secretary, Power Division and MD, NTDC on the recommendations of Senate Standing Committee on Power in awarding of contracts to (M/s Sinohydro Corporation) for LoT-I, (M/s Harbin Electric International) for LoT-II and consultant (M/s GOPA Intec) for construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station.
- Further discussion on ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-I A.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-5485 regarding restoration of electricity in Mirani Dam Feeder Dasht, District Kech, referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate.
- Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-5539, regarding 236 Federal Government Power Sector Development schemes awarded to MEPCO during FY 2022-2023, referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate.

- Consideration of a recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 12th & 13th September, 2023 at Karachi and referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 26th September, 2023.
- Briefing by MD, NESPAK on their consultancy and progress of all projects in Power Sector.

iv. 20th February, 2024 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- A detailed briefing by Secretary, Power Division on circular debt in power sector.
- A detailed briefing by caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) along with Members of the Internal Inquiry Committee on the findings of the report in awarding of contracts to (M/s Sinohydro Corporation) for LoT-I, (M/s Harbin Electric International) for LoT-II and consultant (M/s GOPA Intec) for construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station and ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A.
- Further consideration of Public Petition No. PP-5485 regarding restoration of electricity in Mirani Dam Feeder Dasht, District Kech referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate.
- Further consideration of a recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 12th & 13th September, 2023 at Karachi and referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 26th September, 2023.
- Consideration of Public Petitions No. PP - 5652 & 5653 against management of K-Electric IBC Gadap and Mr. Manzoor Lodhi for illegal disconnection of PMT in Jahanabad near Gulshan-e-Maymar, Karachi, referred by Hon. Chairman Senate.
- Briefing by MD, NESPAK on their consultancy and progress of all projects in Power Sector.

FINDINGS / OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

- Performance of the attached departments of Power Division by their respective Heads, CEOs and MDs.

4. The Committee was briefed on the policy level issues of GENCOs. During nineties, the Thermal Power Plants were installed in Pakistan. The Government decided that power plants which were inefficient must be closed or de-licensed and not to give golden handshakes to the employees working in those power plants. A total of around 1800 officials were adjusted in the nearby DISCOs of the area.

5. In a meeting held on 15-12-2023, the Power Division briefed the Committee in detail about the working and performance of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division). Regarding future plans for rationalization of energy basket, the MD, PPIB informed the Committee that NTDC has already prepared a generation expansion plan for next ten years. The targets to be achieved includes that hydro energy will be increased upto 40% till 2026, however, the ultimate target to be achieved by 2031 includes increasing renewable resources upto 60%. The MD, NTDC also briefed the Committee about the future plans of NTDC. He stated that NTDC has an aim to promote indigenization of local coal for future power plants. Recently, the transmission line (Thar Coal Power Plant) in South is also strengthened in this regard. The future technology is based on the renewable energy worldwide and Pakistan has the best wind and solar potential as compared to the neighbouring countries. The plan for solarisation of agricultural tube wells in Balochistan is also under progress. In DISCOs, the grids of 11kV feeders will be supplemented with solar energy which is also under progress. The energy mix will be more focussed on completion of bigger dams like Diamer-Bhasha Dam (2029-30) and 765kV Dasu transmission line project in June, 2025 in future.

6. Regarding the future policy or steps to be taken for improvement in energy basket in order to compete with the other neighbouring countries in South Asia, the caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) informed the Committee that in the past, IPPs agreements were signed in dollar indexation with high profit. Now, we should not go on revisiting these past mistakes with a reason that power sector is a part of economy and Pakistan need foreign investment / expertise in a country. The government is working on revising electricity tariff structure to reduce the cost of electricity as export industry cannot compete with regional competitors that are supplying electricity at 9 Cents/ kWh. We have to reduce power cost and increase industrial consumption. There are five components of tariff, i.e., capacity payment which is approximately 60% of tariff, fuel payment, transmission and distribution cost, interest on PHPL debts and taxes on power, which need to be reviewed.

7. He further informed that Power Division is also working on some solution to circular debt but it is not an easy to bring it down due to future capacity payments. However, Power Division is working on tariff components including fixed components which have to increase adding that there is a mismatch between revenue side and cost side. With revision in

variable component, tariff will automatically come down. The government must do away with cross-subsidy in power sector, which is on the higher side -- at around Rs.300 billion. We have to increase our fix component and eliminate cross subsidy, in addition to increasing consumption which can come from industry.

8. The efforts are being made to reduce the circular debt. Subsidies have to be removed and legal changes have to be made in this regard. Power Division is working on rationalisation of electricity tariff formula meant to ensure electricity supply to industry sans the burden of cross subsidy to other consumer categories. The anti-theft electricity drive is also playing an important role in bringing down power Tariff. Earlier, electricity theft was not a cognizable offence and now an ordinance making theft of electricity a cognisable offence and empowering DISCOs to get the people involved in power theft arrested has been promulgated by the President. The involvement of government in power sector needs to be decreased. Changes will be made in top management of DISCOs and Board of Directors to strengthen working and governance of companies. Private sector experts have to be included in the power sector. The working on rationalisation of tariff will be completed in a month's time, adding that if variable charges come down, it will have an impact on tariffs.

- Agreements signed between Government of Pakistan and the IPPs at the time of setting up of the Power Plant.

9. In a meeting held on 08-07-2021, the Committee was briefed in detailed on power projects set-up in Pakistan under power policies. It was told that Government issued the Power Generation Policy 2002 in the wake of the unbundling of Water and Power Development Authority's (WAPDA) power wing and after establishment of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) as an independent power sector regulator under the NEPRA Act. The Committee was informed that NEPRA is a regulatory body and the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) checks the overall working of the NEPRA. Upon the query of the Committee, it was informed that Thar had potential for local coal but it had mine development issues. In this regard, a study was underway to check what benefit will be there in terms of saving on the foreign exchange and investments in conversion to Thar Coal.

10. The Committee stated that there is a lot of potential for hydel power generation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK). The Committee was informed that water projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are having capital expenditure. The Kyber Pakhtunkhwa government has already invested in it. In hydel projects, the work on Diamer-Bhasha Dam project has been started. The Dattu Hydropower project is in under construction and its 1st phase will be completed in 2023.

11. In a meeting held on 28-07-2021, the Committee was further briefed in detail on power projects set-up in Pakistan under power policies in 1994, 2002, 2006 and 2015. Regarding any project started on solar photovoltaic, thermal energy and wind power under 2006 policy, the Committee was informed that projects of 2015MW in Solar and 1876MW of projects in wind have been started. While responding to the question relating to the energy mix of the country, it was informed that actual energy produced in 2020-21 is: Hydel 30%, Coal 22%, RLNG 21%, Gas 11%, Furnace Oil 4%, Wind 2 %, Bagasse 1%, Solar 1% and Nuclear 8%. The Committee

was further briefed in detail about the fuel wise summary FY 2020-21. The Committee was told that 130, 333 MWhs units were generated in FY 20-21 and Rs. 948 billion has been paid to IPPs as capacity payment.

- Details of Circular Debt from very beginning year and year wise position from 2002 to 2021.

12. In a meeting held on 28-07-2021, the Committee was briefed that issue of Circular debt started in 2007-08. Currently, the Circular debt is Rs 2280 billion as of 30th June, 2021. There was an increase of Rs. 130 billion as compared to last year Rs. 538 billion. It was further informed that there were multiple causes for the increase in circular debt. The basic reason was the production and distribution of electricity and then it was not recovered from the consumers.

13. The Committee was of the view that normally when Tariff is determined it is then notified by the Government. In the past, we had this practice that Tariff had been determined but was not notified by the government and resulted in the accumulated of Circular debt. The present government had to take this burden and it resulted inflation in the country. The Committee was informed that a subsidy reform proposal has been approved by the Cabinet. The proposal has been sent to NEPRA for hearing and after the hearing the Tariff schedule will be change through this proposal. Recently, the Senate has also passed an amendment in the NEPRA Bill and through the amendment there will be uniform application of Tariff in the country. It will minimize the accumulation of the Circular debt.

14. The Committee was informed that there are different regimes working under IPPs policies and if an upfront Tariff was given, then there will be no cross check on it and if there was a cost plus regime policy, then it will be checked at various stages. The Committee was of the view that under the Convenorship of the Senator Shibli Faraz, the Special Committee also presented a report on Circular Debt. The Committee was informed that most of the recommendations are reviewed and are on different stages of implementation now. Regarding the percentage of line losses resulted an increase in the circular debt, it was informed that Line losses and under recoveries (Theft + inefficiency) contributes 25% increase in the Circular debt. These losses are due to the low quality of the machine.

15. In a meeting held on 05-08-2021, the Committee observed that breakup of year wise amount started from June 2008 to June 2021 regarding the circular debt has not been shared with the Committee. It stated that circular debt was increasing due to failure of recoveries of arrears and asked that what were the causes / reasons, from which the circular debt started in June, 2008. The representative of the Power Division informed that Power Division has start working on this exercise with NEPRA since September, 2020.

16. In a meeting held on 08-07-2021, the Committee was briefed on the major factors involved in the increase of Circular Debt. Regarding the non-payment of Rs. 61 billion by K-Electric, the Committee was informed that there was a dispute between government and K-Electric. In order to resolve this issue, an Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted and finalization of Terms of Reference (ToRs) are under discussion. The Committee was further informed that there was a dispute of Rs. 280 billion between K-Electric and government.

Government has to pay Rs. 300 Billion. The CEO, K-Electric also stated that K. Electric is ready to pay the reconciled amount and has already asked federal government to deduct this amount from its receivables. The company was also ready to resolve receivables/ payables dispute through arbitration, adding that whatever decision will be taken by the Arbitrator must be accepted by all the concerned parties.

17. In a meeting held on 23-08-2021, the Committee was apprised that circular debt stands at Rs. 2280 billion (as of June 2021). The amount payable to IPPs is Rs. 1245 billion and the rest lies at the PHL. The receivables from K-Electric are Rs. 292 billion. Regarding the dispute of payment between Government and K-Electric, the Committee was informed that Government decided to provide additional electricity to Karachi from the national grid till 2050. The three agreements are negotiated and at the final stage now. They will be put to the Federal Cabinet for approval soon. The 1100MW has been provided to K-Electric and receivable dispute will be solved through separate arbitration. The Committee was further apprised that for the past dues of Power and Petroleum, a Committee has already been formed in Cabinet and Ministry of Privatization has a leading role in it. Regarding the year-wise breakup of Circular Debt since June, 2008, it was informed that required data related to circular debt, shared in today's Committee meeting, was never been presented like this and never was demanded from anyone like this. It was formulated by the CCoE and validated / authenticated by NEPRA.

18. In a meeting held on 06-10-2021, the Committee stated that when circular debt started in 2008, it was Rs. 103 billion and 51 billion had to be paid by the K-Electric to government. In the last Committee meeting, K-Electric was of the view that they had due payment to be received by Karachi Water & Sewerage Board which was of Rs.8 billion. It showed that Rs. 43 billion still had to be paid by the K-Electric to the government since 2008. The Committee was informed that the total receivables of K-Electric are Rs. 321 billion. The total payables are Rs. 263 billion. The K-Electric total net receivables are Rs. 58 billion. The Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted in order to resolve the dispute between the Government and K-Electric which was led by Ministry of Privatization. In the next two months, the draft arbitration agreement will be finalized and will be signed between two entities.

19. In a meeting held on 15-12-2023, the Committee was further briefed that circular debt is closed at Rs.2.310 trillion (FY, 2023). As per an agreement with international financial institutions, circular debt will be capped at Rs.2.310 trillion as the government has approved a subsidy of Rs.972 billion in the budget.

- Pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric

20. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the Chief Distribution Officer, K-Electric briefed the Committee that Rs. 16 billion were receivable & Rs. 28 billion were payables in 2008. The total net payable was Rs. 12 billion in 2008. The Committee recommended K-Electric to pay the pending amount of circular debt Rs. 50 billion to Govt. of Pakistan since 2008 (starting year of circular debt) unless & until the rest of the amount may be finalized. The Committee instructed the Power Division to bring a cheque of Rs 51 billion from K-Electric in favour of government of Pakistan in the next meeting. It further stated that Circular debt was

started in 2008 with Rs. 103 billion pending dues and Rs. 58 billion to be paid by K-Electric to Govt. of Pakistan since 2008 but as per previous briefings the Circular Debt due to K-Electric is Rs. 298 billion since June, 2021. The Power Division also informed that Prime Minister has constituted a task force headed by former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi to resolve issues / disputes related to K-Electric for improving the power utility's cash flows and streaming generation of electricity from its power plants.

21. In a meeting held on 05-12-2022, regarding the position of Circular Debt - Receivables / Payables, the CEO, K-Electric apprised the Committee that K-Electric has Net Payable Balance of PKR 12 Billion (Gross Receivable - PKR 16 Bln & Gross payable - PKR 28 Bln) in 2008. Regarding the current position of Receivables / Payables Position -- Oct 2022, the total receivables are Rs. 475 billion and total payables are Rs. 396 billion. The net receivable is Rs. 78.3 billion.

22. The Power Division informed that according to the calculations of Power Division, the total payables to K-Electric are Rs. 408 billion and total receivables from K-Electric are Rs. 457 billion. The net interest is Rs. 117 billion. It further added that there is an agreement which relates to the payment to be made within days by the Government to K-Electric and if not made on time then there is no clause on mark up. The CEO, K-Electric also agreed that it was written in the implementation agreement that payment will be made within 30 days and if not made then there was no clause on mark-up on payment. The Power Division further stated that government has also paid 46% of electricity which was provided by K-Electric to its consumers and still the payment is not paid by K-Electric.

23. The Committee stated that according to figures provided by the K-Electric, the net difference of K-Electric is Rs. 78 billion. According to the briefing of Power Division, the receivables from K-Electric are Rs. 457 billion and payables to K-Electric are Rs. 408 billion but still Rs. 49 billion are yet to be received by Government of Pakistan.

24. Regarding the inclusion of KSWB with Rs. 28.2 billion in the receivables from Government of Pakistan, the CEO, K-Electric informed that implementation agreement was signed in 2005 and KSWB was declared as strategic consumer in it. The Guarantee was given by the federal government of Pakistan on the condition that K-Electric will supply interrupted electricity to KSWB. K-Electric provided the electricity from 2005-2016. Now, the dues are accumulated of Rs. 28.2 in this period. While Power Division stated and denied that Government of Pakistan was not responsible to pay the dues of KSWB & provinces.

25. The CEO, K-Electric further informed that total receivables were Rs. 16 billion and payables were Rs. 28 billion in 2008. The Committee observed that why Rs. 12 billion were not paid to the Government of Pakistan as per his statement when there was no dispute in 2008. The CEO, K-Electric informed that ECC had a decision in 2008 where instalments and adjustments were made accordingly. The Committee stated that Power Division shared the data that earlier it was Rs. 51 billion to be paid by the K-Electric but K-Electric stated that total Rs. 28 billion to be paid in 2008. There is a difference of Rs. 23 billion. It stated that in a meeting held on 15-09-2021, it was informed by CEO, K-Electric that the company had principal amount

of Rs300 billion against the federation under various heads. In today's Committee meeting, the data shared by K-Electric upto October, 2022 is that payable is Rs.396 billion and receivables is Rs. 475 billion. During the last 16 months, Rs. 175 billion are more added by K-Electric in the receivables from Government of Pakistan. In the last 13 years, it was Rs. 300 billion and in the last 16 months it is Rs. 175 billion.

26. The CEO, K-Electric informed that Rs. 8 billion were receivables at that time and figure was considered at Rs. 51 billion. Rs. 43 billion were still to be payable to Government of Pakistan. The Committee asked a clarification from Power Division that why they did not receive it in 2008 as now Government of Pakistan has to pay Rs. 78 billion of 13 years. It recommended to Power Division to fix the responsibility on the concerned officials who were unable to take the payment of circular debt of Rs. 43 billion from K-Electric in 2008. (Initial year of circular debt).

27. In a meeting held on 20-12-2022, the CEO, CCPA-G apprised the Committee in detail about the receivables from K-Electric by CPPA-G. He informed stated that total receivables are Rs. 464 million in FY 2022-23 (31-10-2022). There was a clause which stated that NTDC will sent the bill to K-Electric; out of that bill, the subsidy from Government of Pakistan at source will be deduct & then will be paid to NTDC. Due to the deduction clause, the markup was charged to K-Electric and it went to the dispute. The K-Electric was of the view that already in-vvoice was deducted at source but CPPA-G was of the view that unless & until the CPPA-G was not paid, the markup will be charged accordingly. Furthermore, during the discussions on the renewal of the agreement, it was decided that deduction at source clause will not be included in the agreement in future. After the several discussions on the matter, the initials of the new agreements are drafted now. The Committee observed that deduction at source clause was the main issue that agreement was not renewed. The mark-up was charged on dues to be paid by K-Electric but there was no dispute in 2008. In the last meeting, it was discussed that in a meeting held on 15-09-2021, the CEO, K-Electric informed that Rs. 8 billion were receivables at that time and figure was considered at Rs. 51 billion. Rs. 43 billion were still to be payable to Government of Pakistan. It is a serious issue that agreement is not renewed yet.

28. In a meeting held on 02-01-2023, the Committee stated that circular debt started in June, 2008. The Power Division must have received the amount of Rs. 43 billion from K-Electric in 2008. The CEO, CPPA-G apprised the Committee in detail about the receivables from K-Electric by CPPA-G (650MW+150MW). The Committee showed its displeasure that details related to sheet of opening balance Rs. 37.9 billion may be disclose to the people of Pakistan so that they must know that K-Electric was responsible for beginning of circular debt in Pakistan and they had to pay Rs. 43 billion to the Government of Pakistan in 2008. The Committee stated that Power Division deliberately did not receive the amount Rs. 43 billion in 2008. The Committee wants Power Division to take action against officials who were unable to receive the amount from K-Electric in 2008.

29. The CEO, CPPA-G informed the Committee that claimed by government of Pakistan from K-Electric is Rs. 490 billion. The CEO, K-Electric informed that K-Electric also claims Rs. 440 billion from Ministry of Finance. The Tariff differential Claims of K-Electric

from Government of Pakistan are Rs. 431 billion and liability of NTDC & CPPA-G is Rs. 350 billion. The CEO, CPPA-G stated that mark-up amount is Rs. 140 billion which is the disputed amount. The correct figure about amount to be paid to Government of Pakistan by K-Electric is not with the CPPA-G as the determination of amount has to be made by NEPRA. Government of Pakistan will notify it, and it will be claimed by K-Electric and send to the M/o Finance for further process. The Committee observed that it is surprising that CEO, CPPA-G was unaware about the exact figures and amount. So, it is clear from their action and seriousness that Government of Pakistan will repay the amount to K-Electric instead of receiving from K-Electric as happened earlier in 2008.

30. In a meeting held on 14-02-2023, the CEO, K-Electric briefed the Committee that amount receivables of tariff differential is Rs. 431 billion. Out of Rs. 431 billion, Rs. 80 billion is still with NEPRA to determine the amount and issue the notifications accordingly. He further informed that Rs. 140 billion mark up which is the disputed one. The K-Electric wants issue to be resolved through arbitration and mediation process. Regarding the pending financial matters --- receivables / payables Position -2008, he briefed the Committee that KE's payable to NTDC was PKR 19 Billion instead of PKR 50 Billion, difference of PKR 31 billion was not the liability of KE as confirmed by ECC decision. The Committee observed that Power Division is not bound to pay the payment under the heads of KWSB & SSGC. The CEO, K-Electric informed that balance of K-Electric is due and it is the Federal Government to decide who will pay the amount to K-Electric. It is not possible for K-Electric to give mark up on liability and not receive the mark up on receivables. It was also the request of K-Electric to decide through arbitration and mediator to resolve the issue.

• Renewal of Agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric

31. The Committee was informed that agreement was expired in 2015 and K-Electric has stopped giving the payment of the electricity being provided by the Government and it resulted in increase of Rs. 82 billion in Circular debt. In a meeting held on 08-07-2021, the Committee expressed displeasure at the Power Division for not providing copies of the agreement between K-Electric and Government of Pakistan. The Committee expressed its serious concern that Power Division is not cooperating with the Standing Committee on the provision of agreement with KE, adding that perhaps all the stakeholders do not want the committee to enquire about KE. The Committee was told that KE's Sale Purchase Agreement (SPA) is with the Privatisation Commission not with the Power Division. However, a copy of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), which was expired in 2015 is with the Power Division.

32. In a meeting held on 28-07-2021, the representative from the Privatization Commission briefed the Committee that Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) was signed in 2005 with Amendment agreement signed in 2009 between President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and KES Power Limited, Hassan Associates (Pvt.) Limited and Premier Mercantile Services (Pvt.) Limited. In the main agreement, there is a confidentiality clause and therefore, the agreement will be shared with the Committee only under Rule 189 of the Rules of the Procedure and Conduct of Business in Senate, 2012.

33. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the Committee stated that it was strange that the agreement was expired in 2015 and still not revised. The Committee was also pushing the matter since June, 2021 but Power Division was still unable to sign the revised agreement for which the Power Division was committed in the end of November, 2021. It seems that officials of Power Division are not interested to conclude their important issues / business on time and they are deliberately playing the delaying tactics in this regard. The CEO, K-Electric informed that several discussions were held during the period of August, 2021 – November, 2021 over the renewal of agreement but still there are few issues which needs to be resolved before signing of new agreement.

34. The Committee observed that preparations for the renewal of agreement may have been started in 2014. The CEO, K-Electric further informed that K-Electric was told by the Power Division to install their own power plants and they have start preparation for installation of new power plants. He further briefed that it was again conveyed by the Power Division to purchase the electricity from the Government of Pakistan. The K-Electric was of the view to sign a new PPAA in this regard.

35. The Power Division also briefed the Committee that it was euphoria that Power Division will be in access capacity by 2020. The Power Division also told K-Electric not to install their own power plants as Government of Pakistan will provide electricity to them. The Power Division later realised that euphoria was not correct as there was load shedding for 4hrs on normal feeders as well. The Government of Pakistan is unable to provide the 2000MW of electricity during these peak hours to K-Electric. The K-Electric has the opportunity as Thar coal energy and wind & solar resources are also available near to them to produce the electricity. If they produce their own electricity, then Karachi will have low tariff in the whole country. It will be viable for K-Electric to install their own power plants.

36. In a meeting held on 05-12-2022, the CEO, K-Electric apprised the Committee that draft Power Purchase Agency Agreement (PPAA) between KE and CPPA and draft Interconnection Agreement (ICA) between KE and NTDC for supply of upto 2,050 MW to KE from National Grid was initiated on November 10, 2021 for approval at CCoE / Cabinet level. Furthermore, a draft Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) Agreement was also initiated on November 10, 2021 between KE and Power Division. There were a few open items on which discussions were ongoing and had to be decided at higher forum. The draft summary for CCoE was also circulated by Power Division for stakeholder comments on November 17, 2021. In June 2022, a Taskforce has been constituted by the Honorable Prime Minister for resolution of KE issues which also includes execution of forward-looking contracts. Subsequent to constitution of taskforce, multiple meetings have been held. The agreements will be placed before the competent forum and will be executed post relevant approvals.

37. In a meeting held on 02-01-2023, the Committee stated that K-Electric's contract with the National Grid was expired in 2015 and eight years have been passed but the contract was not renewed. The Power Division informed that a task force is constituted by Prime Minister of Pakistan and renewal of agreement is still in the process. All receivables and payables dues are in the mandate of the Committee.

38. In a meeting held on 07-02-2023, the Committee observed that agreement has not renewed yet and recommended Power Division to finalize the agreement as soon as possible because already a new task force has been headed by Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi since June, 2022 to resolve issues / disputes related to K-Electric.

39. In a meeting held on 14-02-2023, the CEO, K-Electric briefed the Committee that discussions have been held on Draft Power Purchase Agency Agreement (PPAA), draft Interconnection Agreement (ICA) and draft Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS) Agreement. Subsequent to constitution of taskforce, multiple meetings have been held. The agreements will be placed before the Competent Forum and signed accordingly. The Power Division also informed that active discussion has been taken place since last four months and draft agreement is at the final stage. The Committee stated that Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) also admitted on the floor of the House stated that last three weeks the discussions had been held rigorously and agreement is about to be finalized. The Committee maintained that finalization of the agreement should not be the headache of K-Electric and it is the responsibility of Power Division to resolve this matter as soon as possible which is already in un-necessary pending since 2015.

40. In a meeting held on 15-12-2023, the CEO, K-Electric briefed the Committee that Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has decided to approve the proposal of the Power Division for signing draft PPA, ICA, TDA and Mediation Agreements between K-Electric and government entities today.

• **Compensation to be given to deceased families of Latifabad, Hyderabad incident**

41. In a meeting held on 28-07-2021, the Committee was informed that Power Division called Chairman, Board of Directors (BODs) HESCO to make a compensation policy for the deceased families. The Board adopted a policy that Rs.7 lacs will be given to the deceased family and Rs. 5 lacs to the injured person. The Committee was of the view that remaining families of 3 persons who died in Latifabad incident have not so far received the compensation.

42. In a meeting held on 23-08-2021, the Committee was informed that Board has a scheduled meeting for 24th August, 2021 and the matter will be discussed in it. The representative from HESCO Board also informed that Board had a meeting on 9th August, 2021 but this matter was not discussed. The Committee was of the view that CEO, HESCO is helpless before the board. The Board is deliberately not responding on this issue and recommendation of the Committee.

43. In a meeting held on 01-09-2021, the Committee was informed that matter was discussed but Board did not agree to give the compensation prior to the compensation policy as there were so many cases prior to the policy. The Board has decided to give the compensation package only to the fresh cases from now onwards. The Committee observed that why HESCO Board was not considering this case when the Secretary Power Division already committed in first meeting held on 24-6-2021 and in the second meeting held on 08-07-2021 regarding the

~~compensation to be given to deceased families of Latifabad incident. The Committee was~~
informed that HESCO Board has decided that prior to the compensation policy, the cases will not be considered. The compensation package has also been not approved by the Board of Directors (BoD) with retrospective effect. It is a standard practice of government of Pakistan.

44. In a meeting held on 10-01-2022, the Committee stated that the families of Latifabad incident have not received the compensation despite commitment given by the Power Division. The BoD, HESCO did not pay a heed to the recommendations of the Committee. In a meeting held on 14-02-2022, the Committee was informed that BoD HESCO has approved payment to the families of the three public persons who lost their lives in the incident of transformer blast occurred in Phulleli Sub-Division in HESCO region. The Chairman, NEPRA also investigated the issue and recommended HESCO to give the same compensation to deceased families of Latifabad incident as given earlier to the deceased families. In a meeting held on 28-03-2022, the Power Division informed that Rs. 7 lacs has been given to the deceased families of Latifabad incident on 8th February, 2022.

• **Proposal of Construction of 220KV Grid Station at Larkana**

45. The Committee was briefed on overall progress of the project. The Committee while sharing its observation disagreed with the findings of the report and showed its serious concern that if the project was approved on the wrong assessment of the PMS report then what action has been taken by NDTC in this regard. It was informed that only PEPCO can take action against it. The Committee observed that after the approval of PC-I, the process has been stopped at the stage of tendering. It was further informed that land acquisition was the main reason in this regard.

46. In a meeting held on 14-02-2022, the Committee was informed that Section-IV was completed on 10th February, 2022 and two additional transformers will be installed in Shikarpur next year. The Committee observed that it was earlier discussed and decided that project will be started from the share of GoP funding and acquisition of land was only the issue. The MD, NTDC informed that Rs. 350 million are allocated for the land and it will take another 8 - 9 months to complete the tendering process. The Committee stated that it was decided in the previous Committee meetings to start the tendering process for the project. It showed its displeasure that earlier the project was approved due to the requirement of 1,667MW then suddenly abandoned and dropped to 1,124MW. When the project was not feasible then why it was planned. The tendering process must have been started in the financial year 2021-22 as may be Prime Minister of Pakistan will visit Larkana and ground-breaking ceremony will be performed by him. The MD, NTDC informed that GoP has 20% (Rs. 1300 million) of the share in it. The Committee observed that there was no big grid station on the right side of the Indus River and will be beneficial for the people.

47. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, the Committee was informed that CDWP approved the project in 2019. Earlier, it had the land issues but now the third site was selected for the project and fee was also submitted in the land settlement Directorate. The survey was due in which owners will be identified as well. The site (other than Ratodero Larkana Road), Garhi Khuda Baksh Road was finalized and section IV has been approved. The representative of

NTDC informed that the issue related to ownership of land will be resolved by May, 2022. The Committee stated that in the previous Committee meetings held on 14-02-2022 & 23-2-2022, the Committee recommended that project to be started from the share of GoP and tendering process to be started before June, 2022. It observed that earlier, the MD, NTDC along with his team visited the sites and finalized Larkana Road but now it was again changed to Garhi Khuda Baksh Road. There were lot of issues involved in acquiring the land and site was proposed to Ratodero Larkana Road that could not be changed then how NTDC will change the site which was not available earlier. The Power Division further apprised that concerned section of Power Division was in contact with the Planning Commission regarding the increase in the budget of proposed Grid Station in Larkana, The revised details are already shared with the Planning Commission in this regard.

• **Shifting of NTDC Headquarters from Lahore to Islamabad**

48. The Committee was of the view that NTDC office is in Lahore on rental basis and should be shifted to Islamabad as their concerned Ministry and official matters related to Parliament are in Islamabad. To this, Power Division briefed the Committee that government is trying to improve the governance issues of NTDC at multiple levels. In this regard, a road map has been approved by the Cabinet. The NTDC is a big organization and dislocation is seen through the lenses of cost and benefit analysis. The mid-term plan is that NTDC will be shifted in Islamabad but the resettlement process is a difficult one. The Minister for Energy (Power Division) while agreeing with the views of Committee said that NTDC head office should be in Islamabad so that the affairs of the company can be easily managed. The MD, NTDC also apprised the Committee that two floors of Urdu University, Islamabad have been taken on rent and a request has been made to Chairman, WAPDA to approve the shifting of NTDC Head office to Islamabad.

49. In a meeting held on 14-02-2022, the MD, NTDC informed the Committee that 1st phase of shifting will be completed by 30th April, 2022 and 2nd phase will be completed by 30th June, 2022. It was further informed that total 945 working staff was in NTDC. The Committee observed that earlier it was committed by previous MD, NTDC that shifting will be completed by 15th November, 2021. The Power Division informed the Committee that relocation was an issue and assured that shifting will be completed by 30th June, 2022.

50. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, the DMD-(SO) NTDC informed that head office consists of two floors, adding that one floor has been completed and the other is still under construction, which will be completed in the next few months. The phase one of the shifting has been completed on 1st July, 2022. The liaison office of MD, NTDC was also shifted in Islamabad. The lower staff of Grade 5 & 6 who are local residents are also shifted here.

51. In a meeting held on 20-12-2022, the GM (HR), NTDC informed the Committee that a plan related to shifting of the NTDC office & employees is under process and will be presented to the Board, NTDC for approval soon. The Committee was informed that two floors of the building were rented in December, 2021 and Rs. 450,000/- is paid per month and Rs. 50 million is paid for the whole year. The NTDC has a plan to shift 120 employees after 15th January, 2023.

52. In a meeting held on 22-03-2023, the Committee observed that earlier it was informed to the Committee that all employees of the NTDC will be shifted to Islamabad by 1st March, 2023 and still no progress has been made. The GM (HR), NTDC informed the Committee that two floors of the building are renovated and 70 employees has been shifted to Islamabad. A plan to shift another 1000 employees is underway and will be submitted to BoD, NTDC for approval soon.

- **Project of 132kV Dargai Grid Station, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.**

53. The Committee was briefed on the latest position of new 132KV Grid Station Dargi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It was told that site has been selected at Musa Baba measuring about 49 Kanal. The Section-IV has been approved and rates are finalized by Deputy Commissioner Malakand. The tentative completion schedule is December, 2022 subject to availability of funds. It was further informed that PESCO will give priority to this project and will be completed on time.

54. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, the Committee took serious notice of the non-implementation of the recommendation and stated that issue has not been resolved since eight years and the site was changed twice. The CEO, PESCO informed the Committee that financial issue has been resolved but it was a court issue now. The Hon. Member did not agree with the views of the CEO, PESCO and staged a walk out from the Committee meeting.

55. In a meeting held on 13-10-2022, the CEO, PESCO informed that three sights have been changed so far. The latest site at Musa Baba-II having 49.42 Kanal land has been selected by PESCO Siting and Layout Board for Grid Station during 2020. The cost of Land Rs.81.9 Million has also been transferred to D.C Malakand on 24.01.2022 for payment to the owners. However, possession of land has not yet been provided by the concerned DC as the owners have filed case in the court of Civil Judge-II Dargai. The CEO, PESCO also briefed the Committee that Court Stay Order is vacated in the last Court hearing held on 10th October, 2022.

56. In a meeting held on 22-03-2023, the Committee was briefed by Power Division that funds of Rs 81.90 million have already been transferred to Deputy Commissioner Malakand on 24.01.2022, for further payment to the Land Owners. A Civil suit has been filed by the landowners against the Land Acquisition process before the learned court of Civil Judge-II Dargai with the plaint that the land is agricultural in kind. The learned court granted the status quo on 25.04.2022. PESCO has engaged Counsel against the impugned orders & record has been produced. The Plaintiff suit was dismissed by the Honourable Court on 10.10.2022. Accordingly, the draft Agreement Deed between Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and PESCO has been published by authority on 04.04.2023 which is further sent to Commissioner Malakand Division. The tender for construction of boundary wall and watch tower has been called and opened on 15.02.2023 for which letter of acceptance issued to contractor for submitting Bank Guarantee. The tender for the construction of civil work of the Control House Building will be opened on 02.05.2023. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, PESCO to visit the site alongwith Senator Fida Muhammad.

- **Illegal Appointment of Ms. Hina Talpur as CFO, HESCO**

57. The Committee expressed its serious concern about to the appointment of Ms. Hina Talpur as Chief Financial Officer in HESCO. It was of the view that she does not hold a master's degree and hence does not meet the qualification for CFO. The Committee was informed that earlier Board had appointed her and she is completing her second tenure as CFO, HESCO now. In a meeting held on 05-08-2021, the Committee was informed that as the CEO, HESCO has found some irregularities in the procedure of appointment. The last Board has given her the extension. The report, after the meetings of legal and HR departments has been submitted to BoDs of HESCO for their decision in this regard. The Committee was further informed that it was the prerogative of the Board to appoint the Chief Financial Officer. If there are any procedural violations while making this appointment, then it was the responsibility of the Board to rectify it.

58. In a meeting held on 23-08-2021, the Committee said that Board has conducted three meetings after 5th August, 2021 and was deliberately avoiding discussing this matter in meetings. The Committee showed its displeasure and recommended Power Division that HESCO Board may take action and discuss it in upcoming meeting otherwise Chairman, HESCO Board will attend the Committee meeting to comply the recommendation in this regard.

59. In a meeting held on 15-09-2021, the Committee was informed that matter was still under discussion and will be decided on 17th September, 2021. The Committee showed its displeasure and stated that earlier the CEO, HESCO committed in a Committee meeting held on 1st September, 2021 that it will be decided in a Board meeting scheduled to be held on 3rd September, 2021. There was so much symmetry in their statements that when a Committee meeting was held on 15th September, 2021 then they are saying that it will be discussed on 17th September, 2021. The Committee further stated that earlier, the Committee was informed in the 2nd meeting of the Committee that she should be removed from the post of CFO, HESCO as her appointment was made illegal and totally out of Rules and a report on appointment of Ms. Hina Talpur as CFO, HESCO and extension in her contract period was also submitted in this regard. The Committee was informed that there was a removal process from the post and Power Division will give the direction to the Board that case should be solved according to the merit and law within two weeks. A report will be shared with the Committee as well. The Committee stressed that action may be taken against the Chairman & Board of Directors for delaying this matter.

60. In a meeting held on 28-09-2021, the Committee enquired whether HESCO Board took has taken any action against her. Earlier, the CEO, HESCO also stated that her appointment was made illegal but the BoD has decided that she must continue on the post. The Committee was informed Board has its own regulations. The Committee formed by Chairman, HESCO recommended to remove her from the post but the final decision laid with the Board of Directors. They have right to go against the decision of the Committee made by Chairman, HESCO. The Power Division will again convey the recommendation of the Committee to the Board.

61. In a meeting held on 14-02-2022, the CEO, HESCO informed that matter will be decided after her completion of tenure on 15th March, 2022. The Committee stated that whether BoD was above the law that no decision regarding her appointment was taken so far even Power Division also stated in the previous Committee meeting that Power Division was not bound by the decisions of BoDs. The CEO, HESCO also informed the Committee in detail about her appointments made in different departments since 2008-2018 besides actual position related to her qualification. The Committee further shared with the Committee that the previous CEO has provided in written that she hold bachelor's degree but requirement was of Master's degree. The Committee shared that she was also drawing gratuity as CFO, HESCO which shows conflict of interest in it. In a meeting held on 02-08-2022, the Committee stated that matter has been discussed several times in the Committee meeting. If Power Division did not take any action against her then matter will be referred to FIA & NAB through Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

- **Shortage of staff in GENCO-II & GENCO-III**

62. The CEO, GENCO III with an additional charge GENCO-II, informed that they have surplus staff in GENCO-II & GENCO-III. Regarding the total number of S.Es working in these GENCOs, the CEO informed that he does not have the exact information about the number of posts of S.Es working in GENCOs. The Committee said that there are eight posts of S.Es in GENCOs and how many of them are working. The CEO informed that he does not have the exact information about it. The Committee showed its displeasure over the incompetence and incomplete information provided by the CEO and said that these people having double charges of GENCOs are not eligible to work as CEO. The CEO further informed that they have one Chief Engineer working in Guddu Thermal Power Plant. The Committee observed that earlier, there was a commitment from Power Division that Promotion Board will be held on 3rd September, 2021 but it has not been held yet. The trend of giving dual charges for the posts in Power Division especially in GENCOs instead of giving promotions to the engineers. The Committee was further informed that currently, there are 1600 employees working against the 2000 sanctioned seats in GENCO-II. There are 57 sanctioned strength and 44 XEN are working against it. There are 8 posts of S.E and only one is working. The Committee was of the view that for the last three years, no promotion has been given to key positions in GENCOs. The Committee was also apprised that meeting of promotion Board will be held soon.

- **Promotion policy of Engineers from LS-II to highest ranks**

63. The Committee was briefed in detail about the promotion policy of Engineers from LS-II to highest ranks. It was told that earlier PEPCO used to give these policies and now February 2021 onwards, these policies are devolved and all departments are given the powers to make the policy accordingly. It was informed that officer level starts from Grade 17 as Jr. Engineer or SDO. The direct induction is 70%. The promotion quota is 30% from UTS (Upper Technical Sub-Ordinate). The UTS include categories of (LS-I/MRSS/SSO-I/LFM-I/Test Inspector. The UTS having graduate engineering has been given 5% in promotion.

64. The Committee was of the view that it was better that they should be not appointed in LS-II level. The GM (HR), PEPCO said that it was disgraceful and order was issued

that engineers should not be appointed as line superintendents but due to circumstances and unemployment candidates do apply for it. The Committee said that in Sindh if sub-engineer was appointed there was a rule that if he was a graduate engineer then he will be upgraded in grade 16 after 5 years. In Punjab, a graduate engineer has been appointed in Grade 16 will be promoted within 2-3 years in Grade 17.

65. The Committee observed that engineers are on the hit list in PEPCO department. It was necessary that in order to promote the engineers, direct quota should be less, then there will be high chances of promotion quota. It has been 20 years that engineers in LS-II or LS-I have not been promoted. The Committee was informed that they have promotion quota and it has to be implemented by the departments. It was informed that policy from government will not be followed in this regard. Earlier, PEPCO had the authority to do so but now it has been dissolved and given the authority to the companies / departments.

• **Revised Promotion Policy for graduate engineers from LS-II to SDO in Power Division**

66. The Committee was briefed in detail on the matter of revision of promotion quota for Engineers. The Committee stated that in the last Committee meeting, it was briefed that 70% quota was from direct induction for Jr. Engineers and 30% was promotion quota and for graduate engineer, it was 5%, which was less and must be revised. It was of the view that a graduate engineer with 5% quota will never be able to get promoted. He will only be able to get the promotion of SDO from LS-II. The promotion time should be fixed in all DISCOs for LS-II to Assistant Engineer (Graduate Engineer) and they must follow one policy in this regard. The Committee was further informed that 12 engineers from LS-I to SDO were promoted in FESCO. The Committee stated that CEO, FESCO had the availability of seats but the main issue was that a graduate engineer who has been serving since 20 years will never be able to get promoted. It was better that he had done his matriculation and joined as LM-I and then got promoted as they have 25% of promotion quota. The Committee wants promotion quota to be increased from 5% to 20% unanimously.

67. In a meeting held on 14-02-2022, the Committee asked repeatedly to all CEOs to give an update on it but they could not reply, however, the Power Division informed that matter will be resolved within one month. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, all CEOs of the DISCOs informed the Committee that matter was still under discussion in BoDs and will be approved by the Board by the end of May, 2022.

68. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, the CEO, PESCO informed that it was still under consideration of the Board as no Board meeting was held after 5th June, 2022. The CEO, QESCO also apprised that BoD did not agree and rejected the recommendation of the Committee. The Board was of the view that quota for fresh graduates will become less due to this revised policy. The Committee showed its displeasure and said that matter was discussed in detail and unanimously decided by all CEOs of DISCOs in the Committee meeting that how come BoD has rejected it. It showed its serious concern that non-engineers are working in these Boards and how come they have rejected the recommendation unanimously decided by the

Committee. It was also the Commitment of the previous Secretary, Power Division. It further stated that Members of BoDs are attending several meetings in a day and drawing Rs. 60,000/- per meeting and they have increased the meeting charges from Rs. 35,000/- to Rs. 60,000/- which is violation of Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013. It is also a conflict of interest & with whose permission they have made this increase which is a huge loss to the national exchequer. The amount should be recovered from those officials and action must be taken against them.

69. The CEO, PESCO informed that it was still under the consideration of the Board. The CEO, QESCO informed that it had to be implemented by 15th June, 2022 but Board has rejected it. The CEO, SEPCO informed that HR Committee has deferred the matter. The CEO, HESCO informed that HR Committee has formed a technical Committee to further look into the matter.

70. The Committee showed its displeasure and enquired from Power Division (who already served as acting CEO, QESCO & Member of the Board, QESCO) that how the matter was rejected by BoD, QESCO. The Power Division informed that recommendation had to be implemented by 31st May, 2022 but the BoD, QESCO, decided that if the quota of LS-II will increase then it will be unjustified with the fresh graduates as their quota will be decrease. If graduate engineer was appointed as LS-II and promoted then it will also not be better for him as well. The Committee observed that why it was not earlier pointed out by the Power Division despite the former Secretary Power Division gave his commitment to the Committee. The Committee stated that J.S, Power Division was responsible for not implementing the recommendation and department must take action against him as he was also representing as J.S, Power Division, acting CEO, QESCO & Member of BoD, QESCO. The CEO, IESCO also stated that the recommendation was deferred by the Board. The Committee observed that if the recommendations were deferred by the Boards then how orders of the Power Division are implemented by these Boards.

71. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the CEO, LESCO informed that LESCO in its meeting held on 25.05.2022 approved to enhance / increase the quota of graduate engineers (LS-I) from 05% to 12.5% amending the service rules accordingly for the post of Assistant / Junior Engineer. The CEO, FESCO apprised the Committee that HR, Nomination & Legal Committee has recommended to the BOD FESCO to approve the recommendations of Senate Standing Committee on Power regarding reduction in percentage for direct recruitment against the post of Assistant Engineer/Junior Engineer based on the information of some other DISCOs. The CEO, GEPCO apprised the Committee that BoD Sub Committee, HR & Nomination Committee GEPCO deliberated upon agenda item and endorsed to BoD for approval. The compliance will be made by 5th October, 2022.

72. The CEO, IESCO informed that 15% quota has been approved by the BoD, IESCO. The CEO, PESCO informed that item note has been presented in the PESCO BoD meeting for approval. The matter will be finalized in accordance with the approval taken by the PESCO Board of Directors. The GM (P&E), HESCO informed that quota has been increased from 5 % to 10% and will be put up to HR Committee further. The CEO, MEPCO informed that

existing 5% in-house induction quota for Graduate (Engineers) has been enhanced to 10%. The CEO, SEPCO informed that item agenda has been submitted before HR & Nomination Committee BoD which shall be fixed shortly. The CEO, SEPCO apprised that Board meeting will be held in October and it will be increased to 20%. The CEO, QESCO informed that matter has been referred back to HR Committee for reconsideration.

73. In a meeting held on 13-10-2022, the CEO, TESCO informed that recommendation was implemented. The CEO, FESCO stated that it will be implemented by 20th October, 2022. The CEO, GEPCO told the Committee that GEPCO has already implemented the recommendation given by the Committee. The acting CEO, HESCO informed that said recommendation will be approved in the upcoming Board meeting schedule to be held on 14th October, 2022. The CEO, QESCO informed that HR Committee has deferred the matter and maintain the previous stance taken on 10th June, 2022 that it will not be implemented.

74. In a meeting held on 02-01-2023, the representative of LESCO informed the Committee that revised / enhanced quota of UTS Graduate Engineers is increased from 5% to 12.5% on 05-08-2022. The representative of FESCO informed that BoD, FESCO has approved the enhancement of promotion quota from 5% to 20%. The CEO, TESCO informed that quota is increased to 12.5%. The CEO, TESCO further informed that meeting of BoD, TESCO is after 15 days and it will be implemented by 17th January, 2023. The CEO, IESCO informed that BoD, IESCO has agreed to increase the quota from 5% to 20% and meeting will be held on 5th January, 2023 in this regard. The representative of HESCO informed that matter is already put up to BoD, HESCO from 5 % to 20% and will be approved by 20th January, 2023. The representative of MEPCO informed the Committee that matter has been put up to Board, MEPCO but it was rejected by the BoD, MEPCO twice. The CEO, SEPCO apprised the Committee that HR & Nomination Committee in its meeting held on 28-11-2022 deferred the agenda till next meeting.

75. The Power Division also informed that no Board meeting has been held so far and only SEPCO has requested for the permission to hold a Board meeting in this regard. The Committee suggested of issuing a notification of promotion of gradates engineers from PPMC as it was commitment of 31st May, 2022 but no progress has been made so far. It was amazing that these so called supreme BoDs are now waiting for the permission of Power Division to call a Board meeting. The Power Division was of the view that the recommendation will be again put forward to Federal Minister for further orders on it. The Committee recommended all CEOs of DISCOs to sought the permission from Power Division to finalize and revise promotion policy for graduate engineers from LS-II to SDO from their respective DISCOs within 15 days as per decided in the Committee meeting. As already it has been committed by then Secretary, Power Division Mr. Asif Hyder Shah and A.S, Power Division Mr. Shakeel Qadir. The Committee stated that matter has already been discussed and decided unanimously by the Committee and officials of Power Division in earlier meeting and only compliance has been made by LESCO and remaining DISCOs have to make yet.

• Promotion of C.Es & S.Es in all GENCOs

76. In a meeting held on 9th December, 2021, the CTO, GHCL informed the Committee that GHCL received 29 grievances against the promotion of S.Es in all GENCOs. A Redresser Committee was also formed to address those grievances and a report was still awaited from them. When asked to give a specific date for holding the promotion Board, the Committee was informed that if the specific date will be shared with the Committee then it will be another mis-commitment with the House as the report from Redresser Committee was still awaited. The Committee stated that it was unfortunate as GHCL was already committed since August, 2021 and Promotion Board was announced on 3rd September, 2021 which was endorsed by Power Division. In a meeting held on 1st September, 2021, the Committee showed its displeasure and stated that the same response must have been sent to the Secretariat within three days as per commitment of GHCL. It showed the lack of interest of the Power Division and its attached departments towards the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee. There must be some serious attitude from the senior officers / officials of the Power Division.

77. The Committee stated that it was discussed in the last Committee meeting that if the seats were abolished then details must be shared with the Committee. The CEO, GHCL informed that they were not abolished as the adjustment of the employees was a matter of sub-judice. The Committee observed that it was earlier discussed that staff from de-licensed plant will be adjusted in other department on the same designation. The CEO, GHCL further informed that the staff will be laid with the GHCL as the seniority in DISCOs is different from the seniority held in de-licensed power plants. The Grade 17 & above will not be adjusted in DISCOs. The DISCOs have only adjusted 1700 employees' upto Grade 16. The Power Division also stated that employees who were not adjusted must be given promotion on time as it was their due right and must be protected.

78. The Committee observed that there was only one S.E working in GENCO-II and five are working in head office. The department must have realized that they were needed more in field instead of head office. The issue of black out of electricity in a country and damage of 747MW also occurred due to the reason that only one S.E was working in GENCO-II. The Committee stressed that more S.Es are needed in the field instead of head office. It also showed that GHCL was not interested in the rehabilitation of public sector plants as well as promotion of staff. The Committee recommended Power Division that if sanctioned posts are not abolished then they must be given promotion within 15 days. The Power Division committed that Promotion Board will be conducted including all remaining sanctioned posts within 15 days.

79. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, the Committee was informed that induction / selection Committees have been constituted and it was planned that induction & regular promotion boards will be conducted during 3rd week of May 2022. The Committee stated that it was earlier discussed that there are ten posts of S.Es and promotion was given on eight posts. It was further discussed that there are 19 sanctioned posts of S.Es. The Committee then recommended that promotions must be given according to the sanctioned posts if seats were not abolished by CCOE within 15 days. It further stated that one S.E was working in Guddu thermal

for the last five years with an additional charge of Chief Engineer. The Committee took up the issue that promotions must be given to SEs on sanctioned posts and if the posts are abolished then details must be submitted to the Committee otherwise the Committee will not accept it. Earlier, the Promotion Board was held in December, 2021 and the Committee made some recommendation accordingly but GHCL did not made any compliance to it.

80. The Power Division suggested of making the policy for one time only. The Committee observed that it has been discussed in detail and will be made once and for all. The Power Division informed that Promotion Board will be held on 1st June, 2022 and promotion will be given to SEs where plants are functional. The salaries are given to employees which are part of de-licensed plants they are adjusted to near DISCOs. The Committee observed that if the Cabinet had abolished those seats then Committee has no issue in it but if the employees are working and getting salaries than they must be given a chance of promotion on sanctioned post which is their basic right.

81. The Committee stated that promotion Board should meet twice a year for promotion according to the rules and on the instructions of the Committee; promotion of S.Es was made in March, 2022 which was pending since 2019. This was the seriousness of CEO & BoD, GHCL. The Committee stated that if CEOs are not appointed on time and there was no C.Es in any GENCOs then eligible S.Es may be given a chance of promotion in GENCOs for C.Es. There are total 15 posts of S.Es and three vacancies available against the post of S.Es. The CEO, GHCL also informed that pending cases from XEN to S.Es posts were promoted last week. There are five C.Es vacancies available and meeting of Promotion Board will be held at the earliest. The Power Division also agreed with the views of Committee and stated that if the vacancy is available then there may be no hindrance in promoting S.Es to C.Es in all GENCOs. The acting CEO, GHCL agreed to finalize the promotions from S.Es to C.Es in a month. The CEO, GHCL informed that meeting of the promotion Board will be held on 15th February, 2023. Earlier the documents were not completed and meeting of promotion could not be held previously.

82. The Committee stated that earlier it was discussed that there were two posts for the candidates having MSc or PhD degree. It was informed that recruitment process was started and two posts for MSc or PhD degree holders are in pending the initial process was completed. Earlier promotions were given to the post of S.Es in 2022 and two candidates having degree of MSc or PhD degree and remaining posts of S.Es vacant due to the promotion of C.E will be promoted in the next promotion Board to be held in the 2nd week of June, 2023.

83. The CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that promotion Board was held and only MSC Board was left which will be held in one month's time. There are two posts of Chief Engineer and promotion was given on one post and another post was kept on hold due to the case in FIA. There are total ten posts of S.Es. Out of ten posts, eight posts are related to direct quota and two are on MSC promotion quota. Total, seven promotions were given on S.Es posts and one post was kept on hold due to the case in FIA.

84. The Committee stated that one S.E whose promotion as C.E was kept on hold, who was also working on an additional charge of Chief, Engineer and operating the whole power plant and when there was blackout in a country happened in May, 2021, the previous CEO was removed from the post instead of him. The CEO, GENCO-I informed that there are total five sanctioned posts of S.Es in GENCO-I, where three SEs has been newly posted and two are remaining and one sanctioned post is in GENCO-IV.

85. The Committee pointed out that earlier in the Committee meeting, the previous CEO, GENCO-II briefed the Committee that there are eight posts of S.Es in GENCO-II. The Committee showed its displeasure that concerned CEOs does not have any information related to the working staff and how they are running the power plants. These officials are mostly responsible for deterioration of these plants. The CEO, GHCL further informed the Committee that plants which are de-licensed or shutdown, their posts are not included in the promotion Board. There were total 30 sanctioned posts of S.Es and 5 posts are abolished and then the adjusted sanctioned strength was 25. Out of 25 posts, 15 people are working and there was vacancy of 10 posts and promotion was given on those 10 posts. The Power Division stated that matter will be resolved within one month's time accordingly for sanctioned posts.

86. Regarding the criteria of promotion made for MSC posts, the Power Division informed that according to the recruitment rules it was 10 % of available vacancies on higher qualification and there will be one post instead of two posts as per statement of CEO, GHCL in rules allowed and if it happened previously in GENCOs.

87. Regarding the recommendation related to MSc Promotions & sanctioned posts of S.Es in GENCOs, the CEO GHCL informed the Committee that one more promotion was due for the post of Grade 19. The process of their degree verification was under process and will be completed within two weeks. The CEO, GHCL informed that there are total 29 sanctioned strength of grade 19 in GENCOs. Out of 29, there are 5 seats on which the plants are closed or under closure. The remaining seats are 24. Out to 24, 14 were working and 10 were vacant posts. In the Promotion Board held on January, 2022, eight were considered and two posts are still vacant. The Committee observed that there was only one S.E working in GENCO-II and five are working in head office. The department must have realized that they were needed more in field instead of head office. The issue of black out of electricity in a country and damage of 747MW also occurred due to the reason that only one S.E was working in GENCO-II. It stressed that more S.Es are needed in the field instead of head office. It also showed that GHCL was not interested in the rehabilitation of public sector plants as well as promotion of staff. The Power Division committed that Promotion Board will be conducted including all remaining sanctioned posts within 15 days.

- **Process of promotion of officers in all DISCOs**

88. In a meeting held on 02-08-2022, the Committee alleged that a person named Mr. Tariq Bajari, C.E HESCO had about 14 departmental inquiries and promoted two days before his retirement. It showed its displeasure that meeting of BoD was called on the orders of CM, Sindh and the recommendation of the Committee was not on the priority of the Board. The Committee

further showed its displeasure and stated that what kind of action Power Division took against C.E, HESCO and how his 14 departmental inquiries were cleared in just one day. The Power Division must have taken action against BoD, HESCO. It asked about the rules in which if BoD takes any wrong decision and Power Division has to agree with it. The officials of Power Division were unable to respond on it.

- **Aims & Objectives of Establishment of GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) alongwith their targets set and targets achieved, so far.**

89. The Chief Technical Officer, GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) briefed on behalf of CEO, GENCO Holding Company Limited about the aims and objectives of establishment of GENCO Holding Company Limited (GHCL) along with details of achieved targets. He briefed the Committee that specific functions of GHCL was to monitor and to improve the efficiency of the GENCOs and their overall performance, to formulate strategies and policies for productivity enhancement and performance improvement, and to carry out the operational audit and assessment of the Companies on an annual basis. He further informed that aims and objectives for the creation of GHCL were not fulfilled due to different reasons and efficiency could not be improved.

- **Performance of GENCOs**

90. The Committee discussed each GENCO's performance in detail. The CEO, GENCO-I briefed the Committee on the capacity of power generation of GENCO-I. He told the Committee that a business plan has been shared with NEPRA in this regard. It was suggested in the business plan that the inefficiency of turbines can be improved and it can be replaced by gas engines. Regarding the current status of Nandipur power project, it was informed that Nandipur Power Plant was generating 500 MW electricity with 49 percent efficiency. It earned Rs 5.5 billion revenue and now running on gas since April, 2016. Earlier, it was being run on furnace oil.

91. On Lakhra Power Generation Company Ltd. GENCO-IV, the CFO GENCO IV briefed the Committee that consequent upon fire incident in the cable tunnel beneath the Switchgear rooms of Unit No. 1 to 3, the 150MW Lakhra Coal Power Plant was under shut down mode since July 2017. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee contained that rehabilitation of the 3x50 MW Lakhra Power Plant on war footing basis, being run on indigenous coal and generating electricity on very economical rate. Installation of one or more new 330MW Power Plants on local coal at Lakhra, since abundant reserves of indigenous fuel are available in surrounding. The tender for feasibility study for rehabilitation of 3x50 MW Lakhra Power Plant was done and a letter was sent to Power Division through GHCL that Rs. 80 million required for the feasibility study. While PC-II for feasibility study for Rehabilitation of 3x50 MW Lakhra Power Plant was in process of approval at GoP level, meanwhile as per CCoE decision on 10.09.2020 duly ratified by the Federal Cabinet on 22.09.2020, various public sector power plants, including 3x50 Lakhra Power Plant, were decided to be closed.

92. The CTO, GHCL further told the Committee that CCoE has not taken any comments from GHCL and decided in a meeting that these plants will be closed immediately.

The Ministry endorsed the decision of CCoE and a letter was received from Power Division to close it. The MD, GHCL, CFO-GENCO-IV on behalf of CEO, and MD, NTDC were of the opinion that Lakhra Power Plant must be rehabilitated / started again as it was paying salary and pension to its employees. The installation of new 330MW power plant is the need of the hour. Technically, it is feasible and workable plant. There is no issue of coal and transportation on it. The cost will be Rs. 4.5/- per unit, which is the cheapest one in the whole country. The MD, NTDC also said that it is feasible but only issue was of investment. The NTDC system is also connected there. The cost for rehabilitation of this power plant at present position is Rs. 500 million and it will take one year for the process to start.

93. After the detail deliberations, the Committee was of the view that the aims & objectives of the GHCL on which it was formed, has not been achieved yet and the efficiency of all GENCOs was badly affected and nearly to be deterioration and this act by the GHCL and their officials was done deliberately towards these national assets of Pakistan. Only the performance of GENCO-I was satisfactory. The Committee has clearly seen that aim of GHCL was only to facilitate some individuals rather than not to resolve the issues of the country. The Committee was of the view that every measure must be taken to save these national assets. This will ensure the revival of our enterprises essential for the prosperity of Pakistan.

- **Feasibility study for rehabilitation of 3x50 MW Lakhra Power Plant**

94. In a meeting held on 23-08-2021, the CFO, GENCO-IV briefed the Committee on the feasibility study for rehabilitation of 3x50 MW Lakhra Power Plant. The Committee was of the view that these public sector companies are assets to the country. It was decided in the last Committee meeting that according to the report of the Sub-Committee, under the Chairmanship of Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak proposed that Lakhra Power plant should be rehabilitated as it produce 10MW of energy. There is also a capacity that two additional plants of 330MW can be installed as well. The cheapest electricity can be produce at the rate of Rs. 4.5/- per unit. The local coal was at 18km distance from Lakhra. It was agreed In a meeting that it should be started and rehabilitated.

95. The CEO, GHCL also shared his views that technically, the rehabilitation was feasible. The renewable and hydro are intermitted power supply. The baseload was gas and coal. Pakistan does not have interconnection of the grid in the region. If Pakistan require the renewable energy cluster, then these units of 150MW – 300MW are must be installed. Internationally, after 4-5 years, there will be no consultant, manufacturer and financing in thermal sector. Today, Pakistan has a window to secure its base load for some years, otherwise from 10 years now, in international market, Pakistan will not be able to find anything. It was further told that the rehabilitation of existing (3 X 50) 150 MW Lakhra Power Plant will cost \$35 million with estimated date of completion of 14 months and installation of new 330 MW Power Plant at Lakhra will cost \$368 million with an estimated date of completion of 42 months.

- **Damaged Gas Turbine in 747MW (Block-V, GENCO-II)**

96. In Block V (747 MW), one of the gas turbine was damaged on 7th February, 2021 and maintenance work yet to be started. It was informed that the maintenance agreement /

Contractual Service Agreement is with the GE Company for the time of 20 years. Four years have been passed and company is bound to provide the service for the next 16 years. While stressing more from the Committee, it was informed that it is not in the scope of agreement that they will repair the gas turbine. The Technical Committee of GENCO-II has made an inquiry report on it and \$13 million required for router and total cost will be \$ 22 million.

97. The Committee was informed that the report was submitted to GHCL on 12th September, 2021, and after that Board will approve it and will be shared with the Committee accordingly. The Committee observed that it was the biggest loss that 747MW was still not repaired. The department was committed to share the report with the Committee. Earlier, in the Committee meetings, the Committee was informed that 747MW will be repaired by GENCO-II although the Committee had the view that it was the responsibility of GE, which was USA based and interconnected to repair it. The Committee was further informed that report has been submitted to GHCL on 12th September, 2021.

98. The Committee was further informed that repair work will take 23 weeks to be completed and it will be re-commissioned by 2nd week of April, 2022. It was told that it has been decided by the Board that GENCO-II will bear the cost for repair. The CEO, GENCO-II informed that maintenance of compressor was included in their contract to maintain the compressor but they will not repair it based on the findings of independent inquiry report. The Committee showed its displeasure and said that it does not agree with the views of the CEO, GENCO-II. It observed that when GE was interconnected then why this incident happened. The CEO, GENCO-I also shared his views being an observer of the Committee.

99. The Committee stated that earlier the Committee was told by CEO, GENCO-II that it was the responsibility of the GENCO-II to repair the plant without any liability fixed but the Committee was of the view that it was the responsibility of GE to maintain the plant as GENCO-II has paid Rs. 5 million per year for its maintenance since 2014. The Committee was amazed to know that CEO, GENCO-II from the very beginning stated that in early meeting that the maintenance work will be done by GENCO-II. And now, it has happened as it was told to the Committee, same as the stance of CEO and with the permission of BOD. When mostly BOD members are non-technical then how they took the decision regarding the expenditure of GT-14, even they do not have any expertise of this field. It was quite clear that the management and BOD were involved in this huge loss.

100. The Committee further shared its views that plant was installed in 2014 and damaged within 7 seven years. It further stated that report may be analyzed again by GENCO-II otherwise the case will be referred to NAB or FIA for further investigation. The Committee further stated that the issue of the de-licencing of the public sector power plants has been discussed several times in the Committee meeting. So far, about \$ 40 million has been paid to GE for the maintenance of the plant since 2014 till date then why it was not the responsibility of the GE to repair it.

101. The Committee was informed that sum of \$32 million has been allocated for the repair and the Purchase Order of the same has also been issued by GENCO-II. The Committee

observed that CEO, GENCO-II from day one of the Committee meeting, was of the opinion that amount for repair work will be paid by GENCO II. Earlier, there was an issue of repair work of GT-15 and now GT-14 was damaged in February, 2021. The Committee showed its astonishment on the fact PO has been issued when the responsibility for the damage and repair has not yet been determined. It further stated that how GENCO-II will recover the amount from GE and who will be responsible for this amount paid to them.

102. Regarding the maintenance hours / international guarantees of GE for the GT-14, the Committee shared that it was written on the official website of GE that till 96000hrs of working there will be no repair of GT-14. But in the agreement, it was written 67000hrs. The machine was broke down at 22000hrs and it clearly showed that GE was responsible for repair of GT-14.

103. The Committee was briefed that PO of USD 32 million (PKR 5.7 billion) was issued on 29th October, 2021 but it was important to look into the loss occurred due to the damage of the gas turbine. The per day generation loss was Rs. 8 million kWh and If any other plant operated on furnace oil then there would be a differential of Rs. 15-16 in it and the extra expense per month will be Rs. 3.62 billion. The payback period of the plant will be within 1.5 months. The GENCO-II also faced the issue of not receiving the payment of capacity charges. The loss was Rs. 719 million per month and payback period will be within 8 months.

104. The Committee was further briefed that an agreement was signed between Government of Pakistan and China Company regarding Chichoki Mallian project in 2008. When the agreement with GE was signed in 2017, the major portion about the advance payment of turbine was also discussed in it. The GHCL took up the issue with GE and the amount was recovered from them. In this regard, PO must be continuing as the GE was in Contractual Service Agreement (CSA) with the GHCL and they had other contracts of three RLNG plants in Pakistan. The Committee was informed that the amount of €7.6 million was recovered from GE.

105. The Committee observed that if the report of Mr. Niaz Memon, CTO GHCL is completed and GE was found responsible then the amount will also be recovered from them. It shared its views that the Committee never said that PO must not be issued to them. Since June, 2021 the rehabilitation of the plants was discussed at length but the Committee was never told about the loss occurred due to the damage of the turbine. The Committee had only concern that if GE was found responsible in the report then the amount must be recovered from them. The Board of GENCO-II have not shown any concern regarding the rehabilitation of the plant when it was a huge loss of Rs. 45 billion since damaged. The Board was not at all interested in rehabilitation of the plant for the last ten months. Regarding the action taken against the technical staff involved in damage of gas turbine, the Committee was informed that letters of Explanation (LOE) were issued to 15 employees of GENCO-II. The Committee showed its displeasure that why only LOE were issued instead of taking strict disciplinary action against them.

- Independent Inquiry Report regarding damage and repair of GT-14 (747MW-Block-V) in GENCO-II

106. The Committee was informed that BoD has considered the report and concluded that report was not made conclusive. After its resubmission and approval, it will be then submitted to the Committee. The Board has also sent a letter to the GHCL in this regard. The Committee showed its displeasure and stated that again there was a mis-commitment from the CEO, GHCL to the Committee. Previously, the acting CEO, GHCL told the Committee that report will be submitted to the Committee by the 3rd week of the September, 2021. Then, in a meeting held on 15th September, 2021, it was decided that the report will be submitted to the Committee after the approval of the Board. In the last Committee meeting, the report which was submitted to the Committee was of 8th July, 2021. It was informed to the Committee that it was committed earlier that after the approval of the Board, it will be submitted in the 3rd week of September, 2021. The report was submitted to the GHCL on 12th September, 2021. The Committee stated that why the report was not submitted to the Committee and why CEO, GHCL submitted the report of 8th July, 2021 instead of inquiry report of 12th September, 2021, which showed the mala fide intentions of the CEO, GHCL and officials of the Power Division. The Committee further stated that someone has to be held accountable for incurring such a huge loss to national exchequer. The Committee will not allow the public money wasted in such a blatant manner.

107. Regarding the status of independent inquiry report, the Committee was informed that the CTO, GHCL, who was the Chairman of the inquiry Committee, has prepared the report and submitted to Board of GENCO-II for approval. The Board of GENCO-II found that inquiry report was incomplete in terms of its commercial, contractual and legal aspects and will be re-submitted if given more time by the Committee. The Committee observed that in a meeting held on 15th September, 2021 the CEO, GHCL told the Committee that report was submitted to the Board of GHCL and today, it was informed that the report was submitted to the Board of GENCO-II. The Committee was informed that the report was submitted to the Board of GHCL. After its submission in GHCL, the report was then submitted to the GENCO-II for its approval from the Board of GENCO-II. The Committee was amazed that how the officers of the Power Division were totally unaware of the status of the report and they were forcibly discussing that report was submitted to GENCO-II but it was submitted in GHCL. This shows the lack of interest of the Power Division towards these national assets of the country.

108. Regarding the responsibility for the deficiencies in the report, the Committee was informed that legal, contractual & commercial aspects were not included in the ToRs. The inquiry Committee has completed their report and submitted to the Board. The Board of GENCO-II has also mentioned that these aspects were beyond the ToRs and must be covered in the report. The Power Division while not agreeing with the views of the CTO, GHCL stated that it was clearly mentioned in the ToRs to cover both aspects respectively. Again CTO, GHCL insisted that his report was completed in which it was clearly written that GE was well aware before the damage of the plant and not taken any steps for its remedy.

109. In a meeting held on 24-12-2021, the Committee was informed that independent inquiry report prepared by Dr. Niaz Memon, CTO, GHCL was submitted to GHCL on 12th September, 2021. The Committee stated that the report was submitted to the Committee after several directions made by the Committee. The CEO, GHCL apprised the Committee that independent inquiry report was submitted to the Board of GHCL and then Board recommended to GENCO-II to cover the legal & commercial aspects in it. Now, GHCL has recommended the CEO, GENCO-II to complete the report within two weeks' time.

110. In a meeting held on 10-01-2022, the CEO, GENCO-II informed the Committee that a letter was written to GE and it has submitted the report on 6th January, 2022. The report was submitted to the legal Committee for finalization of independent inquiry report. The Committee stated that it was committed by the new Secretary, Power Division that report will be finalized within two weeks and if not satisfied then the names for the new inquiry Committee will be finalized by Senate Standing Committee on Power. The Committee was further informed that there was a contradiction found in the reply received from GE. GE was hiding the actual finding position deliberately. The Committee took strong notice and stated that convener of the Committee also stated that GE was hiding the findings now GHCL also endorsed same situation and it has been one year that the plant was not rehabilitated. The Committee also said it several times that it was the responsibility of GE to maintain the plant as they have received more than \$50 million for its maintenance and it was quite clear that CEO, GHCL was deliberately playing the delaying tactics in this regard and not even interested to provide the actual independent inquiry report. The Power Division stated that it was an embarrassing situation that commitments were not fulfilled by CEO, GHCL. The Convener of the Inquiry Committee repeatedly committed and failed to comply with the deadline. The Power Division will take action against CEO, GHCL.

111. In a meeting held on 28-03-2022, the Power Division informed the Committee that final report has been shared with the Committee and Power Division will proceed ahead according to the findings of the report, which were sparkling. The head of Inquiry Committee, briefed the Committee that initial report was shared with the Committee on 12th September, 2021. It was failure of the assessment from GE and why the machine was not stopped by GE. In the final report the abnormalities to assess as per contract clauses of the Contractor (GE) has been highlighted by the inquiry Committee. GE was failed to assess the abnormalities and maintain the power plant. GE was solely responsible for the damage and repair of the plant. The main responsibility has been put on GE in the report. The Auxiliary responsibility has been put on the plant maintenance, Board and technical staff.

- **Constitution of New Inquiry Committee**

112. The Committee observed that the Inquiry Committee was lacking the capacity to prepare report; therefore, a new inquiry committee may be constituted after mutual consultation, without conflict of interest, inside / outside GENCO of high-level experts (national or International). The Committee also had the reservations that if the same officers will conduct the inquiry then it will have the same results. The Committee was informed that GE must be involved in the ToRs of the new Committee as contractual arrangements do exists and must not

be exceeded beyond as the sanctity of the agreement was also important otherwise implications will be worse for the country and in consultation & approval of the Government, a high level Committee must be constituted with determined ToRs to investigate this issue. The Power Division cannot stop the funds for repair of GT-14 as Power Division has to repair the GT-14. The Committee was of the view that what Power Division has done till date as they have not started the repair work in February, 2021 but suddenly have issued the PO (amazing to GE) after the submission of the independent report in which technically GE was responsible for damage work.

113. The Committee observed that earlier there was a commitment by Power Division to share the names of the technical experts within seven days. The Committee was informed that GENCO-II will finalize the legal & commercial aspects of the report within two weeks of time and if the Committee will not be satisfied with the findings of the report then the Committee will finalize the new inquiry team and Power Division will comply with that inquiry team. About sharing of names of the technical experts for formation of independent inquiry Committee for which the Power Division was committed to submit it within seven days, the Committee was informed that Power Division has given one week time to Dr. Niaz Memon, CTO GHCL for the completion of the independent inquiry report. In the meanwhile, it was decided that the Committee recommendation may be put forward to CCoE for approval. The names will be shared with the Committee after the approval of CCoE.

• **Implementation status of three letters issued by Power Division on 31-03-2022**

114. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, the Committee observed that earlier the rehabilitation of damaged 747MW (GT-14) was discussed at length in the Committee meetings. The GT-14 was started in 2014 and its maintenance contract was given to GE at \$5 million per year. The Committee was this point of view that GE must repair the plant as they have received their maintenance charges \$40 million upto January, 2022. Earlier, CEO, GENCO-II also stated in the previous Committee meetings that GENCO-II will pay for the damages of the plant. The report was prepared by Dr. Tabraiz Aslam Shami in July, 2022. Since, the Committee objected on the findings of the report and demanded that independent inquiry Committee may be formed in this regard. The Committee also asked Mr. Tanveer Jafri, as acting CEO, GENCO-I to assist the independent inquiry Committee. The incomplete report by the Independent Inquiry Committee was presented to the Committee in September, 2021. After the repeated demands by the Committee, the final report was submitted to the Committee in February, 2022. The report stated that GE was responsible for it. In the meantime, the PO of \$32 million was also issued to GE.

115. The three decisions were taken with regard to the independent inquiry report submitted in February, 2022. So far, there is no implementation on those three letters issued by Power Division. There was a loss of Rs. 40 billion (GT-14) to the National Exchequer while the plant was not functional. The CEO, GHCL is continuously attending the Committee meetings and no action has been taken so far. The Committee further stated that Committee recommended that Rs. 40 billion and PO of \$32 million must be recovered from GE instead of Rs. 10.8 billion and still there was no implementation from the Power Division and according to their issued

orders. It demanded implementation on those three letters from Power Division and take action against CEO, GHCL, concerned officials of GHCL & CPGCL, Chairmen alongwith Members of BoDs of GHCL & CPGCL and the contractor GE. Regarding action taken against the officials involved in the damage of 747MW (GT-14), the CEO, GENCO-II also informed the Committee that 16 officers & officials were issued Letters of Explanation (LoE) as per E&D Rules, 1973. The Show caused Notices were also issued in this regard.

116. The Power Division informed the Committee that main instructions were issued to the CEO, Guddu. The representative of GHCL informed the Committee that Ministry has asked Chairman, BoD, GHCL to suspend CEO, GHCL but he was still working in the office. The BoD, GHCL also convened a meeting and sent him on a forced 10 days leave. The Power Division further told the Committee that it is embarrassing that Power Division is issuing the letters for action to be taken against BoDs and involved officials on 31st March, 2022 but the BoDs & GHCL has not implemented the orders & sent the CEO, GHCL on 10 days force leave and no action has been taken against BoD, JPCL & CEO, GHCL. It seems that BoDs are violating the rules & regulations and taking the decision in favour of sitting officials especially CEO, GHCL who is the main person and who has remained helpful for their appointment (Chairman & Members BoDs).

117. The Committee was of the view that how current BoDs will take action against CEO, GHCL because they are the main beneficiary from him. This is the insult of the Power Division that they had no control & authority on their sub-ordinate officers & officials. The Committee took up the issue and was of the view that repair work must be done by GE. The maintenance contract was with GE but the CEO, GENCO-II earlier stated that they will pay for its repair work and also issued the PO order (\$32 million) to GE. The CEO, GENCO-II further informed the Committee that discussions are underway with GE regarding recovery of plant closure and repair costs. A legal team has been formed for this purpose and a meeting with GE will be held after Eid.

118. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, the Members of the Committee were of the view that it has been one year that issues related to the rehabilitation of plants and reforms in the structure & functioning of BoDs were discussed at length and if the Power Division do not have proper time to respond then these issues must be closed by the Committee. The Chairman Committee and his team has really worked hard on these issues but Power Division do not have dedicated officials to deal and respond on these issues.

119. The Power Division apprised the Committee that BoD CPGCL conveyed to Power Division that replacing the BoD of CPGCL was a prerogative of the Federal Government. If the Board are to be change, they can change it. Afterwards, a file was moved with the recommendation to the Federal Minister for the replacement of Members of the Board of four GENCOs except GHCL as Power Division has given them extensions since 2013. The BoD, GHCL was not included as they were newly appointed and will be replaced once their time will be expired. The Committee observed that GHCL was the main body to govern all four GENCOs & Boards. The GHCL Board must be replaced as they have defy the orders of the Power

Division. The Power Division stated that there was no dis-obedience in their compliance as GHCL has given their reply to the Committee.

120. The Committee expressed its strong reservations and said that action must be taken in the light of the independent inquiry report. The BoDs and CEO of GHCL, which was responsible for all the transactions, should also be suspended. The GHCL, all four GENCOs and their BoDs are working under the Ministry and Ministry must take action against them as soon as possible. Power Division must terminate them or withdraw those letters issued to these Boards and admit that previous Secretary, Power Division has wrongly issued letters to them and CEO, GHCL & BoD, GHCL is more powerful than the Power Division. The Power Division informed that GHCL has conveyed that CPGCL must pursue compensation and claims due, if any, within the provisions of the CSA with GE after seeking legal due diligence.

121. In a meeting held on 19-08-2022, the Power Division informed that compliance has been made and CEO, GHCL & C.E, GENCO-II were removed from their posts but C.E, GENCO-II went to the Court and obtained stay Order. Regarding the correspondence made GE, the CTO, GHCL informed that a notice was sent to GE but meeting was not held yet. He further informed that Riaa Barker Gillette was the legal counsel in it. The Power Division stated that it was a serious issue and a new team of experts from power sector may be formed to determine the loss occurred due to the damage of GT-14 and a fresh report may be again submitted to the Committee.

122. In a meeting held on 08-11-2022, the Committee stated that Power Division is unable to control mismanagement and capacity of power plants is unfortunately already has been decreased to about more than 50% and still continued till deliberately the closing of all public sector power plants upto 100%. But the Committee on the other side is unanimously determined to raise questions regarding all irregularities above party lines and by rejecting all pressures.

123. In a meeting held on 02-01-2023, the CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that directions were given CEO, GENCO- II to take legal opinion on it and a meeting was held on 8th December, 2022 in this regard. The CEO, GENCO-II & III also briefed the Committee that M/s Rizwan Faiz Associated Islamabad was engaged for the legal opinion in the matter by CPGCL. The CPGCL not agreeing to the opinion of M/s Rizwan Faiz and intended to recover the loss from GE, further consulted more legal counsels for their opinion in the matter. The CEO, GENCO-II also informed that GENCO-II have also consulted M/s Haider Mota & M/s RIAA Barker Gillette for legal opinion on the recommendation of the Committee. The Committee while disagreed with the views of CEO, GENCO-II stated that Committee never recommended these names to GENCO-II for legal consultation. The CEO, GENCO-II further clarified that legal counsel M/s Haider Mota was recommended by Power Division for legal opinion on the matter. The Committee was informed that M/s Rizwan Faiz Associated Islamabad never paid any visit to the power plant. The Committee observed that then how he has prepared a report. The Power Division also showed its displeasure to CEO, GENCO-II over his non-satisfactory answers.

124. The Power Division also informed the Committee that Power Division had the opinion that if the payment is not made to GE then the power plant will be closed. The Committee stated that CEO, GENCO must have conveyed to GE that part time payment will be made to them. The CEO, GENCO-II & III informed the Committee that out of \$32 million, Rs. 1.7 billion is still to be paid to GE and uphold by GENCO-II. The Committee observed that earlier it was briefed to the Committee that there was no pending payment and now a new statement was made CEO, GENCO-II & III that payment of Rs. 1.7 billion are still pending to be made to GE.

125. The Committee stated that recovery has to be made by Power Division and Rs. 10.8 billion must be recovered from GE otherwise a letter will be written to FIA & NAB for further investigation in this regard. The Committee was informed that US\$ 1.5 million is still on hold from GE and Rs. 8.5 billion has not paid to GE since April, 2022 on other accounts. The Committee pointed out that sheet related to the payment made and to be made against GT-14 submitted by CEO, GENCO-II showed that total cost of material was \$29 million was payment made against GT-14. The CEO, GENCO-II informed that GENCO-II will pay for the custom clearance. The Committee observed that why GENCO-II will pay for the custom clearance. The CEO, GENCO-II informed that terms & conditions of PO were agreed on CPT basis. The Committee observed that GENCO-II has already paid Rs. 7.3 billion to GE and misguiding the Committee.

126. In a meeting held on 22-03-2023, the Chief Engineer (Technical Director) GENCO-II briefed the Committee that Board of Directors, CPGCL on 20.03.2023 has granted the approval to hire the counsel to resolve the matter through arbitration in accordance with Section 10.4 of the CSA, hiring of counsel is in process. A letter to M/s GE will be written to proceed further.

127. In a meeting held on 24-07-2023, the acting CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that he does not have any information related to total loss of amount since February 2021 till December, 2021. The Committee observed that then how acting CEO, GHCL will recover the amount from GE regarding damage of GT-14. It stated that three letters were issued by Power Division on 31-03-2022 to BoD, GHCL for implementation and the amount was US\$ 32 million as per briefing of CEO, GENCO-II in November, 2021. It stressed that cost of repair and maintenance which was US \$ 32 million is also to be recovered from M/s GE. The acting CEO, GHCL informed that he does not know about the maintenance cost involved in restoration of 747MW (GT-14). The Committee showed its displeasure over the ignorance of acting CEO, GHCL. The acting CEO, GHCL apprised the Committee that matter was taken up by the Board. The Board did not validated these letter issued by the Power Division as it did not approve the allegations mentioned therein. Furthermore, the Board constituted a technical Committee to review & prepare a report on the letter. The Committee prepared a report and sent to the Power Division within a month. The GENCO-II also took legal opinion about it and the law consultants were of the view that there is merit in the case. If went to arbitration, Pakistan will lose the case. The Committee expressed surprise at this exercise of authority and sought a clarification on the rationale behind the rejection of the letters by the Ministry.

128. Regarding Letter No. 2, the Committee was informed that he is not suspended by Board yet. The Committee stated that department needs to be revamped then why Mr. Muhammad Imran Mian was not suspended by the Board, GHCL. The acting CEO, GHCL informed that the technical Committee prepared the report in which it was stated that former CEO, GHCL has no role in damages of the power plant rather he tried to save the other turbine. Regarding an update on Letter No. 3, the Committee stated that GHCL is responsible for functioning of all GENCOs in a country. The damaged power plant was rehabilitated due to the efforts of the Committee. If the power plant was not functioning for the last 10 months then what steps the Board has taken in this regard. The Board is the custodian of these public sector power plants. This is the effort of the Committee and (then Secretary), Power Division Mr. Asif Haider Shah that matter was finalized. Earlier, Mr. Musaddiq Ahmed Khan, previous A.S, Power Division also stated in the Committee meetings that Mr. Muhammad Imran Mian, CEO, GHCL is the embarrassment for the department. The Committee stated that Members of BoD, GHCL needs to be replaced. The Committee stated that Power Division asked GHCL to recover Rs. 10.8 billion and US \$ 32 million (maintenance cost) from GE but Acting CEO, GHCL has taken the decision at his own as he is beneficiary of it.

• Revision of Tariff of GENCO-I

129. The Committee was informed that GENCO-I has not revised their Tariff since 2014 and petition has been sent to NEPRA but they did not decided till today. This phenomena is showing a huge loss and inefficiency of the GENCO-I. The GENCO-I had a great loss as it was paying Rs. 1.7 billion for pensions from their capacity payment. The Committee was further briefed that GENCO-I has received the first determination on 26th August, 2024 and NEPRA has put them on take and pay. The GHCL has decided to go to court in this regard. In case, if NEPRA prevails, then GENCO-I will not afford the payments of their employees for the next six months. The return and equity money has been used in the pensions as GENCO-I does not have pension funds. Regarding the situation of GENCO-I on take and pay, it was informed that GENCO-I will not have enough money to pay salary and pension for the whole year as they have received their first determination. In this regard, it will be a burden on the government, either to send employees at home or they will have gaps in their pensions. Otherwise, the solution will be to ask the government for provision of necessary funds for GENCO-I.

130. The Committee showed its displeasure and stated that whether this public sector power plant will be closed then. The Committee was informed that if the determinations are on the take and pay then it will not be closed rather their operations will not be feasible. The department will ask NEPRA to review this decision and, if not possible, then government will be asked for funds for their smooth functioning.

131. The Committee was briefed that the final decision was sent to the Authority for approval and will be shared with the Committee accordingly. The Committee stated it was decided in the last Committee meeting that GENCO-I may be operated on LNG. The IPPs are also on gas but if electricity can be taken from IPPs then why not to take from public sector plants. The Chairman NEPRA stated that IPPs have 50% and above of efficiency and these public sector power plants has the efficiency of 25-30%. The IPPs plants on the same fuel

produce double number of units then there was no justification to not take electricity from them. The Committee observed that if NEPRA was not interested in continuation of these power plants of GENCO-I then they must not be operated in the emergency situations as well. According to the statement of Chairman, NEPRA the electricity was surplus in a country then why NEPRA was operating these power plants in emergency situations. The Committee was informed that it has been decided by the CCoE and NEPRA was bound by the decision.

132. In a meeting held on 28-3-2022, the Vice Chairman, NEPRA briefed the Committee in detail on the status of petition pending before NEPRA for revision of Tariff of GENCO-I. It was discussed and decided in the last Committee meeting that CEO, GENCO-I will submit the rehabilitation plan to NEPRA but NEPRA has not received it yet. The Chairman, NEPRA also informed the Committee that NEPRA has already allowed for JCPL's units for operation on RLNG as per their GENCO-I dated 1st February, 2022. The Authority approved tariff determination of JPCL on 27th August 2021. The Review in the matter was decided on December 23, 2021. The JPCL units on RLNG / Gas are available for dispatch and can be operated as per merit order by NPCC. Plant can be operate on three types of fuel i.e natural gas, RFO & RLNG. The capacity price will be Rs. 2.31 per unit. Currently, RLNG prices are high internationally i.e Rs. 51 per unit. Now, the plant falls very low on Economic Merit Order. If the same RLNG was used in the H-Class Machines (with 61% performance), they will produce double number of units.

133. He further stated that Committee must trust the regulator as it will only watch the merit based work. There was a surplus electricity in a country but plants are not working efficiently enough. The capacity payment paid to them will also be a loss to the country. The Committee was of the view that Jamshoro & Guddu plants were operated in emergency situations then they must not be allowed to regulate during emergency as well. It further observed that earlier it was discussed in the Committee meeting that Power Division was unable to pay Rs. 10 billion as capacity payment to GENCOs but paid Rs. 900 billion as capacity energy payments to IPPs. Overall Rs. 2800 billion has been paid in the last years.

• **Submission of business plan for rehabilitation of GENCO-I power plant**

134. The CEO, GENCO-I apprised the Committee that cost for rehabilitation of GENCO-I was between Rs. 5 to 11 billion and recovery will be within two years. The Committee observed that it was decided in the last Committee meeting that a fresh correspondence will be made with NEPRA regarding the rehabilitation of the plants. The CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that CCoE will be approached for approval and then business plan will be submitted to NEPRA accordingly. The Committee showed its displeasure that why the correspondence was not made earlier despite the Committee gave its recommendations on it unanimously.

135. In a meeting held on 09-12-2021, the Committee stated that it was discussed in the Committee meeting that GENCO-I was operated on dual energy (Gas & Furnace Oil) & Chairman, NEPRA had a view that due to the high cost of the electricity (Rs.28) which cannot be afford by NEPRA it must be operated on LNG which was 50% and cheaper according to

Chairman, NEPRA. The CEO, GENCO-I apprised the Committee about rehabilitation of GENCO-I that efficiency of the Jamshoro Power Plant was constant at 34% if operated both on gas or furnace oil. The Busbar as terminal was counted here. If the Power Plant was efficient at 60% and have to supply 1000MW to Karachi from North of Punjab then transmission losses are not held accounted in this regard. Similarly, if the gas was pumped from Port Qasim all the way to up country, several gas turbines will be installed to maintain the pressure, then the true cost was not estimated here as well. If the cost was compared then Jamshoro will be economical in order to supply electricity to Karachi. There was another comparison made on oil & GENCO-I had seen the plants which were 18MW of reciprocating engines and NEPRA asked GENCO-I to operate them on 50% and four engines were operated. If the GENCO-I machine (200MW) will be operated then it will deteriorate the efficiency of the plants due to the instructions of NEPRA.

136. The CEO, GENCO-I further informed the Committee that gas was not provided to GENCO-I although GENCO-I has tariff of both gas and furnace oil. The CEO, GHCL also apprised the Committee that machine load was reached upto 60% - 70% and it was also the requirement of the National Power Construction Corporation (NPCC) to have less load on the machine in the night time.

137. The Vice-Chairman, NEPRA also apprised the Committee that GENCO-I was on take or pay and capacity payment was paid to them. The generation life of Plant was over and the utilization progress over the year was less than 3%. He further stated that NEPRA was unable to operate the most efficient gas plants with 60% & above efficiency due to the shortage of RLNG then GENCO-I with less efficiency will be a burden on the consumer.

138. The CEO, GENCO-I also apprised the Committee that in the last Committee meeting, the Chairman, NEPRA compared the newest determination of GENCO-I with an old determination of IPPs and today again VC, NEPRA compared one engine with one turbine of the GENCO-I, which was totally wrong. The engine with 85% of capacity will definitely give maximum efficiency. In the previous Committee meetings, the Chairman, NEPRA gave the statement and endorsed by the Committee that if GENCO-I will be operated on LNG then cost will be half of RFO i.e Rs. 33 per unit. Its impact was that, in the market if RLNG cost was high then the same cost implied on IPPs & GENCO-I as well. If true cost can be taken, then GENCO-I comes at par with 60% above efficient plant. He further stated that if the gas was pumped from Port Qasim to Bhikki, Havelian on 60% above efficient plant then its de-facto efficiency was equal to GENCO-I power plant. The GENCO-I was operated on 34% of efficiency but its utilization factor was based on load factor.

139. The Power Agreements signed with IPPs have binding that the purchase & energy capacity will be 50% buying and then utilization of GENCO-I will become less. Today, the prices of Coal & RLNG prices are high but they are bound to buy 50% of it and it makes clear that why NEPRA will utilize GENCO-I. If Pakistan was unable to buy the gas then there were few projects to be operated only on gas or RLNG including, KAPCO, HUBCO & GENCO-I. The KAPCO and HUBCO are placed below GENCO-I on Economic Merit Order. He further stated that energy security must be there as industrial growth was based on energy provision to the

consumers and cost of energy will be recovered from product. The Committee stated that these public sector power plants are our national assets and must be operated.

140. The Committee was further informed that during the shortage of gas in a country, the GHCL already applied for the tariff of RLNG to NEPRA. The NEPRA gave GHCL the permission to operate the units of GENCO-I on RLNG. Regarding the availability of fuel, if natural gas was received from SSGCL and GHCL has valid GSA with SSGCL the plant will be fired on it accordingly and will be much cheaper. If SSGCL does not have the gas and RLNG will be available then the units will be operated on RLNG. If the plant will be operated on furnace oil, then the Economic Merit Order will be No. 100 and if operated on gas then the Economic Merit Order will be No. 20.

- **Expiration of contract of Mian Muhammad Imran, CEO GHCL**

141. The CEO, GHCL informed that the on-going contract (3 years) was expired on 3rd January, 2021. The Board of GHCL gave the decision to continue him for 12 months. The decision was send to Ministry and the Ministry moved the summary to the Cabinet for approval. The Cabinet has approved that he may continue till the new appointment of CEO, GHCL. The Committee pointed out that when it was decided by the Cabinet that he may continue till the appointment of new CEO, GHCL and Mr. Tanveer Ahmed Jafri, CEO, GENCO-I was appointed by Cabinet as acting CEO, GHCL then how he resumed the charge of CEO, GHCL. The Committee further stated that tenure of the CEO, GHCL was already expired and there was no new contract signed with him. He was the beneficiary of his appointed BoD and it was all against the decision of the Cabinet when Mr. Tanveer Ahmed Jafri was working as acting CEO, GHCL. If he was a permanent employee then the department may have continue in the light of the decision by the Supreme Court.

- **Appointment of new CEO, GHCL**

142. In a meeting held on 08-07-2021, the Committee enquired about the status of the post of CEO, GENCO Holding Company Limited and the implementation of High Court decision in this regard. The Committee was informed that there was an advertisement published in the newspaper regarding this post. The Board will send three names in order of merit to the Ministry. The Ministry will forward the names to Cabinet for approval. Regarding the removal of previous CEO from his post, the Power Division informed that CEO was not an engineer by qualification rather had expertise of Finance. The Committee shared that the eligibility criteria mentioned in the published advertisement was having a degree of bachelors in engineering / business administration. It is against the ruling of the High Court. There was no law that non-engineers cannot be appointed as a CEO of any company. The qualification criterion has been open in the case of appointment of CEOs for DISCOs as well.

143. In a meeting held on 28-07-2021, the Committee observed that in the last Committee meeting, it was committed by the MD, PEPCO that new advertisement will be issued in the light of directions given by the Committee. The Committee was briefed that new Board has been constituted by the Cabinet on 27th July, 2021 and in order to publish a fresh

advertisement, the approval has to be taken from the Board of the Company. The Committee while expressing its displeasure over the implementation status of the recommendation said that the CEO, GENCO is still working in the company against the order of the High Court. The Committee was further informed that it will take two weeks for the implementation of the recommendation.

144. In a meeting held on 01-09-2021, the Committee was informed that draft of the advertisement has been made but due to the absence of the Board, it has not been re-advertised. The first meeting of the new Board has been scheduled for 3rd September, 2021 and will be then placed for approval. The Committee showed its displeasure and took serious notice of the response from the CEO, GHCL and stated that since the 2nd Committee meeting, the departments are deliberately avoiding to provide correct information to the Committee and if Power Division does not want to apprise the Committee then the Committee will drop this agenda item as it was wastage of time of the Committee and Power Division as well.

145. The Committee observed that the matters pertaining to the new advertisement for the post of CEO, GHCL are being deliberately delayed with mala-fide intentions. It stated that decision of the High Court was given on 19th May, 2021 and the first advertisement was published on 25th June, 2021 with basic qualification of Bachelor of Engineering / Business Administration. The Committee showed concern that no heed is being paid on the recommendation of the Senate Committee. If the former CEO, GHCL to get the stay order from Supreme Court, then they should inform this forum. If the Power Division is mala-fidely managing the situation in favour of former CEO, GHCL then he should apply for it timely.

146. The Committee was informed that according to the rules and regulation, the Power Division will not interfere in the matters or authority of the Board and will not decide on their behalf as the law does not permit to do so. Since, the Board is newly constituted and the Board of Directors (BoDs) is the competent authority to deliberate upon the recommendation. The Committee was of the view that the statement of Power Division is totally against the discussion and commitments / statements in previous meetings and that is one of from their delaying tactics and for favour of former CEO, GHCL.

147. In a meeting of 15-09-2021, the Committee was briefed that GHCL Board of Directors in its meeting held on 03.09.2021 considered the status of already published advertisement for the post of CEO, GHCL and unanimously decided that since the Federal Government has filed appeal against the decision of Honorable High Court of Sindh, Circuit Court Hyderabad and the matter is sub judice in the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan, therefore, the matter of fresh appointment of Chief Executive Officer, GHCL be kept pending for one month period and be considered in next BoD meeting keeping in view the case status. However, on 8th September 2021, the Supreme Court of Pakistan suspended the Honorable High Court of Sindh, Circuit Court Hyderabad decision. Now, Mr. Muhammad Imran has rejoined CEO, GHCL in pursuance of that Supreme Court Order.

148. In a meeting held on 23-02-2022, the Power Division apprised the Committee that advertisement for the hiring of CEO, GHCL was published in the National Press on 25.06.2021

and applications against it have already been received. The matter was presented in the BoD GHCL held on 03.09.2021 along with the decision of Hon'ble Sindh High Court, Circuit Court Hyderabad. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in a hearing dated 08.09.2021, suspended the implementation of Hon'ble Sindh High Court decision. The BoD in its 53rd meeting held on 18.01.2022 decided to resume the hiring process for the appointment of CEO GHCL and referred the matter to the Board HR Committee for necessary recommendations. The HR Committee considered the list of applications in meeting held on 16.02.2022 and recommended the management to present the same in the forthcoming meeting of the BoD so that the Board may decide the date for the interviews of the eligible candidates.

149. The Committee stated that in the last Committee meeting, the Power Division stated that Power Division will take action against him due to his mis-commitments to the Committee and deterioration of these public sector power plants. He was sitting illegal in GHCL since July, 2021. The Committee shared that Power Division sent the summary in April, 2021 with the recommendation of BoD that he may be allowed to continue on this post for one year or till the appointment of new CEO, GHCL due to his best performance. The department claimed in the last meeting that due to his inefficiency, the department will take action against him. The Committee showed its serious concern that how he was efficient a year ago. The BoD was also appointed by him. If the same BoD will recommend him again then what action will be taken by department in this regard. The Committee further stated High Court, Sindh removed him from the post and passed Order that CEO must be an Engineer. The Cabinet approved that he can work till the appointment of next CEO. When CEO, GENCO-I, Mr. Tanveer Ahmed Jafri, had the charge, he took the stay order from the Supreme Court of Pakistan in August, 2021. Even when court restored him he cannot join GHCL. It was a total violation of rules and asserted the need for stringent action by the Ministry against any irregularity.

150. The Power Division also informed that HR Committee has conducted the interviews of four candidates but they were not satisfied with the candidates. The Board, GHCL has decided to re-advertise for the post. The CTO, GHCL informed that candidates for interviews were shortlisted and interviews will be held soon. The Committee observed that if the BoD, GHCL recommended him again then it means that Power Division does not want any improvement in its allied departments. If he was again shortlisted by the BoD then Power Division must remove that BoD immediately as in the case of BoDs, MEPCO & GEPCO as Power Division already informed that BoDs of all GENCOs will be terminated but still no compliance on it. It was earlier said by the previous Secretary, Power Division & A.S, Power Division that he was an embarrassment for the Power Division then how he can be shortlisted and recommended to come back and join again as new CEO, GHCL.

151. In a meeting held on 19-08-2022, the Power Division apprised that BoD, GHCL has conducted the interviews of the eligible candidates on 11.08.2022. Four out of seven candidates were appeared for interviews whereas three candidates did not appear for the interviews. The Power Division further briefed that due diligence and pre-appointment scrutiny of the three finalized candidates is under process as per Rule 4(2) of the Public Sector Companies (Appointment of Chief Executive) Guidelines, 2015. The names of the shortlisted candidates were sent by BoD, GHCL and Power Division will further sent to Cabinet for

approval now. The procedure for appointment of new CEO, GHCL will be finalized within one month.

152. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the Power Division apprised that process is in due diligence and seven departments have cleared shortlisted candidates so far. The Committee stated that after giving clearance to the shortlisted candidates, the appointment may be made within two weeks' time and notification may also be issued accordingly. If the clearance was not given by the remaining departments within time limit then the letter of appointment of new CEO, GHCL may be issued by Power Division accordingly. It stated that previous CEO, GHCL has challenged the authority of the Power Division and competent officers must be given a chance and appointed on the post.

153. In a meeting held on 13-10-2022, the Power Division apprised that a Summary will be sent to the Cabinet for approval after the clearance process. The Committee stated that it was also decided in the last Committee meeting that Power Division will write the letters to remaining departments for clearance of shortlisted candidates within two weeks' time and if so, share the copies of letters with the Committee but Power Division did not provide the copies to the Committee. The efficiency of public sector power plants can be seen from the fact that it has been reduced from 4574MW to 2168MW. It suggested Power Division that if Ministry is unable to control these disaster type of management & situation then officially write a letter regarding tasking of destruction of power plants to previous CEO, GHCL whose capacity is unfortunately already has been decreased to about more than 50% and he may also be continue till deliberately the closing of all public sector power plants upto 100%, then Committee will not raise any objection. The Committee will never discuss about improvement of GHCL & public sector power plants and will consider that destruction of public sector power plants is a policy of Power Division.

154. In a meeting held on 24-07-2023, the Committee stated that there is no permanent CEO working in GHCL and an additional charge has been given to the officers in previous years. The acting CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that advertisement for the post of new CEO, GHCL is already published in the newspaper. Six candidates were shortlisted for the post. The interviews of three candidates were held and file was send to Power Division for further process. However, after the enforcement of the new Act, the file was sent back to GHCL. The Committee observed that appointment process was at the scrutiny stage during the last one year. The Committee was further informed that after the enforcement of new Act, new advertisement was also published on 14th May, 2023 and around 24 candidates have applied for the post. The eligibility criteria required bachelor's degree in Engineering or professional Accountant (ICA). The shortlisting of candidates is under process and HR Committee will finalize the names of eligible candidates for interview. The Committee was of the view that there must be combination of both degrees to be mentioned for the said post. The Power Division stated that ideally there must be an engineer for the said post and candidate holding a diploma in accounts or finance is also better option for the company, otherwise CFO and Law officers are also hired for finance matters and to guide them.

- **Appointment of all CEOs in a DISCO**

155. The Committee pointed out that there was no permanent CEO working in all GENCOs and asked an update about the appointment of CEOs in all GENCOs. The Committee was informed that Mr. Tanzil Rahim is working as an additional Chief Engineer and currently having charge of CEO, GENCO-I. There is no C.E working in GENCO-I. Mr. Sabceh uz Zaman Farooqui is currently working as CEO, GENCO-III but have an additional charge of CEO, GENCO-II. The Board has extended his contract as CEO, GENCO-III in July, 2022 and he has an additional charge of CEO, GENCO-II for the last two months. The Committee observed that how CEO, GENCO - II & III will handle two generation plants simultaneously. The Committee has seen the trend of giving additional charges in Power Division and it showed that Power Division was not serious about the appointment of CEOs in all GENCOs. The Committee has highlighted these issues since July, 2021 and believed that appointment of technical staff in DISCOs is essential for the improvement and better working of GENCOs.

- **Appointment of new CEO, GENCO-II**

156. The Committee was informed that scrutiny of 19 applicants has been completed and the tentative date for the interview was 31st August, 2021. The Board has interviewed the candidates on 12th October, 2021 and panel of candidates has been sent to Power Division for further process. In a meeting held on 1st September, 2021, the Committee was informed that advertisement has been drafted and reviewed by the Board but needed to have a clarification either the eligibility criteria should be engineering specific or not. The Committee showed its displeasure and said that if the post was for engineers then it must be for engineers only. In a meeting of 15th September, 2021, the Committee was informed that process was kept on hold for the decision of the Court in the case of appointment of CEO, GHCL and now GENCO-II will process it after the decision of the Court accordingly. The Committee stated that earlier a date was given for conducting the interviews and the acting CEO was unanswerable. Regarding the cut-off date of conducting interviews for the post of CEO, GENCO-II, the Committee was informed that Board has to recommend the names of three candidates to the Ministry and for the approval of the Cabinet. It will take 60 days to complete the interview process for the post of CEO, GENCO-II and 15th November, 2021 is the cut-off date and interviews will be held on the basis of the original advertisement.

- **Appointment of new MD, NTDC**

157. The Power Division informed the Committee that last date to apply for the post was 15th December, 2021. After the completion of candidate's scrutiny, the HR Committee will conduct the interview within two months' time. The acting MD, NTDC will retired in February, 2022 and Power Division sent the summary to the Cabinet. The Cabinet approved that if there was a delay in the new appointment of MD, NTDC, he will continue till the appointment of new, MD, NTDC. The Committee showed its displeasure that how he will continue after his retirement and Power Division sent the summary to the Cabinet for the approval where no merit was followed. The Committee further asserted that the acting charge must be given to the next sitting officer as in the past they were given to the Senior Officers of the Power Division. The

Committee pointed out that the age limit mentioned in the last advertisement was of 62 years and it was of 58 years in the new advertisement. In a meeting held on 23-02-2022, the Committee was apprised that interviews for the post of MD, NTDC were held by the Board of Directors, NTDC. The Board will shortly communicate the three names in order of merit of the shortlisted candidates to the Cabinet for their recommendations / concurrence through Power Division for the appointment of MD, NTDC. It was asserted by the Committee that all out efforts must be made to ensure appointments meet the employment criteria.

158. The Committee was briefed that the post of MD, NTDC, which was vacant since 14th April, 2020. The Cabinet approved the name of Mr. Azaz as MD, NTDC. It was informed that there were 47 applicants in total. The short listing of the candidates was done by the consultants. In final list, there were 19 candidates. Out of 19 candidates, 15 were interviewed and in this process new board was reconstituted. The Ministry has sent the names of the four candidates for the approval to the Cabinet. It was informed that employee from department has applied and due to the eligibility criteria no candidate was short listed from the department and there was no General Manager eligible to be appointed as MD, NTDC. The salary package of new MD NTDC is \$15000/- per month while the MD on acting charge was given Rs. 2,80000/- per month.

159. In a meeting held on 23-02-2022, the Committee was apprised that interviews for the post of MD, NTDC were held by the Board of Directors, NTDC. The Board will shortly communicate the three names in order of merit of the shortlisted candidates to the Cabinet for their recommendations / concurrence through Power Division for the appointment of MD, NTDC. The Committee observed that in the last Committee meeting, it was discussed & decided to reinstate criteria including cut-off age limit of 62 years for MD, NTDC from 58 years, given in the new advertisement. The previous MD, NTDC was also appointed with the age limit of 62 years. It was asserted that all out efforts must be made to ensure appointments meet the employment criteria.

- Rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs.

160. The Committee was briefed in detail about the rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants and improvement of power generation plants of all GENCOs. The Committee was informed about issues regarding the closure of the government owned power generation plants as per the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Power. The TPS Quetta power plant was set up by the Mitsubishi Company in 1980s with an efficiency of 22%. The SSGC provided the gas till 2016.

161. The power plants and its machinery was depreciated at 5% within 20 years. As far as the issue of replacement of TPS Quetta plant was concerned, the Habibullah Coastal Power Company (PVT) Ltd, a gas fired combine cycle power plant, was installed with name plate capacity of 190MW under 1994 policy. It was closed due to non-availability of indigenous gas and now, the SSGC has agreed that they will provide 65% RLNG and 35% indigenous gas on firm basis for voltage mitigation and then PPA will also be revised accordingly.

162. Regarding the time period of Tariff for these power plants, Chairman NEPRA informed the Committee that life of power plant is about 40 years on foreign country but unfortunately in Pakistan, the life of power plants is 20 years due to the negligence and inefficiency of management and non-maintenance of power plants on required time.

163. The Committee stated that previously a report had been submitted to the Committee in this regard. The capacity of the Plants was 4574MW in 2011 at the time of formation of GHCL, and now it has been reduced to 2168MW. It further stated that the representatives of GHCL in earlier Committee meetings have also admitted that GHCL was formed to improve the efficiency of power plants but they were unable to improve the efficiency and achieve their targets. These public sector power plants are the assets of the country and they should be functional / rehabilitated. It further stated that the acting CEO, GHCL also submitted a report that Lakhra was feasible and it should be rehabilitated. The expenditure required for its rehabilitation was also mentioned in the report.

164. The CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that Lakhra had 3 units, each with installed capacity of 50MW between 1992 -1994. They all were on local coal. In 2008, the unit 3 of Lakhra was total cannibalized and its parts were removed and used in other units of Lakhra. In 2012, there was a technical problem in unit 1&2. In 2017, there was a fire incident and then closed completely. The report by Senator Wazir Khattak had two parts. One part dealt with the major rehabilitation of these power plants and the other part dealt with the availability of infrastructure and installation of two sub critical plants each of 330MW. A concept clearance paper was prepared by GHCL and sent through M/o Energy (Power Division) to M/o Planning, Development & Reform for installation of new plant, but still in pending for response.

165. The Committee was informed that GTPS Kotri Power Plant was under-utilized and closed due to non-availability of gas. The GENCO-I & NPCC also took a stand that it must be operated for the stability of power system but NEPRA decided to de-license it in 2020.

166. The Committee observed that it seemed that these plants were closed only to provide benefit to some person as it includes billions of rupees. The Committee was further informed that there are two ways for closure of power plants either by LPM or APM. In LPM (Licensee Proposed Modification) GENCO is licensee and a request is submitted to NEPRA that according to their capacity, one block must be excluded from their license. If considered the amendment in generation license will be made by the NEPRA. In APM (Authority Proposed Modification), the regulator decides that GENCO or IPPs license issued must be cancelled. The regulator issues the notice and after the hearing take the decision and remove the specific block in concerned GENCO. It was informed that no consultant was hired for their maintenance and GENCO has its own technical team which evaluates the performance of these power plants.

167. About reason for the closure of TPS Jamshoro power plant, it was informed that it was on furnace oil and the cost was between Rs. 25 - 28 per unit. The Committee was of the view that these public sector power generation plants are assets of our country. They are strategically important. If closed, the country will only be dependent on IPPs and their black

mailing as in the case of oil crisis where all companies blackmailed the government and PSO was the only entity to rescue the country.

168. The Committee was further informed that NEPRA has statutory obligation to monitor the heat rate of power plants on yearly basis. If the investment was made by the government, then a government needs to check whether it was payback or not. A rational decision has to be taken either the plants has to be rehabilitated, closed or new ones to be installed. The Government decided that as the private sector has developed in the country and their reliability is high, it was better not to invest more in these public sector power plants. The Chairman, NEPRA also stated that Pakistan was very late in realizing this notion that it was not the role of the Government to produce electricity. It was told that Pakistan was second in the world with H-Class (66% efficiency) machinery installed in government sector. The Committee appreciated the efforts of Chairman, NEPRA to provide Tariff on 3.5% cents instead of 17 cents after assuming the office of Chairman, NEPRA.

169. The Committee was also informed that total yearly salaries of the employees working on the power plants, which are being closed down, are Rs2 billion while the salaries of the entire GENCOs are Rs5 billion. The Committee was of the view that it was strange that the government does not have Rs 5 billion to pay salaries of the GENCOs employees and to save these national and strategic assets but was paying Rs900 billion as capacity payments to IPPs. It seems that IPPs are more powerful than country and these national power sector plants.

170. About the status and cost of LOT-II in TPS Jamshoro (1320MW) as the work has not been started yet, the Committee was informed that a generation plan has been planned through software for the next 10 years. The LOT-II of 660MW Project was not picked up by the software. It showed that the project was not feasible for the next 10 years. On the statement of Power division, the Committee was of the view that it was amazing that previously, the software picked up the costly power projects and now it was not even picking up the cheapest power projects. The CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that the cost for LOT-I is \$562 million and LOT-II is \$303 million and total is \$965million and with other charges or expenses will be at \$1.2 billion. The Committee was further informed that cost of Sahiwal Coal Power Project was \$1.8 billion and Port Qasim Power project was \$2 billion. The Committee was of the view that there was a comparison that these two costly power plants were installed but LOT-II was not installed yet may be to avoided or hide the previous cost of costly installed plants with same capacity.

171. About the plan for installation of new power plants. It was informed that Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) 2021-30 has been approved by NEPRA. NEPRA has issued 65000MW licences with installed capacity of 39000MW so far. The hydro will also be included in the renewable energy. Currently, the renewable energy was at 33% and it will be 65% in the next 10 years. The Committee was amazed to know that Chairman NEPRA has issued 65000MW licenses with installed capacity of 39000MW.

172. In a meeting held on 07-02-2023, the Committee stated that earlier it was discussed in the Committee meeting that GENCO-I was operated on dual energy (Gas & Furnace

Orly) & Chairman, NEPRA had a view that due to the high cost of the electricity (Rs.28) which cannot be afford by NEPRA it must be operated on LNG which was 50% and cheaper according to Chairman, NEPRA.

173. Regarding the progress report on establishing two additional power plants of 330MW at Lakhra Coal Power Plant in the light of previous Sub-Committee Report, the Committee stated that Lakhra Power plant is closed and the previous sub-Committee under the converynership of Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak recommended that two power plants each of 330MW can be install on local coal with unit cost will be Rs. 4 per unit. The estimated cost was US \$359 million and rehabilitation of 3x50MW existing blocks with cost of US\$35 million. The CEO, GHCL informed that sponsored concept paper is developed and Ministry is also in line with it. The Committee was of the view that if there was any financial issue then it must be advertised. It suggested Power Division to outsource with open bidding and transparent process under the permissible limit of the Ministry.

174. Regarding the rehabilitation plan for GENCO-II, the Committee recommended CEO, GENCO-II to submit the proposal regarding the rehabilitation of Thermal Power Station Quetta to NEPRA. Regarding proposal for 300MW utility Solar Power Plant at TPS Muzaffargarh, the Committee stated that KAPCO Power Plant has surplus gas and Muzaffargarh Power Plant is 38Km away from KAPCO Power Plant. The installed capacity of KACPO Power plant is 1400MW & Muzaffargarh Power plant is 1300MW. The CEO, GENCO-III informed that it will cost Rs. 40 per unit (RLNG) and if gas is provided to TPS Muzaffargarh then it will be operationalized soon.

175. Regarding the improvement plan for Siemens Block (Block-I) (415MW) in GENCO-II, the overhauling of gas turbines 11 & 12 is due since 2016. On merit order, it is open cycle at number 13 and combine cycle number is 6. The Committee observed that it is unfair that power plant is not operational despite at Number 13 & 6 on Merit Order. The Committee was further briefed that software & hardware of gas turbines 11 & 12 are obsolete now. It further observed that no action has been taken by the department as steam turbine 13 is damaged since 2013. It means that two gas turbines each of (138MW), are working and one steam turbine of (138MW) free of cost electricity available which is not working and no steps have been taken by the department so far. It stated that how it is possible that due to the issue of software obsolete the machine was shut down. Either a new hardware was inserted in the machine and software did not accept it. The CEO, GENCO-II informed that computer cards of the machine are not available anywhere. He further informed that if the two gas turbines (138MW) each are working and steam turbine of 138MW is not operational then it is a loss of about Rs. 2.5 billion per month, Rs. 30 billion per year and Rs. 300 billion in last 10 years. The estimated cost required for the rehabilitation was Rs. 20 billion.

- **Illegal Extension in Contract of KAPCO Power Plant**

176. The Committee was informed that Ministry had a dispute with KAPCO which has made a claim on Government of Pakistan through London Court of International Arbitration. The government through negotiations on return on equity basis has written off Rs.96 billion and

extension has been given to KAPCO upto October, 2022. The PPA of KAPCO was extended by CPPA-G without bringing it into the notice of NEPRA. The NEPRA took notice of it and legal proceedings are underway. The decision will be shared with the Committee as well. A letter was written to KAPCO & CPPA-G for their clarification and legal proceeding will be start accordingly. The Committee showed its displeasure that NEPRA was unable to take any action during the last six months. The Committee was further briefed that authority will decide it in a month's time but there are chances that NEPRA will put KAPCO on take and pay as in the case of Gul Ahmed Textile Mills Limited & Tapal Tea Company.

177. In a meeting held on 23-03-2022, the Committee observed that it has taken up the matter of extension of KAPCO and discussed in detail since four months. The Committee observed that in what capacity extension to KAPCO was granted, and why have the transactions not been blocked after the expiry of its tenure. The Vice Chairman NEPRA informed the Committee that payments were made by CPPA-G and NEPRA has no role in it. A payment of Rs57 billion had been made to KAPCO on the selling units at Rs19.5/unit along with the variable payment; however, no capacity payment was made after the expiry of its tenure. KAPCO had been made minimal payment with strict tariff rules on the take-and-pay method.

178. The Committee further stated that public sector power plants were easily being put on take and pay and all IPPs are on take or pay. When KAPCO contract was extended whether NEPRA bounded that their tariff will be in Pak rupees. The Vice Chairman, NEPRA informed that in the case of KAPCO plant, the NEPRA has decided that if utilized on take and pay or take or pay the capacity payment will not be made to KAPCO. He further informed that determination was under process and decision will be taken soon. The Committee observed that when NEPRA was not taken on board for the extension then how they have decided to put KAPCO on take or pay or take and pay. It is clear that extension was made with the understanding of NEPRA and Power Division and undue favour of KAPCO.

179. The Committee members expressed their dissatisfaction over answers by the NEPRA authorities. The Committee observed that when there was excess electricity in the country then there was no need to taking electricity from IPPs especially from KAPCO when their agreement time has been completed. The Vice Chairman, NEPRA informed that KAPCO cannot be put in the Economic Merit Order with Rs. 19.8 per unit cost. When there will be a need to take the electricity from them, then it will be taken. The KAPCO Power Plant is on take and pay instead of previously take or pay and the contract was extended without capacity payment.

180. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, the Chairman, NEPRA briefed the Committee that no loss has occurred due to extension of PPA of KAPCO for 485 days as capacity charges shall not be paid during the extending period. Energy delivered during this period shall be paid only to the extent of fuel cost and variable O&M (with reduction of 11%). The arrangement has been made by CPPA-G as part of out of court settlement with KAPCO against their claim of LDs after seeking approval from the Cabinet. The total disputed amount was Rs. 92 billion comprising 27 billion of LDs and 65 billion of Interest on Interest as per information provided by CPPA-G. The Explanation letters were issued to CPPA-G and KAPCO on February 2, 2022 and March 14, 2022 respectively. The settlement was done out of Court and it was decided that plant

~~will be run for 485 days with fuel cost to be paid only. During the massive load shedding in~~
country, the KAPCO has produce electricity 1345 MW per hr in a day. Zero payment was made with regard to capacity payment to KAPCO. The (Staff Officer, Finance) also CPPA-G apprised the Committee that NEPRA has sent show cause notice to CPPA-G. The NEPRA has also stated that it was not in their ambit to look into those projects which were included in pre-NEPRA regime. The Committee observed that if it was not in their ambit then why NEPRA has sent Show cause letter to CPPA-G.

181. In a meeting held on 14-09-2023, the Committee was informed that KAPCO Power plant was operational on RFO initially and then RLNG was provided to it. The gas was provided by SNGPL and the requirement was 250MMcf. The plant was operated in mixed fuel over the years. When RLNG contract was signed then indigenous gas was stopped to be provided to the plant. The Committee observed that CPPA-G had committed a blunder by giving an illegal extension to the KAPCO Power Plant for one year and four months. The NEPRA has approved the invoices sent by CPPA-G. It was of the view that when NEPRA was established then why illegal extension was given to KAPCO Power Plant. The Committee was informed that illegal extension was approved by the Cabinet and summary was moved by Power Division in this regard. The Committee stated that why the state owned plant of Muzaffargarh was not operated on gas or oil when KAPCO Power Plant agreement was expired, although it was ready for operational alongwith KAPCO Power Plant but surprisingly public sector power plant was closed and in same conditions KAPCO was operational. The Committee wondered why the Power Division strived to shut down public power plants. It observed that Muzaffargarh Power Plant is 41km away from KAPCO Power Plant and why gas is not available for Muzaffargarh.

182. It was further told that KAPCO Power Plant ranked at serial No. 8, 15, 17 & 35 whereas Muzaffargarh Power Plant was ranked at serial No. 31 & 32 at Economic Order, June 2021. The Committee pointed out that Muzaffargarh Power Plant is operated on gas but closed despite ranking at 31 & 32 while KAPCO Power Plant is operated on gas despite ranked at serial no. 35. The Committee stated that state owned power plants of Muzaffargarh and Jamshoro were deliberately shut down to create space and monopoly for the IPPs and no steps have been taken to restore government plants.

183. In a meeting held on 26-09-2023, the CEO, CPPA-G briefed the Committee about the rationale behind the extension of KAPCO Power Plant. It was further told that 36% of shares are owned by WAPDA and 64% are owned by private investors. The Committee observed that it is surprising that WAPDA shareholders decided to not to take the matter at the international level, however, the private owners took the matter at the international level. The Committee was further informed that Rs. 151 billion as energy payment was made to KAPCO Power Plant in extended period and 95% are fuel expenses which are included in the payment of Rs. 151 billion made to KAPCO Power Plant.

184. The Committee stated that it is not a matter of functioning of plant rather it is purely a matter of illegal extension. Why the extension was accorded when agreement was expired and it is necessity of a country that IPPs agreement should not be renewed. Because they caused huge cost to poor public of Pakistan in shape of capacity payment & Tariff paid in US

Dollars. When country has surplus installed Power Plants which are also receiving capacity payment and maintenance payment in closing time. Those public sector power plants must have been started because their expiry time is still not matured. It stated that total payment paid to IPPs from 2013 to June, 2024 is Rs. 17686 billion, in which, the energy payment is Rs. 9342 billion and capacity payment is Rs. 8344 billion.

185. The Power Division informed the Committee that NEPRA had a view that extension has been approved by Cabinet but why NEPRA was not taken into confidence. The CPPA-G had a view that NEPRA did not exist at that time so the projects of power generation 1994 policy does not fall under the domain of NEPRA. The D.G (Licensing) NEPRA also informed the Committee that tariff of 15 IPPs falling under power generation 1994 policy was not approved by NEPRA as NEPRA did not exist at that time. The indication of fuel price adjustments of 15 IPPs installed under power generation policy 1994 is shared with NEPRA by CPPA-G with undertaking that payment will be claimed under modus operandi written in PPA.

186. The Committee was of the view that if CPPA-G is wholly solely authorize for 15 IPPs falling under power generation policy 1994 then why they sent the indications or make any correspondence with NEPRA. The D.G (Tariff) NEPRA informed the Committee that NEPRA determines the tariff of IPPs falling under power generation 2002 policy and onwards. The fuel price adjustment of 15 IPPs falling under power generation 1994 is sent by CPPA-G to NEPRA and NEPRA does due diligence with regard to PPA only. The CPPA-G must have informed NEPRA before taking the extension from Cabinet. The CPPA-G was of the view that they have taken some discounts on it regarding international Arbitration. The NEPRA imposed a fine and challenged CPPA-G in this regard. Now, the CPPA-G has challenged the decision of NEPRA in a tribunal. The Committee observed that why Power Division is sending wrong summaries to Cabinet like this and why they are unaware of the huge loss faced by the country in shape of extension of KAPCO power plant. New power plants must have been installed in the country and they should be operated instead of the expensive IPP like KAPCO Power plant.

- Details of BODs of all the concerned Companies / departments under Power Division: Procedure and date of their appointments & Details of each BoD meeting carried on till date alongwith progress and expenditure incurred.

187. The Committee was briefed in detail about the selection process of the members of Board. It was told to the Committee that members are appointed according to rules of Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan and they should be enrolled in Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance (PICG) and must have expertise of different fields. The procedure for hiring is not laid down anywhere only the eligibility criteria was there and according to the Corporate Governance Rules, they can be a member of not more than 6 Boards at a time.

188. The Committee was of the view that these rules can be applied only in corporate sector but not on public companies. The Committee wants these members to perform in their boards. If there is any change required in the law, the Committee will ensure to bring the amendment in the law. The Committee showed its displeasure in view of the briefing made by the Power Division. It said that for the appointment of a Peon or daily wages, the advertisement

is repeated 10 times but no interviews were taken for the appointments at higher level. It observed that in SEPCO Board, the Chairman is of 82 years of age and SEPCO has no retired employee to be appointed as Chairman SEPCO. The whole department cannot be inefficient. The Power Division also admitted that there is no employee capable enough to be appointed as Member / Chairman of the SEPCO Board.

- **Number of Board Meetings**

189. In a meeting held on 08-07-2021, the Committee was informed that minimum one meeting on quarterly basis can be held and it depends on the Chairman and issues of the Board to hold the meetings. The Committee showed its concern that the Committee has heard that BoDs are having multiple meetings in a month and drawing 35000/- per meeting. The Committee further observed that newly appointed Board of Directors (BODs) are serving on multiple Boards of DISCOs. Again, in a meeting held on 28-07-2021, the Committee pointed out that Board of Directors (BODs) meetings are held multiple times in a month and drawing 35000/- per meeting. They do not grant permission for the recruitments of staff in HESCO & SEPCO. The Board ignores the recommendations / input of the Committee as well. Is there any clause in the law that what can be done if Board is blackmailing the concerned CEOs. The Committee was informed that these companies are made in accordance with Companies Ordinance, 1984. The Board members are appointed by the Federal Cabinet and if they are holding meeting multiple times in a month, they can hold as they are all professional / experts in their own fields.

- **Performance and Accountability of the Board**

190. The Committee was informed that Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are under process and as per the directions of Prime Minister of Pakistan, the performance agreements will be signed with them in order to make them accountable to the government. Regarding the action taken against Members of BoDs, who were members since 2002, the Committee stated that according to the Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 "A director shall not be considered independent if he has served on the Board for more than two consecutive terms from the date of his first appointment". They are illegally sitting in BoDs and the Committee was amazed to see that how Power Division has recommended them. The new Secretary, Power Division was also of the opinion that how come a Member remained on a same seat since long.

- **Responsibilities of the Board**

191. In a meeting held on 23-08-2021, the Committee was informed that Board Members are appointed according to the Rules of Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). They are made in order to run the public sector companies and give policies and then those policies are implemented by the Executives Officer. The three key positions including Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Internal Auditor (CIA) and Company Secretary (CS) are responsible to the Board. The duty of Chief Executive is to run day to day business of the Board and according to their guidelines. The Committee was of the view that their role and duty mostly is related with the audit, human & financial matters. The Committee further

emphasized that there must be system. If they have this authority, they must give some results and be made accountable for their actions.

192. In a meeting held on 03-08-2023, the Power Division apprised the Committee that Board is exercising its complete authority through the State-owned Enterprises (Governance & Operations) Act, 2023 in their DISCOs. Now, Board is the appointing authority for the post of CEO of any DISCO. The Power Division cannot give any direction to Board in this regard. The Board will be appointed by a three Member Committee headed by Federal Minister and assisted by concerned Federal Secretary and representative of M/o Finance.

193. The Committee was of the view that if CEO is reshuffling its technical staff in a DISCOs for betterment of company then Board is asking concerned CEO for a justification that why the technical staff is transferred from the concerned area. It is not acceptable to the Committee. Board is interfering in day to day affairs of the DISCOs instead of making a meaningful policy for the DISCOs. It stated that it need to review the appointment process for the Member of BoDs and if there are flaws in the appointment process then it will further lead to deterioration of the DISCOs. There must be amendments in the Act for the better working & functioning of the Boards. The appointment procedure must be implement through a criteria as mentioned in the Act.

194. The Power Division further informed that according to the Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013, a Member cannot serve as a Member of more than five Boards at a time. Regarding the re-appointment of a Member of BoDs, the Committee stated that new Members with good credentials may also be given a chance to be appointed in these Boards. The conflict of interest is important to be checked in this regard. The Power Division suggested a Parliamentary Committee consists of Members of both Houses may be constituted for selection of these Member of Boards. The proposed list of Members may also be submitted to the Committee before its final approval by Federal Cabinet.

195. The Committee stated that department is the appointing authority of Members of BoD. The concerned Secretary of the Ministry cannot compromise while appointing these Members of BoDs. The Act must be implemented by the appointing Committee as well. The Committee stated that earlier the Committee has discussed in detail about the procedure of appointment of Member of BoDs and previous officers of the Power Division have also defended these Boards in the Committee meetings. The Power Division also admitted that they are non-technical. Earlier, the Committee also gave its recommendations but Power Division did not take any action against them.

• **Increase in Board Fee**

196. The Committee took notice of the exorbitant remuneration per meeting offered to BoDs. The CEOs, SEPCO & PESCO informed that the fee of Board members has been increased to Rs 60,000 from Rs 35,000 per meeting, in addition to other incentives while CEOs, HESCO & QESCO informed that Rs. 35,000/- per meeting was taken by the members of their Boards. The Committee took serious notice and showed its displeasure that Rs. 60,000/- was

paid to the members of BoDs. Regarding the reason behind the increase of Board fee, the Power Division informed that Members have technical skills and giving their valuable input in the Board meetings. The Committee asked about the technical input in which the departments were going down day by day. It showed its displeasure that it was violation of rules that how they are eligible to enhance their fee while being custodian of the concern departments. The Power Division must take action against these DISCOs and they may reduce their fee at Rs. 15,000/- per meeting.

197. The Committee further observed that as per law, they cannot enhance their allowance. Earlier, the CEO, HESCO provided the Committee about the total expenditure (Rs. 24 million) utilized within six months of the newly appointed Members of BoDs. The Committee pointed out that as per data provided by Power Division, the total expenditure of the meetings of the newly appointed Member of the Board was Rs. 256 million and it was amazing that Prime Minister's Office expenditure is only Rs. 300 million of this financial year. The Committee has already exposed the BoDs about their working, progress and efficiency and they are still unable to conduct any meeting regarding the implementation of recommendation of the Committee. It further shared with the Committee that FESCO was leading company in the recovery but the Chairman was from K-Electric. The BoD, IESCO also adopted the resolution // 208-BOD-R06 and increased the Board fee from Rs. 35,000/- to Rs. 60,000/- in this regard. The CEO, GEPCO informed that in a recent meeting GEPCO Board has decreased it from Rs. 60,000/- to Rs. 35,000/-. The Committee appreciated the efforts of CEO, GEPCO regarding reduction in Board Fee from Rs. 60000/- to Rs. 35000/- and decided to issue an appreciation letter on behalf of the Committee.

- Proposal / Brief for revised terms & conditions for improving the working and responsibilities of BODs in public sector companies

198. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, the Power Division apprised that there are twenty five Boards in Power Sector and Power Division has decided to take the performance review of each BoDs and its management by 15th June, 2022. The Committee observed that it has been discussed several times in the Committee meetings that BoD did not allow the concerned CEO to take any step or make compliance to the recommendations of the Committee. Even if the step was taken for the betterment of the department, they always said that BoD did not allow them to do it. It was discussed in the Committee meeting that a brief must be submitted by the Power Division so that it can be mutually finalized by the Committee and implemented by the department.

199. The Power Division further informed that there was difference between the government governance structure and companies governance structure. The Committee stated that these are public sector companies and the Committee has seen that performance of allied departments of Power Division was going down day by day with the wrong decisions taken by these BoDs. The former Secretary, Power Division also agreed that if the decision of the Board was against the department then they must be made accountable for it. But the Committee has seen that the Members of Board were only appointed on pick & choose basis instead through advertisement or any interview process for their selection.

200. The Power Division also informed that Board of Directors were selected from the PICG list and there was no relevant data available in the Power Sector for the selection of Members of BoDs. The Power Division has taken an initiative of preparing a directory of the retired officials with relevant experience from Power Division & allied departments. It will take three months to prepare it.

201. The Committee shared that CVs of these Members of the Board were also shared with the Committee in July, 2021. The Committee has analysed those CVs and concluded that people from real estate were the Members of the Board. Previously, the Power Division repeatedly stated in the Committee meetings that there was no any efficient officer enough to be appointed as Chairman & Member of these Board in the Power Division. The Committee pointed out 42 people from K-Electric are efficient enough to be made Members of the Board and eight of them are made Chairman of different Boards. Members of BoDs are attending several meetings in a day and drawing Rs. 60,000/- per meeting which is violation of Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013. It is also a conflict of interest & with whose permission they have made this increase which is a huge loss to the national exchequer. The amount should be recovered from those officials and action must be taken against them. The Committee while sharing a copy of draft proposal with Power Division recommended to circulate it among all CEOs of DISCOs and other departments of Power Division to prepare a proposal in the light of shared draft proposal and discussions held in the previous Committee meetings.

202. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the Committee stated that it has been discussed several times in this forum that how to bring more improvement in the working & functioning of these BoDs. The Committee has already asked Power Division to submit a proposal even Power Division committed numerous times but the Committee has not received any proposal yet which will be mutually agreed and implemented.

Expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date.

203. The CEO, HESCO briefed the Committee in detail about the expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June 2008 till date. The Committee pointed out that why the Budget was not utilized according to the allocation and it showed that the system was already rehabilitated in interior Sindh and funds were not required anymore but the actual position of electricity lines are in dangerous condition in overall Sindh and the authorities of HESCO & SEPCO are not interested in the rehabilitation of these lines & system. It stated that there was no proper system of electricity lines in interior Sindh and system must be rehabilitated. The Committee also objected to lack of details presented by the CEOs, MEPCO & LESCO. It stated that earlier the CEOs, HESCO & SEPCO also gave the briefing on the subject and Committee found out that allocation was there but utilization was not made enough in those respective heads. The allocation must be consumed in a proper manner.

- Appointment of New MD, NESPAK

204. The Committee was informed that Board has interviewed six candidates on 7th July, 2021 and recommended a panel of three candidates for the post. The Board has shared the list with the Power Division for further due diligence.

- Written test conducted for the post of ALM & other Staff for PESCO by Khyber Medical University (KMU).

205. The Committee was informed that on the directive of PESCO Board of Directors, an inquiry committee was constituted to investigate / inquire the recruitment test of ALM held on 3rd October, 2021 conducted by KMU. The report of the Inquiry Committee said that test must be cancelled and taken again due to the interference of the Labour Union. The Committee stated that there must be transparency in the test. The rangers & Police must be present during the test to ensure the transparency in the test. It pointed out that earlier there was a recommendation that one week must be extended for the candidates who had applied earlier for the test. The Committee was informed that already the advertisement for the post of 2605 ALM was printed and they will be adjusted in the next test of ALM. It was further informed that the case was with FIA & NAB and will be reimbursed once the decision comes from FIA.

206. In a meeting held on 28-10-2021, the Committee stated that the test was conducted by the KMU even after the recommendations by the Committee that the test should not be conducted by the KMU. The Committee stated that their apprehensions proved correct on account of mismanagement by KMU. The Committee was informed that KMU was awarded the job at low rates and test centres where mismanagement took place were re-conducted. The Committee asked a question whether question paper was same in all the Centres. The Committee was informed that at first it was same paper in all 16 Centres but due to the policy that test for the posts from 1-15 must be taken district wise, then it was not the same paper in all Centres. The Committee asked a question that who was responsible for mis-management / irregularities in those Centres. It was informed that KMU was responsible for it and they have conducted the test again. After detailed discussion, the Committee cleared the tests process of ALM in PESCO and allowed CEO, PESCO to go ahead if he thinks the process was transparent.

- Electricity theft and Kunda Culture in DISCOs alongwith complete data

207. The Committee was informed that main issue in 'Kunda Culture' is involvement of staff and it was necessary that both Federal & Provincial governments along with distribution companies must work together and put sustainable effort to eradicate this culture. The Committee was of the view that employees and private people are the main reason of the 'Kunda Culture' in the areas of HESCO, SEPCO, MEPCO, QESCO and TESCO. In Rato Dero, there are 4000 regular connections and 9000 kunda connections. The staff was also involved and they hired private persons to check the meters / transformers and collect the money from them. It further stated that kunda connection payments must come as a recovery to the company's account and in this way, the load must be assessed accordingly and only from Rato Dero, the collection can be of amount Rs. 90 lacs from kunda connections. This approach can be applied to

the whole of the province. The Federal & Provincial Governments must work together to bring that money as a recovery to the company's account. The concerned CEOs must take permission from their Boards and start work on it.

208. The management of K-Electric also shared their experience of controlling line losses and eliminating Kunda Culture with regard to other DISCOs. The Committee was informed that line losses were 40% and recovery was in mid 70s in the last ten years. Now, the line loss level was at 17% and recoveries were in their 90s. It was informed that policing is not the solution to tackle the issue of kunda connection rather investment was the only solution to it. The Committee was of the view that recovery from Kunda connection must come as a payment in government account instead of giving to the officials of DISCOs. It will reduce the circular debt and these power plants will be saved. It was further briefed that K-Electric has converted Bare Conductor LT Network to Aerial Bundled Cables for making Kunda difficult. It has provided Low Cost Meters in unplanned areas for easy transition towards metered connections. Around 240,000 low cost meters provided to consumers during FY 20 -FY 21. 400,000 KG of Hook Connections removed in last two years through regular Kunda Removal drives. Currently, the T&D loss was 17.5%. The Committee stressed that all DISCOs must work on the initiatives followed by K-Electric in order to eliminate the Kunda Connections.

209. In a meeting held on 28-10-2021, the Committee was briefed in detail about the regular and illegal kunda connection in all DISCOs. The Committee was of the view that electricity was consumed already and the amount goes to employees and officials of Power Division involved in kunda connections with the help of local people. Either this practice continues or the units according to the detection Bills have been paid by other regular consumers or it comes in non-recoveries, and in the circular debt, which is a loss to the country. The Committee said that either they are allowed to continue with electricity theft or Power Division do not have the option or not willing to solve and take the revenue from them.

210. The Committee stated that in cities like Sukkur, there are 60 ACs installed at one political representative house and he was charged in thousands only. The Committee was informed that theft of electricity is a complex issue and there are multiple ways to tackle it. The Government is already taking various steps in this regard. In the law, there is proposal related to amendment in PPC, which is already in the Parliament. The electricity theft is a non-cognizable offence, and in order to cease it, recommendations have been made time and again that it should be a cognizable offence, so that the concerned department can be given security when taking action against those responsible. Now, there is an amendment (462-F) in PPC to make it cognizable offence. Anti-theft drives are possible with the help of provincial governments but there was a resistance for any drive in the communities. The Power Division has requested the provincial governments to make a plan in which police can visit these areas along with officers of the department regularly.

211. The Committee stated the Committee wants purely action / decision with regard to stoppage of theft of electricity. One simple example is regarding the involvement of employees and official of Power Division in theft of electricity. A lineman in Shahdadkot District has 14 bungalows and how much properties have the higher officer which has been made from theft of electricity. In the last Committee meeting, the WAPDA employee's consumption of

electricity was more than Rs. 6 billion. It is official figure provided by the department and unofficially, it must be high due to involvement of employees in theft of electricity, that could be easily verified from the areas / colonies & offices of Power Division & Water Division.

212. It further stated that if there was no kunda connection in GEPCO, TESCO and FESCO, as it is a matter of high efficiency of concerned officials then why there was no officer eligible enough to be appointed as Chairman or Member of BOD in GEPCO, FESCO and TESCO unfortunately. These companies have shown their efficiency in recoveries of all dues. The Committee was also informed that there was no Kunda Culture in IESCO. However, anti-theft campaign was under progress. The Committee was further briefed in detail on regular and unregistered kunda connections alongwith steps taken to remove kunda connections in MEPCO.

- **Electricity issue at the Export Processing Zone, Risalpur**

213. The Committee was briefed in detail about the situation of export processing zone, Risalpur which is one of the fastest growing industrial zones in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The Committee was of the view that investors came from abroad to invest in this country and it has been 20 years that they have not provided with the electricity. It was informed that as per policy, no load management is being carried out on Industrial dedicated Feeders including 11-KV Risalpur Industrial & 11-KV Mix industries emanating from 132-KV Grid Station Nowshera City. The feeder feeding the EPZ was bifurcated from Mix Industrial Feeder in January, 2021. Shut downs are being taken for tree trimming and other normal routine general maintenance. The CEO, PESCO committed to resolve this issue by December, 2021.

214. The Committee was further informed that it is not according to the law and connection from the grid station of the Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC) will supply electricity to the Export Processing Zone according to the regulations until a dedicated grid is installed in the region by December, 2021. The Committee enquired if this was illegal then what steps have been taken by Power Division in the last 20 years. Any correspondence, on which the Power Division was unanswerable. It was of the view that industrial entities established in EPZ were already in contact with PESCO, with regard to their electricity issues and this issue should not have been overlooked by the PESCO.

- **Power sector reforms / restructuring regarding Power Planning & Monitoring Company (PPMC).**

215. The Committee was apprised in detail about the recent Power sector reforms / restructuring regarding Power Planning & Monitoring Company (PPMC). It was informed that PPMC was designated to perform the functions under National Electricity Policy (Section 5.3.5 & 6.2.1) formulated by Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on September, 2021. Regarding the funds of the company, the Federal Cabinet approved that restructured company may continue to charge a fee to DISCOs, GENCOs and NTDC, as determined by the Board from time to time. The Power Division further briefed the Committee about the functions devolved to DISCOs. It was further informed that initiative was taken after 12 years in order to limit the role and to end the monopoly of PEPCO. The Committee observed that after 12 years Power Division realized

that role of PEPCO must be ended. Today, Power Division has also admitted that PPMC was made in order to end the absolute monopoly of PEPCO. NTDC & GENCOs are included in PPMC and the agreements will be signed soon.

216. The Committee observed that some concerned CEOs also wrote letter to the government to not include their departments in the new setup of PPMC. The Power Division informed the Committee that there were some misconceptions about the PPMC. They are of this view that may be WAPDA will be established again. Rather, it was clearly stated in the functions of the PPMC that it relates with support in the policy & strategic planning of the sector & performing system value & economic analyses for informed decision making. In today's briefing showed that Power Division was again going back to the previous setup of WAPDA. The Power Division informed the Committee that PPMC will not have any role with the management & governance of DISCOs and only concerned Boards & CEOs will be responsible for it.

217. The Power Division further informed that PEPCO Board will play its role till the formation of new Board of PPMC. The Committee stated that experienced persons must be included in the Board of PPMC and be made accountable. It was strange that PEPCO Board will appoint the CEO, PPMC despite the statement by the Power Division that PEPCO has done nothing in the past and PPMC was established in order to end the monopoly of PEPCO. The Power Division was of the view that BoDs are wholly solely responsible of all organization and how efficient was BoD, who deteriorated the PEPCO, and will form the new PPMC.

218. The Committee was further informed that interview for the post of CEO, PPMC was completed and PEPCO Board has finalized the panel of three candidates and after their institutional clearance process the summary will be send to the Federal Cabinet for approval. The Committee showed its displeasure that again same PEPCO Board will finalize the name of the CEO, PPMC which was responsible of deterioration of PEPCO and showed that the same person will be hired by PEPCO. Regarding the action taken against Mr. Sagheer Ahmed as he was working illegally on contract basis in PPMC. Earlier, the Committee was told that he was hired for six months only and it has been one year now that he was still working in PPMC. The Committee observed that Power Division must take action against the PEPCO officials & PEPCO, BoD which are the main reason of monopoly in PEPCO & caused to establish a PPMC and how same PEPCO officials and PEPCO, BoD are working in PPMC. How they will bring change in it.

- * Implementation status of the recommendation / report of the SSC on Power in its meeting held on 2nd April, 2019 regarding "Award of payment to the owners of land acquired for "Suki Kinari Hydel Project".

219. The Managing Director, Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIP) briefed the Committee about the award of payment to the owners of land acquired for Suki Kinari Hydel Project. He informed that there was a demand from the land owners to increase the compensation and the matter was also discussed with the Prime Minister of Pakistan. So far, 175 applications were filed in the Session Court and only 65 were disposed of. As the matter pertained to land acquisition of Suki Kinari Hydropower Project falls under the domain of Provincial Government.

(Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), the Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to write letters to the Commissioner Hazara (Abbottabad) and Deputy Commissioner Manshira on the subject and a report may be submitted to Committee.

- CEO, HESCO on verification of a letter issued from his office vide No. CEO/HESCO/M(Admn)/A2/SCNC-02/C-5500 dated 10th October, 2014 regarding payment of salary & allowances of Mr. Sikandar Ali Khawaja (now A.R.E., Power House Pasni / Gwadar) and briefing on his reinstatement of service and solve his job related issues, before his retirement i.e 31st December, 2021

220. The Committee was briefed in detail about the verification of a letter issued from his office on 10th October, 2014 regarding payment of salary & allowance to Mr. Sikandar Ali Khawaja. The Committee was informed that Mr. Sikandar Ali Khawaja has tempered the Court Order and now he pleaded to restore the benefits from 2002-2008 but according to the Court Order he cannot be benefitted from them. The Committee stated that previous CEO has written a letter on 10-10-2014 and recommended the CEO, HESCO to contact previous CEO, HESCO for verification of the letter under reference and resolve the issue with the applicant on merit basis.

- Increase of Fuel Price Adjustment (FPA) in industrial electricity Bills in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

221. The Committee was informed that there are three main components of electricity Bill namely determination of base tariff by NEPRA, regular quality adjustments and thirdly fuel price adjustment. The consumption of a month was adjusted only for a specific month. After the filing of petitions by the concerned generators / DISCOs, the NEPRA held the hearing and allowed the fair cost which was passed on to the consumers. The fuel adjustment was of October, 2021 and applied in December, 2021. The Actual Fuel Rate was Rs. 9.9179 / kWh, Reference Fuel Rate was Rs. 5.1733 / kWh. After the hearing, NEPRA gave the Fuel Price Adjustment at Rs. 4.7446 / kWh and the total impact of FPA was Rs. 52.11 (Bln). It was further briefed the Committee that reason why the electricity bill was high because RFO was Rs. 54.484 / M.Ton and Coal (HSR) & Coal (PQ) was Rs 12,084 / Ton. The actual rate came for July, 2021 till October, 2021. The RLNG was Rs. 2,557/MMBTU.

222. The representative of CPPA-G also briefed the Committee that rates were determined by NEPRA in December, 2020 and Government notified them in February, 2021. The average tariff given by NEPRA was Rs. 16.69. The reference price has the same tariff so far and the major portion was generation cost which was 90%. The generation cost mechanism also was determined by the regulator. The fuel price portion was almost 50% - 60% of the generation cost and actualize on monthly basis. The generation cost petition was filed by the regulator and then regulator process it accordingly. He further told the Committee that FPA was not passed on to the lifeline consumers. The Committee suggested that consumers are facing difficulties in it and FPA must be adjusted in 2-3 months instead of one month.

- Removal of CEO, HESCO & Regularization of regularization of 551 (daily wages) employees in HESCO

223. The Committee was informed that CEO, HESCO was removed by the Cabinet on the basis of the non-satisfactory performance of the DISCO. He misled the Board of HESCO and High Court of Sindh in regularization of 551 (daily wages) employees. He did not take the permission from the Board and gave the regularization letters to the daily-wagers. The issue of regularization of these employees was discussed in a Board meeting but the CEO, HESCO did not apprise the Board correctly and Board gave the direction that rules must be followed in letter & spirit.

224. The Committee observed that BOD, HESCO was involved in this process and they have attended the appointment letter distribution ceremony. If they have not agreed with CEO, HESCO then how come they have attended the ceremony. The Power Division must have taken action when these appointments were made not after a month. The Committee was further informed that Power Division have not come across these facts that Members of BoDs have attended the ceremony with him. The Committee stated that the gathering was conducted by the All Pakistan WAPDA Hydro Electric Labour Union and Rules must be applied same for everyone. The action must have been taken against 200 employees of HESCO on attending the ceremony.

225. The Committee was informed that former CEO, HESCO violated the code of conduct that he mis-guided the Board & High Court of Sindh. He cannot hold these political gatherings as a government servant. He was held responsible on these two accounts and removed by the Cabinet. Regarding the removal of Members of BOD, the first dimension does not apply on Members of the Board as they have clearly recommended the CEO, HESCO to follow the rules while making these appointments. The second dimension that BoD have attended the political gathering, it needs to be checked whether the criteria of SECP regarding 'Fit & Proper' was violated or not. The Committee was of the view that rules / regulations must be uniformed. The new CEO, HESCO took charge on 26th November, 2021 and Board ratified his charge on the instruction of the Power Division on 28th November, 2021. The Committee asserted that Board must have held the meeting on 26th November, 2021 instead of 28th November, 2021. It was clear that BoDs are not working independently as Power Division briefed this Committee in earlier all meetings rather they are working on the instructions of Power Division.

226. The acting CEO, HESCO also informed the Committee that Rs. 33 lacs was paid as fee to the lawyers from the HESCO department. The BoD was the authority to regularize these employees. The Committee pointed out that earlier it was stated by the Power Division that BOD was not involved in the process and now D.G (HR) HESCO also admitted and found guilty in this regard. The Committee stated that on which basis CEO, HESCO was removed from the post then. The Committee wants the Power Division to take action against officers involved in it.

- **Hiring of CFO, GHCL**

227. The CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that Mr. Masood Ahmed Bhutta has previously worked as Finance Director, GENCO-III and he qualified and joined GHCL through advertisement. The CEO, GHCL informed the Committee that if irregularities were proved then he cannot be appointed. Regarding the charges of irregularities (Rs.15 million) against CFO, GHCL from PAC as CFO, GENCO-III. The CEO, GHCL informed that it was an audit para which was not settled yet. During the time when he was working as Manager Finance, GENCO III, he got promotion to Finance Director and had the audit para. The audit para stated that he must returned the salary taken during the last 5 years.

- **Restoration of Services of SDOs / ROs of PESCO**

228. In a meeting held on 14-02-2022, the CEO, PESCO briefed the Committee in detail about recruitment process for the posts of Jr. Engineers, ROs, LS-II, Meter Readers, ALMs & Bill Distributors through Stepnex (i.e. independent testing agency) during June, 2019. He informed the Committee that the matter was being investigated by FIA & NAB and no action was taken so far. The Committee pointed out that same testing agency has conducted the test for the posts of ALM in PESCO. The SDOs are given joining but the ALMs are not giving joining in PESCO. The Committee was unable to understand that same company was considered right for the test of SDOs but not for the post of ALMs. One of the SDO (ex-officer) also briefed the Committee in detail about the issue. The Power Division also informed that these SDOs also went to the Civil Court and the matter was also with FIA & NAB. They will be joined back unless & until they are restored by the Court. The Ministry will again look into the matter and a report will be submitted to the Committee in this regard. As the matter was subjudice and was being investigated by the FIA and NAB, the Committee unanimously decided and recommended the Power Division to write letters to FIA & NAB to finalize their inquiry. The Committee also recommended that one month time may be given to them to respond back. The matter was disposed-of by the Committee.

- **Private Members' Bill titled "The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021", as passed by the National Assembly, moved by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Atta-ur-Rehman and Dilawar Khan in the Senate sitting held on 17th January, 2022.**

229. The Committee considered and discussed the Bill in detail. The Power Division briefed that consumer who pay the electricity bill must not be penalized but it was also important to look into the electricity mechanism operated in the country as well. It further stated that bill was not supported for the reasons that proposed amendment was related to operational aspect of utility business. The regulation and the legislation do not include the operational level details. The disconnections and load shedding are separate terms and the intent of the amendment was not clear from the draft and the same might cause difficulties during implementation phase. The implementation of the amendment can only be through installation of AMI Meters & ABC Cables in these areas. After the detail deliberations, the Committee put the Bill to the vote and all

Members present voted against the Bill. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that "The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021", as passed by the National Assembly, may not be passed by the Senate of Pakistan.

- **Increase in Fuel Price Adjustment on Electricity Bills**

230. Senator Fida Muhammad briefed the Committee that marble industries are closed for the last two months in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa due to high rate of fuel price adjustment (FPA) in electricity bills. The bill generation from marble industries was of Rs. 7 billion per month. Around 124000 labours are also unemployed. The surcharge & sales tax was also applied in their bills. The area of ex-FATA / PATA which was exempted till June, 2023 was also included in it. The representative of CPPA-G briefed the Committee about the mechanism of FPA and electricity Bill in detail. He informed that extra charges / taxes was the retrospective effect taken by the FBR. The Committee further stated that according to the 25th Amendment of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, ex-FATA / PATA area was exempted from taxes till 30th June, 2023. The CFO, PPMC also informed the Committee that electricity rates are notified tariff in which subsidy was allowed in domestic tax from GoP and GST was exempted from 2018 till 2023.

231. The representative from small industries also briefed that the implementation of FPA was retrospective and law does not allow it. If the new tariff was applied then NEPRA need to suspend the previous tariff. The recovery in retrospective was totally illegal. Earlier the FPA rates were bearable now they are very high to be paid by the owners of small industries. The half Marble industries are in ex-FATA / PATA area and half are in settled area. The tax concessions were given to ex-FATA and PATA. It must be checked as per rules and policy of federal government in this case.

232. The Chairman, NEPRA also briefed the Committee that these small industries have paid FPA since 2018 but due to increase in international prices they are complaining about it. They went to the Court and Court did not give them stay Order. The Power Division also informed the Committee that Prime Minister of Pakistan was also on board on this issue and Power Division has already asked NEPRA to average out the previous year projected figures of FPA and new figures will be finalized with NEPRA for commercial businesses. It was further informed that a request may be made from these owners and matter will be discussed with the Secretaries, M/o Industries and M/o Cabinet as well. The Committee stated that electricity Bill of Rs. 7 billion may be paid by these small industries and late payment surcharge will be paid later as these industries must start their work. It further suggested of taking payment in three instalments.

- **Government requires merger of same organizations (AEDB & PPPIB) working under Power Division.**

233. The Power Division briefed the Committee that Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) established under AEDB Act, 2010 is principally tasked with the same functions as of Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPPIB) which was established under PPPIB Act 2012.

except that the scope of AEDB is limited to alternative/renewable energy only. Since AEDB is tasked with similar functions as those of PPIB's, the existence of AEDB as a separate administrative unit amounts to duplication of functions and contrary to the spirit of "One-Window" operation and "ease of doing business". Therefore, this Division proposed that AEDB be merged with PPIB, through a Summary to CCoE. The CCoE approved the proposed merger on 17.06.2021 and PPIB Amendment Bill for merger of AEDB with PPIB was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Legislative Cases on 21.10.2021 and ratified by the Federal Cabinet on 27.10.2021. The draft Bill has been forwarded to Law & Justice Division on 09.12.2021 and 30.12.2021 for introducing the same in the Parliament. The Committee agreed with the briefing given by the Power Division and supported the measure greatly. The matter was disposed-of by the Committee.

- **Public Petition No. PP-4056 regarding "Illegal Reappointment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO)".**

234. The Power Division briefed the Committee that Hon'ble Balochistan High Court passed order against C.P No. 36112021 dated 01-7-2021. The petition is accordingly disposed of. Accordingly, advertisement for the post of CEO, QESCO was published on 17-7-2021. The Honorable Division Bench of Balochistan High Court Quetta in C.P 20712021 passed interim order restraining the respondents from appointing the CEO, QESCO till next date of hearing i.e. 28th Feb 2022. However, Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on November 18th, 2021 recommended to expedite and complete the process with submission of the panel of at least three candidates.

235. The HR Committee under the convenorship of Mr. Akhtar Muhammad Mandokhel on 20th September 2021, examined and concluded Mr. Muhammad Arif eligible therefore shortlisted and recommended to BoD for interview for the post of CEO QESCO. The BoD QESCO on 6th December, 2021, conducted the interview of the shortlisted candidate for the post of CEO QESCO as recommended by HR Committee. It is further submitted that the matter is pending due to a Court petition before the Hon'ble Balochistan High Court and no final decision has been taken. However, if an anomaly is pointed out by the Ministry and asked the BoD to change the shortlisted candidates, then the guidelines will be followed as per law / rules. The CEO, QESCO informed the Committee that the agreement will be expired in April, 2022. A final decision in this regard was awaited and case was fixed for hearing before the Court on February 28th, 2022 and decision will also be shared with the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the final decision to the Committee and disposed-of the matter.

- **Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) of the Ministry for the financial 2022-2023**

236. The Committee discussed in detail about the PSDP budgetary proposals for FY 2022-23 of organizations under Power Division. The Committee was briefed that total no. of projects are 101, on-going schemes are 87 and new schemes are 14. The total proposed PSDP allocations amounts to Rs. 172 billion out of which Rs. 89 billion is of foreign aid, Rs. 40 billion

is of local and Rs. 41 billion is GoP. The company wise allocations are: GENCO-I (Rs. 29 million), NTDC (Rs. 105.609 million), DISCOs (Rs. 37.535 million) and PPIB (Rs. 27 million). After the detail deliberations, the Committee recommended that Ministry of Energy (Power Division) may take all possible steps for smooth execution of each project. The Committee has shown satisfaction regarding PSDP proposed by the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) for the financial year 2022-23.

- **Detection Bills in HESCO especially in Hyderabad and complaint of overbilling and unnecessary detection Bills to the consumers in HESCO.**

237. The CEO, HESCO briefed the Committee that HESCO records consumer's meter reading through mobile and snap shots are being printed on bills, which reduces the chances of over billing. However, in case of any individual mistake of wrong reading, the same is investigated and corrected. The detections are charged through surveillance of M&T / S&I and task force teams at Circle / Division / Sub Division level. The SE / XEN / SDO is also responsible for %check of reading and in case of any discrepancy / pilferage of electricity found, the detection is charged accordingly. The S.E, HESCO also informed that total consumers in Hyderabad circle are 321000 and total number of feeders are 133 and 18.8 million units was total detection charged in 2020-21 amounting to Rs. 23.95 million. The Committee showed its displeasure that incomplete briefing material was provided the Committee and Power Division may take action against their inefficiency. The Sr. Joint Secretary, Power Division also recommended CEO, HESCO to find a solution of this issue.

- **Post of DMD (System Operation), NTDC**

238. In a meeting held on 23-02-2022, the Committee was apprised that 31 applications have been received and shortlisting was under process. The post was created newly in NTDC. The Committee stated that if the post was already there then Committee has no objection on it but if the post was created for the first time only to facilitate someone then it must be abolished. It termed irrelevant, as no prior precedence had been set in this regard. The Power Division briefed the Committee in detail about the post of DMD (System operation), NTDC. The Committee observed that NTDC was functioning without this post till 2022. It was created after 30 years particularly to facilitate someone in Power Division. The Power Division informed the Committee that in order to have an efficiency in the system and according to the workload, two DMDs must work in NTDC.

- **Illegal appointment of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as Deputy Managing Director (SO), NTDC.**

239. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, the Committee raised the matter of the illegal appointment of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as Deputy Managing Director (SO), NTDC. Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala was serving as a consultant in the NTDC and receiving a monthly salary of Rs 1.83 million. The Committee was informed that currently there are three posts of DMDs in NTDC and BoD has given the approval for these posts. The DMD, NTDC informed that he gets the package of around Rs. 3,50,000/ per month and heard that salary package given to DMD

(SO) NTDC was Rs. 18,30,000/ per month. Mr. Manzoor Ahmed, retired GM, is also working as DMD, NTDC with the pay package of Rs. Rs 1.83 million.

240. The Committee observed that as a Member of BoD, Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala cannot be appointed for this post as there was a conflict of interest. It showed its displeasure and stated that Power Division must have taken notice of it. The Power Division informed that it will be confirmed whether any dissent note was written from any Member of Board or not and it will be shared with the Committee. The Power Division stated that BoD has the authority to issue notification regarding the appointment of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala by themselves. The Committee Members did not agree with the views of the Power Division and stated that BoD send the recommendation and then Power Division has the authority either to accept it or send back the panel of candidates for another review by the Board. If the recommendation was sent by the Board then it was the responsibility of the Power Division to look into it especially the salary package given to the new DMD (SO), NTDC.

241. The Power Division stated that the details related to the pay package of DMD (SO) NTDC were not shared with the Power Division. It also apprised the Committee in detail that post for DMD (SO) was created while keeping in mind the future requirements of power sector. The process for the post of DMD (SO) was run by BoD in May, 2021 and six candidates were short listed accordingly. The approval for the final candidate was granted in March, 2022 and he joined in May, 2022 and one GM was working under him.

242. In a meeting held on 15-05-2022, the Committee observed that Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala applied for the post on 31-01-2022 even then he was not eligible to apply for it due to conflict of interest. The Power Division apprised the Committee that Inquiry Committee has made findings / recommendations that appointment of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala was a serious conflict of interest and his services may be dispensed with immediately. Action may be initiated against Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as per law immediately. The Power Division informed that process of removal will be initiated as per law in coming days.

243. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the Power Division apprised that an inquiry Committee has been formed to further probe the matter and a report will be submitted to the Committee. In a meeting held on 02-01-2023, it was briefed to the Committee that a denovo inquiry is under process to probe the matter of his appointment as DMD (SO), NTDC. There are some queries on legal issues which relates with SECP and a reply from SECP is still awaited. The Committee observed that earlier Power Division briefed in the 25th Committee meeting in detail that action will be taken by Power Division. The Power Division further briefed that earlier an inquiry was conducted and it gave the recommendation that there was a conflict of interest and he may be removed within one month from the post. The report was prepared by Mr. Zafar Abbas, A.S Power Division and submitted to the Power Division. After submission of the report, the Ministry ordered to conduct a denovo inquiry on it.

244. In a meeting held on 24-05-2023, the Committee was informed that Power Division has already written a letter to BoD, NTDC and Board. NTDC was given time to respond till 10th May, 2023. The Company Secretary, NTDC also informed the Committee that

both reports were received by Board, NTDC and it will be discussed in the upcoming Board meeting scheduled to be held on 31st May, 2023. The Committee observed that when the Ministry has sent a letter to Board, NTDC then how Board, NTDC can manipulate it. How Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala can be appointed as DMD (SO), NTDC when he himself was serving as a Member, BoD NTDC. There is a conflict of interest in it. The Chief Law Officer, NTDC also informed the Committee that Board is a competent authority to take action against it and a compliance will also be shared with the Committee before next Committee meeting. The Power Division also informed the Committee that inquiry report also recommended to present the report to the Board, NTDC and it will take the decision according to the inquiry report. The initial findings of the report stated that post was not created rightly for Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala and it was created for first time in the history of NTDC. The proper appointment procedure was not followed in it. He applied after the issuance of corrigendum and it seems that a favour is given to Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala. The Committee was of the view that Power Division has to take a decision and remove Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala in the light of inquiry report by Power Division and recommended Power Division to take action against Chairman and Members, BoD, NTDC as they have not followed the instructions of the Power Division because NTDC Board is involve in this illegal appointment including Mr. Banatwala as a Member of BoD, NTDC then how they will take action against their illegal act.

245. The Committee was informed that in the Board Meeting held on 31-05-2023, there was no action taken against Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala. The Committee observed that post of DMD (SO), NTDC was created in the NTDC to oblige a blue-eyed person. It further stated that it is also a question mark on the efficiency of Power Division that where is the authority of the Power Division being exercised over these Boards. The matters are also twisted in Boards by Power Division.

246. The Committee further observed that if any sitting GM, NTDC is promoted internally for the post of DMD, NTDC or hired from outside the department then reasonable salary package must be given to the DMD, NTDC as drawn by the sitting current GM, NTDC. It was also discussed in the previous Committee meetings that Mr. Manzoor Ahmed was drawing salary Rs. 3 lac as sitting GM, NTDC and MD, NTDC but now drawing Rs. 18 lacs per month at the post of DMD, NTDC. It further stated that new appointment may be made but DMD, NTDC may draw the salary package of Rs. 3 lac per month. The Committee objected on the salary package of Mr. Ali Zain Batawala which was Rs. 18 lac per month. The Power Division stated that if the candidate is promoted within department then he will draw the regular salary but if the post is advertised and he is competing for the post then salary package will be increased accordingly.

247. In a meeting held on 05-09-2023, the Company Secretary, NTDC informed that matter was discussed and decided in a meeting of HR Committee, NTDC Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala has been removed from the post of DMD (SO), NTDC. The Committee stated that inquiry report was already provided to NTDC and decision was pending since long.

• Recruitment Process of Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as DMD (AD&M) NTDC

248. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, the Committee was informed that retirement date of Mr. Manzoor Ahmed was 28-02-2022 but he was notified for six months till 15-05-2022. The Committee stated that Mr. Aizaz Ahmed left in November, 2021 and acting charge was given to Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as a stop - gap arrangement for six months with the approval of the Cabinet. It observed that still the time period of three and a half months were remained in his retirement then why the charge was given for six months instead of three and a half months. The Power Division further apprised that it was also decided by the Cabinet that the day he will be retired then he will be appointed as DMD, NTDC. The Power Division informed that a departmental inquiry Committee has been formed by the Ministry and it is under process. The final report will also be shared with the Committee within seven days.

249. In a meeting held on 02-01-2023, the Committee was informed that matter of appointment of Mr. Manzoor Ahmad as DMD, NTDC is sub-judice in Islamabad High Court. A notification of his removal from the post was issued on 9th December, 2022 in which Power Division gave the recommendation to BoD, NTDC for termination of his contract but there is no further process at Board, NTDC level. In a meeting held on 07-02-2023, the Power Division informed the Committee that Mr. Manzoor Ahmed, DMD (Operation), NTDC is suspended by Islamabad High Court.

• Starred Question No. 124 in Senate sitting held on 1st February, 2022, referred by Honourable Chairman Senate.

250. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah, mover, briefed the Committee that numerous residents of Tehsil Ghazi have been affected by this issue as several acres of land stands usurped. There are five Heavy Transmission Lines spread out in the area and the sixth is currently being placed. He stressed that measures must be taken to reinforce safety measures in the area as well, since Heavy Transmission lines are a major threat to human life. The Power Division informed that it was a donor assisted project and compensation was given under the Acts namely Electricity Act, 1910 & WAPDA Act, 1958. The Acts must be reviewed in this case. The Committee while seconding Member's suggestion recommended the Power Division to look into the matter. It was asserted that all out efforts must be made to compensate affectees financially and that too according to current market rates. The safety mechanisms must be strengthened as well. The 1910 Electricity Act and the WAPDA Act of 1958 will be submitted to the Committee for further review of mechanism of payment of crops / trees & damages compensation to be made to the affectees.

251. In a meeting held on 28-03-2023, the Power Division informed the Committee that the total 1/7th of the generation and transmission lines are crossed through this area and apparently three transmission lines crossed through it. As per the existing policy, the owners of the land through which the transmission lines pass are paid a reasonable lump sum amount. The Power Division said that the existing law needs to be amended to introduce a new policy. The matter was disposed of by the Committee.

- Public Petition No. PP-4108 regarding "Electricity bills without electricity and meter readings".

252. Mr. Javid Baloch, Petitioner, briefed the Committee in detail that there was no electricity in Mirani Dam Feeder, Kech District but local consumers were receiving thousand rupees of Bills without the use of electricity and proper meter readings. The Power Division informed the Committee on the electricity issues of Mirani Dam, Feeder Sub Division Turbat which is located at 100 Km from Grid Station. The area is barren and scattered, while the ratio of theft of electricity is very high and less than 5% consumers pay their Bills. As the area is sensitive in view of law and order situation, therefore, QESCO Staff is unable to get recovery of bills or disconnect the defaulters or illegal connections from Mirani Dam Feeder. The distribution poles have also collapsed due to heavy windstorm and rain during the year 2021. As far as charging of excess units is concerned, no units were charged. However, if any such bills are provided to QESCO with units, QESCO will correct the bills on merit accordingly. The Committee recommended the petitioner to submit the copies of paid Bills to the Committee & CEO, QESCO. The Committee further recommended CEO, QESCO to sit with the petitioner and solve the issue amicably. The matter was disposed of by the Committee.

- Fuel Price adjustment charges in Electricity Bills", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan in the Senate sittings held on 14th January, 2022 & 14th February, 2022.

253. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan, mover, briefed the Committee in detail that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa generates more hydropower than it needs. The province was not even provided with the required share of electricity. He said that Peshawar High Court had ruled that the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa could not be charged for fuel price adjustment. But the department was still collecting the charges against the court ruling. The Power Division informed the Committee that Gilgit-Baltistan was not connected to the national grid. The NEPRA wheeling charges are Rs. 1.8 per unit. After being connected to the national grid, all the provinces are billed at the same rate. The overall hydropower generation is 9000MW with KPK producing 6000MW in it. Since 2007 quota, the loadshedding was free and ratio was divided according to it. The Supply and demand was equal in this regard.

254. The Chairman NEPRA also informed the Committee that decision is remand back and there was a matter that dealt with exclusivity. The decision of the High Court was to respect till their exclusivity. The exclusivity of all DISCOs is expired except KE is left. Furthermore, now the licenses will be given without exclusivity. The other DISCOs can buy & sell their electricity. Regarding the wheeling issue, NEPRA has given the determination which was electricity user friendly and the cost was also minimise. After the deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman NEPRA to meet Hon. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan and resolve the issue within two weeks' time and submit the report to the Committee. The Committee also recommended Chairman NEPRA to share the decision of the hearing with the Committee. The matter was disposed off by the Committee.

- Recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 13th & 14th December, 2021 at Quetta & referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 29th December, 2021.

255. The Power Division briefed the Committee that issues related to the Coal, Mines and Minerals do not fall under the purview of Power Division, hence, the Committee agreed with the views of the Power Division and disposed of the matter.

- **Completion / function of MUNDA Grid Station, District Lower Dir**

256. The Committee was briefed that project was approved under 7th STG (PESCO Own Resources). The scope of work was 2 x 20/26 MVA Power Transformers and estimated cost of Rs. 550 million. The civil work of 132 KV Grid Station Munda has been completed. The Installation of electrical equipment for line bays and Transformer bays completed. The Right of way issue on 01-No location by private land owners. Also 24 No. Towers erected. The tentative scheduled completion is June 2022, subject to availability of funds and no right of way / court cases. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, PESCO to visit the site along with Hon. Member Senator Haji Hidayatullah and resolve the issue amicably.

- **Construction of Compressor Station at Guddu Thermal Power Plant**

257. The CEO, GENCO-II apprised that gas booster compressor station was out of order since July, 2019. The BoD approved to engage the foreign expert in January, 2020 but due to covid-19 the expert did not come to Pakistan. Then O&M contractor M/s Al-Tariq Constructors (Pvt.) Limited, (ATL) Karachi was engaged in it. Some heat exchanger leakages in its 1st start-up and then some leakages in dry seal in 2nd start-up. The Committee observed that tender was opened on 12-06-2012 and only one bidder M/s Al-Tariq Constructors (Pvt.) Limited, Karachi participated in it. The Contract was signed on 14th January 2014 and the time of completion was 15 months from the date of opening L C. The CEO, GENCO-II informed that the contract was signed late due to some managerial issues. The CEO, GENCO-II informed that NESPAK as third party was also involved with regard to putting penalty on contractor. The cost of the project was \$7 million and if purchased today than it will cost around \$32 million.

- **Starred Question No. 23 asked by Senator Kamran Murtaza regarding "month-wise details of decrease / increase made by NEPRA in electricity tariff in the name of Fuel Adjustment during the last four months", referred by the House on 24th May, 2022.**

258. While deliberating upon the matter, the Member, NEPRA briefed the Committee that in terms of proviso (iv) to section 31(7) of the Act 1997, the Authority is required to make adjustments in approved tariff on account of fuel price within a period of seven days on monthly basis. The monthly FCA are determined and charged/passed on to the consumers in their monthly bills. The fuel cost has been increased due to the recent Russia-Ukraine war as inventories such as furnace oil were imported from other countries. The power tariff was linked with the hike in fuel prices. The global fuel price hike has raised the cost of generation from imported fuel based power plants. The Committee was of the view that despite payments to

independent power producers (IPPs), electricity was not available to the consumers. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended NEPRA to provide a complete report of the factors involved in the unexpected increase in tariff. The Chairman NEPRA while briefing on cost of generation stated that coal-fired power generation is around 65 per cent but price of imported coal has increased to \$ 400/ MT from \$ 50/ MT. Pakistan's average electricity price is Rs 24 per unit. He further stated that no one was expecting imported coal prices at this level. The fuel prices have increased globally. The Rupee devaluation has further increased fuel price in Pakistan.

259. Senator Danesh Kumar, mover, briefed the Committee that poles were damaged in the Balnagar area of Dasht due to the strong winds in 2019. They are still not rehabilitated by the concerned department. The CEO, QESCO informed that total length of the feeder is 250 Km. The grid Station is in Turbat. The electricity was provided till Mirani Dam but then there was a no go area ahead. The electricity from the village was cut off since 2019. The survey has been completed and report has been prepared. The total expenditure required for rehabilitation was Rs. 13 million and it will put up to BoD QESCO for approval. The CEO, QESCO informed that Rs. 600 million was allocated for ELR funds for current year. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, QESCO to rehabilitate the damaged electricity lines of Balnagar area of Dasht from ELR funds within 45 days. The Power Division assured that rehabilitation work will be completed within 45 days. The matter was disposed of by the Committee.

• Point of Public Importance regarding "Issuance of inflated Electricity Bills by the Lahore Electricity Supply Company (LESCO)", raised by Senator Wajid Iqbal in the Senate sitting held on 23rd June, 2022.

260. The CEO, LESCO apprised the Committee that Mr. Muhammad Bashir Ansari S/O Muhammad Ismail resident of Nangal Sadan Muridke had a single phase domestic connection bearing account No. 14-11642-1041900 in his own name. The consumer was being charged according to the meter reading as per below table:-

Sr. No.	Months	Units Consumed	Bill Amount
1.	Jun-21	131	1390
2.	Jul-21	101	1017
3.	Aug-21	171	2988
4.	Sep-21	209	2824
5.	Oct-21	167	2226
6.	Nov-21	68	3771
7.	Dec-21	46	1514
8.	Jan-22	105	1614
9.	Feb-22	112	1441
10.	Mar-22	177	2593
11.	Apr-22	97	1128
12.	May-22	82	1017

261. On 28-05-2022, his connection was checked by sub divisional staff and found direct supply from main LT Line. On this illegal act an FIR was lodged in local police station (copy enclosed). To recover the loss, a detection bill for period of three months (Feb-2022 to April 2022) for 1585 units amounting to Rs. 40,553/- was charged during May, 2022. As per site checking it is observed that consumer owned a 3 Marla double storey house with one small retail shop, supply of which was being used through domestic meter. The registered consumer is Muhammad Bashir Ansari who is alive rather his son namely Maqsood Ahmad S/o Bashir Ansari died on 05-06-2022. As per written statement of widow of deceased Maqsood Ahmad, the deceased was working in a factory and his employer did not pay salary to him for the last three months. He was worried due to financial crises and became patient of high blood pressure which lead to his death. She also admitted that direct supply was made by electrician mistakenly.

262. It is evident that consumer was involved in theft of electricity by way of direct hooking from main LT line so to recover the loss bill as per connected load was charged for 3 months as per Consumer Service Manual of NEPRA. It cannot be concluded that son of the registered consumer died due to electricity bill rather he passed away due to natural death. On consumer request, four (4) installments were allowed. The consumer has paid two installments alongwith current bill of June, 2022. Later on request of the consumer, Circle Review Committee of Sheikhpura Circle examined the case and decided to revise the detection bill on connected load of 1.8kw and Rs. 19825 credited in bill of July, 2022 and nothing recoverable from consumer at present. The Committee while agreeing with the views of the CEO, LESCO disposed of the matter.

• Local / indigenous resources to be utilized for future coal projects

263. In a meeting held on 31-05-2022, the Power Division apprised the Committee that in order to achieve sustainability in Power Sector on long term basis, GoP is working on various policies, plans and structural reforms while targeting 61% share of renewable energy (including hydropower) by 2030 in country's energy mix. He further informed that three big power plants including Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, Port Qasim Power Plant & HUBCO power plant will be converted into the local coal within 18 months' time. The D.G (Coal), PPIB also informed that diversified portfolio of projects currently being processed by PPIB comprises of twenty-one private power generation projects of more than 11,000 MW (both CPEC and Non-CPEC), which mainly includes indigenous resource based power projects i.e. five Thar coal based IPPs of 3,630 MW and fourteen hydro IPPs of 6,175 MW.

264. Regarding the total cost of the LOT-I & LOT-II project, the Power Division informed the Committee that total EPC cost for Lot-I is \$857 million & Lot-II is \$413 million. The finances for LOT-I are committed and contract was also awarded in this regard. The LOT-II was also important but the financier has withdrawn his money and EAD has conveyed that financing was not available for Lot-II.

265. The Committee shared its views that earlier in the Committee meetings, it was discussed that Lot-I & Lot-II project is of the same technology and cost as compared to the other plants like Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, Port Qasim Power Plant & HUBCO Power Plant.

The cost wise comparison is Sahiwal Coal Power Plant \$1.782 billion, Port Qasim Power Plant \$1.983 billion and HUBCO Power Plant \$ 2 billion when LOT-I & LOT-II will be started than there will be only difference of about \$0.8 billion. It was the main cause that project was not started yet. It further stated that when the expenditure was only \$1.27 billion in Jamshoro Power Plant than who was responsible for the front loading of the Sahiwal Power Plant, Port Qasim Power Plant & HUBCO Power Plant. The difference of amount \$ 0.8 billion should be recovered from the concerned official involved in the agreement of above three power plants. The loan was already sanctioned but the department was lingering due to its comparison with other plants mentioned above. The Power Division further informed that Power Division was convinced that LOT-II must be started and it has asked EAD for the financier in this regard. The Chairman NEPRA also agreed with the views that LOT-II must be started.

- **Jamshoro Coal Power Project (Lot-I & Lot-II):**

266. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, while discussing the Jamshoro Coal Power Project (Lot-I & Lot-II), the CEO, GENCO-I briefed that project was 1320MW and conceived in 2014. The EPC contract of Lot-I was awarded in 2018. He told the Committee that main bottleneck in this project was of local financing. Regarding the loan of Lot-II, the Arab Co-ordination Group agreed to Finance EPC Contract which was not signed due to non-availability of financing. The signing was still on hold due to GoP Clearance. The Bid Security was valid up to 06.09.2020, extended for eight times by EPC Contractor and new extension is still awaited. The CEO, GENCO-I further informed the Committee that project was not picked up by IGCEP as IGCEP only picks government committed projects with approved PC-I. The CEO, GENCO further told that recently in a meeting of National Coordination Committee (NCC) on foreign funded project, it was decided that an Inquiry Committee may be constituted by Prime Minister's Office to look into the status of LOT-II and if LOT-II had to be cancelled then it will be through Planning Commission.

- **Blast at Guddu Thermal Power Plant**

267. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, the CTO, GHCL briefed the Committee in detail about the fire incident took place at at Guddu Thermal Power Plant (GT-16). He told the Committee that inquiry Committee has been formed by GHCL and findings of the report are still under progress and will be shared with Committee once finalized. The plant was damaged but apparently there was no damage on the generator windings. The interim insurance case of the plant was under process.

268. The maintenance was underway which has to be completed in 90 days and the incident would further cause a 20 or 30 days delay. It will take four months for its commissioning. The CTO, GHCL informed that it will be a loss of Rs. 3 billion per month and more than Rs. 12 billion in four months. The Power Division also informed that Inquiry Committee comprising four members had been formed, which would conclude its report in the next few days. The CTO, GHCL further informed that Chief Engineer, Mr. Asif Rizvi and Plant Manager are suspended now. The Committee observed that Mr. Asif Rizvi was working as S.E. in the case of damaged GT-14 and now he was working as Chief Engineer in GT-16 and it was

also burnt out. The acting CEO, GENCO-II told that damages were not identified yet and he will have a meeting with the Chinese team on 20th August, 2022 and will be assessed then. The Committee suggested that BoD, GHCL must be removed and new appointment must be made in this regard. The Power Division informed that management role from GHCL will be taken back soon. The Power Division will have a meeting with BoD, GHCL by the end of September, 2022 and it will be decided about it.

- **Appointment of new Members of BoDs in MEPCO & GEPCO**

269. In a meeting held on 18-07-2022, the Power Division informed that Members were appointed for three years and Cabinet has made a decision for appointment of new BoD. Again, Power Division informed that department made the proposal and it was a prerogative of the Cabinet to remove them. The Committee observed that as per the briefing that BoDs are supreme and not in the control of Power Division than how suddenly Power Division has become able to remove these supreme BoDs of MEPCO & GEPCO and where are these supreme BoDs. It is clear from the views of the previous Secretary, Power Division Mr. Asif Hyder Shah and Mr. Arshad Majid Momand, A.S (Power Division) that BoDs are not above the department and again point of view of the Committee that Power Division deliberately misusing and hiding their irregularities in the name of BoDs and deliberately did not want to comply & implement the recommendations of the Committee. Regarding appointment of Sardar Jamal Khan Leghari as Chairman, MEPCO, the Power Division informed that concerned DISCO sent the proposal to the Power Division and then Power Division sent the summary to the Cabinet for the approval.

- **Construction & Commissioning of Natural Gas Booster Compressor Station**

270. The Power Division briefed the Committee that tendering process was initiated in 12-06-2012 and Bid was valid up to December 2012. The LoI was issued on 20-12-2013 and date of receipt of performance guarantee was 05-01-2014 and the contract was signed on 13-01-2014. The Committee observed that after the signing of contract / agreement on 13-01-2014 then why it took one year to open it despite 15 months was the contract time. The acting CEO, GHCL was unable to respond on it. The Committee was further briefed in detail about the initial & revised project cost of the gas booster. Regarding the dispute of the Gas specification between the Employer and the Contractor (M/s ATL), the foreign experts of the contractor left the site on 17th October-2017. On perusal of the CPGCL, the contractor re-mobilized the foreign experts in December-2018, and Commissioning activities re-started. The Committee observed that commissioning of the project was started in July, 2017 and the consultant came in September, 2017. It further observed that deficiency was from the consultant that he must be present at the work sight since day one.

271. Regarding the maintenance / operational Contract, the Committee observed that project contractor was M/s ATL and it was amazing that maintenance / operational contract was also given to M/s ATL while natural gas booster compressor station was run for six months and remained stand by (non-operational) till date. It was a crime committed by the BoD, GENCO-II.

272. On the present status of the gas booster station, the acting CEO, GENCO-II informed that EPC Contract is not yet closed, because of the outstanding payments of the Contractor, therefore the EPC Contractor (M/s ATL) may be instructed to contact OEM to resolve the matters for restoration of the Compressors. However, the Management decided to hire consultancy services for study and preparation of tender documents etc for aforesaid works, to restore the operation of the Compressors after resolution of the known defects, in particular i.e.; Leakage in Heat Exchanger (Gas Coolers) & Dry Gas Seal Leakage. The Committee observed that if the work was not completed then performance guarantee must be in cashed from the contractor and what action has been taken on account of delay. While agreeing with the views of the Committee, the Power Division observed that case must be referred to the FIA & NAB for further inquiry.

- **Complaint against S.E Larkana for his involvement in theft of electricity**

273. The S.E, Larkana informed that there are 600 secured transformers and around 250 transformers are not secured in Larkana. The Committee did not agree with the views of the S.E, Larkana and recommended CEO, SEPCO that S.E Larkana Circle, Mr. Abdul Gaffar Meako is involved in theft of electricity and taking bribe from XENs, SDOs, Linemans and other metering staff of Larkana Circle and send his surveillance team to meet with the concerned SDOs, XENs and other staff of Larkana Circle and a report may be submitted to the Committee. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to form a team to conduct an open inquiry against S.E Larkana in this matter and a report may be submitted to the Committee. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the CEO, SEPCO informed that an inquiry is under process and could not be finalized due to flooding of entire SEPCO region and engagement of officers & staff in the rehabilitation work for restoration of badly damaged power system infrastructure of flood affected areas. However, efforts are being made to finalize the same at the earliest.

- **Over invoicing of IPPs**

274. The Committee raised an issue regarding Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and their involvement in substantial over invoicing due to which costs of projects were far higher than the actual. It stated that earlier when the decision was taken and conditions were accepted there was no vision of its implications or repercussions. It was the wrong decision taken by the previous governments. There was a clause related to the capacity payment in the IPP agreement and it was witnessed that capacity payment was paid although electricity was not produced by these IPPs. The Power Division apprised the Committee that capacity payment was only paid where there was a single buyer. If the case was of a multiple buyers, then capacity payment was not paid to them. It also admitted that there was massive over invoicing in the capacity payments made to IPPs.

275. The Committee was of the view that IPPs' payment mode was signed in dollars in agreement as owners were foreigners due to foreign investment. It said that in two years' the entire ownership of IPPs was changed as most of the owners were Pakistanis and it happened only to provide benefit to those Pakistanis investors including with the capacity payment. The

Power Division further stated that there was no doubt that IPPs did massive over invoicing which is the main reason for the increase in cost of projects. However, GoP has contractual commitments including sovereign guarantees. It is the main reason of deterioration of power sector & increase in circular debt and price of electricity.

- **Details of promotion and inquiries against Mr. Tariq Bajari**

276. The GM (P&E), HESCO informed the Committee that due to sub divisional staff involved in over billing, charging of wrong detection bills to the energy consumers. Later on through credit adjustments over billed / wrong detection bills were refunded to the energy consumers of his division. In most of the refund cases correction of the bill was made without units and amount was refunded / corrected from consumer's energy bills. The GM (P&E), HESCO further informed that he was involved in over billing in 2014 - 15. The Committee observed that first inquiry was conducted in 2014 and it was not completed and he was not promoted till 1st April, 2022. The GM (P&E) HESCO informed that the charges on Mr. Bajari were related to overbilling & detection bills and the overbilling is rectify when it comes in the complaint. The Committee stated that BoD has taken a wrong decision by giving promotion to Mr. Tariq Bajari. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the inquiry report related to the charges against Mr. Tariq Bajari and take action against Chairman and Members of BoD, HESCO involved in his illegal promotion. The Committee also recommended Power Division to remove the Chairman and members of BOD, HESCO from their posts in this regard. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended the Power Division to submit a report on sudden promotion of Mr. Tariq Bajari, Ex-Chief Engineer, HESCO just before two days prior to his retirement.

- **Public Petition No. PP-4893 regarding "rehabilitation & energizing of Grid Station at coastal town of Garho, Sindh".**

277. The Power Division apprised the Committee that rehabilitation & energizing of 132 kV Grid Station Garho has already been planned under HESCO's Five Year Plan (Financial Year 2026-27). As suggested by the petitioner regarding making their own solar plant(s) of 01 MW or beyond, Alternate Energy Development Board be approached for the same, as HESCO does not have any expertise for installation of solar plant(s), being electricity Distribution Company. The representative of HESCO also briefed that electricity was also supplied through 132 Kv Mirpur Sakro Grid Station to the mentioned area. The existing line and poles are already destroyed. The GIS Grid Station was needed for the rehabilitation of electricity poles in the area. The representative of HESCO informed that Rs. 3.5 billion required for the installation of new GIS Grid Station. While agreeing with the views of the Ministry, the Committee stated that a huge amount was required for installation of new GIS Grid Station, therefore, the Committee unanimously decided that it was not possible to rehabilitate it and disposed of the matter.

- **Agricultural Tube wells operating in Balochistan**

278. In a meeting held on 30-09-2022, the CEO, QESCO informed that there are 28000 tube wells operating officially in the Balochistan (Load 900MW) and 15,000 tubewells

are illegally operating in Balochistan. The representative of K-Electric also informed that there are 1000-1200 agricultural tube wells are operating in Lasbela. The CEO, QESCO further informed that there was no metering system on these tube wells. The bill was sent to the consumers on the calculation of 30 horsepower according to the load and with the provision of 8hrs of electricity to the consumers. 203 transformers have been removed from these illegal tube well connections by QESCO.

279. The Committee observed that total legal tube well connections are 27503, with consumption of 482MW. As per briefing by CEO, QESCO, it was amazing that average drawl is 543MW and consumption of legal agricultural tube well is 482MW then only balance 61MW electricity is available for domestic and commercial purpose in overall area of Balochistan under QESCO. And if, consumption of legal tube well 27503 connections is 482MW then where is the consumption of illegal 13788 tube well connections and how they are working & running in Balochistan. It is a huge blunder which is clear from the briefing of CEO, QESCO and it seems that there is theft of electricity which has been shifted to agricultural tube wells. This is the calculation & consumption is of 8hrs but if it goes on 12hrs as the Committee assumed above then the consumption will be 50% extra of 482MW & will be 723MW. The whole briefing by CEO, QESCO on the issue of legal & illegal tube wells connections is manipulated and QESCO officials are badly involved in these irregularities.

280. The CEO, QESCO further informed that Energy Department, Govt of Balochistan has allocated Rs. 3 billion in the Budget of FY 2022-23, for solarization of agricultural tube wells. The subsidy includes GoP subsidy share @ 40% i.e Rs 26,000/- per tube well, GoB Subsidy share @ 60% i.e Rs 39,000/- per tube well and Tube Well owners @ Rs 10,000/- and amount over and above Rs. 75,000/- would be paid by the owner. The Power Division informed that tube well owners paid only Rs 150 million against Rs 7995 million (only 1.8%).

- Provision of electricity to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue by K-Electric

281. In a meeting held on 22-11-2022, the Chief Distribution Officer, K-Electric informed that there are 1452 agricultural tube wells on which electricity was provided by K-Electric in Lasbela district. The officials of K-Electric were totally unaware from the detail & break-up of the subsidy given by the Govt. of Pakistan. The Committee shared the notification with the officials of K-Electric. The Chief Distribution Officer, K-Electric further informed that subsidy includes GoP subsidy share @ 60% per tube well, GoB Subsidy share @ 40% per tube well and Tube Well owners @ Rs. 10,000/- and amount over and above Rs. 75,000/- would be paid by the consumers. He further informed that KE is to receive Rs. 5.5 billion in Agriculture Tube-well subsidy from GoP and GoB. The billing amount was determined on the basis of load and then sent to the consumers. Around 400-600 of meters were installed on agricultural tube wells. The electricity was provided to Lasbela district since 1991-92 and the agricultural tube well policy also came into existence in the same year.

282. In a meeting held on 05-12-2022, the Committee was informed that there are total 1434 tube wells operating in Lasbela district, Balochistan. 8hrs of electricity is provided with

33% of load factor to these tube wells. The annual billing is Rs. 1.8 billion per year (2021-22) on 1434 tube wells and per month tube well billing is Rs. 150 million. The total electricity load is 20-25MW on tube well. He further informed that there are 700 meters installed on tube wells and so far 654 are intact and 403 are temporary connections. The Committee stated that if the Bill is Rs. 10,5000/- average per tube well than it means that electricity is provided for 12 hrs. The Chief Distribution Officer, K-Electric informed that load factor is 33% and meters are theft due to the assessment factor. The Committee stated that Rs. 75000/- is fixed Bill at the 8hrs of provision of electricity and if Rs. 10,5000/- per tube well bill is paid than what is the benefit someone will get when the meters are theft. The Committee was informed that 1490 tube wells were functional last year. Few months back 1452 were functional and now 1434 are functional. The Committee stated that only 18 meters are dis-functional which is not acceptable to the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided to constitute a sub-Committee with Senator Haji Fida Muhammad as Convener and Senators Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai and Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo as Members of the Sub-Committee to review the matter of agricultural tube wells in Balochistan maintained by K-Electric & QESCO in detail and submit its report within two months' time.

283. In a meeting held on 14-02-2023, the Committee observed that the revenue made by K-Electric in the last two years is about Rs. 29 million. The total amount billed in tube wells is Rs. 1,046 million and Rs. 1,206 million in 2022-21 and total recovery is Rs. 322 million. Regarding the Tube-well Subsidy GoP and GoB - 2009 to 2022, the CEO, K-Electric informed that KE is to receive PKR 5.5 Billion in agriculture tube-well subsidy from GoP and GoB. The Committee stated that K-Electric is claiming Rs. 5.5 billion amount from Government of Pakistan. The Power Division stated that if there is any claim by the K-Electric then it must be received and verified by Power Division.

284. In a meeting held on 22-03-2023, the CEO, QESCO informed the Committee that matter was also discussed in the Committee constituted by Prime Minister and it was decided that a plan will be prepared in this regard. The Committee observed that 6hrs of electricity is provided to Balochistan instead of 18hrs and consumers are operating illegal agriculture tube wells for their irrigation purposes and needs. The Committee suggested that amount recovered from the illegal agricultural tube wells may be transferred to the government account. It stated that Power Division may ask K-Electric about recovery from illegal kunda connections installed in Balochistan. K-Electric is receiving the payments but QESCO is still facing the problem of recovery in it. Furthermore, the Power Division informed that Committee has been formed by Power Division and three meetings have been held so far. The Power Division shared a copy of notification with the Committee. The Committee observed that CEO, QESCO was not included in it. It recommend to include CEO, QESCO in it and report may be submitted covering entire Balochistan province.

285. In a meeting held on 05-09-2023, the Committee was briefed that there are 28000 legal agriculture connections and bill is claimed but not verified by QESCO. The Power Division informed that government has not received any payment from these agriculture tube wells. 8hrs of electricity is provided with 33% of load factor to these tube wells. Now, the dynamics are changed and electricity bill is Rs. 2,75000 instead of Rs. 75,000. The Power Division is already

in talks with the provincial government of Balochistan in this regard. The Committee stated that earlier a Committee was formed by Power Division to probe the matter regarding agricultural tube wells in QESCO and K-Electric, however, the report is still pending to be provided to the Committee.

286. In a meeting held on 15-12-2023, the CEO, QESCO briefed the Committee that outstanding dues are of Rs. 585 billion, out of which Rs. 522 billion dues are against the agriculture consumers, Govt of Pakistan and provincial government of Balochistan. The agricultural consumers are not paying their electricity bills. A formula was agreed between the federal government, provincial government and consumers of QESCO. The Committee suggested of providing solar subsidy to these agriculture tube wells consumers. It was informed to the Committee that M/o National Food Security & Research has already prepared PC-I for it and deliberations are under process. It was further briefed that there are 27,000 legal agriculture tube wells connections and 15,000 illegal connections working under QESCO. The electricity is charged at Rs. 1.2 billion which is also a loss to QESCO and on average Rs. 90 billion is added to circular debt.

- Appointment procedure of newly appointed BoDs of MEPCO, GEPCO, HESCO & SEPCO along with their CVs.

287. In a meeting held on 13-10-2022, the Power Division apprised that matters of constitution of the BoDs of DISCOs are governed under the Companies Act, 2017 and the Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 (CGR). Under these rules, the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) recently reconstituted BoDs of four DISCOs (MEPCO, GEPCO, SEPCO and HESCO) after approval from the federal Cabinet.

288. The Committee observed that it is surprisingly that as per statement of Power Division, BoDs does not run on expertise rather on accountability. The role of BoDs is not executive one then what Power Division has presented in the briefing material. It further observed that according to the rule and briefing by Power Division, it is clear that competence and experience is required in order to run affairs of the DISCOs & concerned departments.

289. The Committee reviewed in detail appointment procedures regarding newly appointed BoDs of MEPCO, GEPCO, SEPCO & HESCO as well as minutely scrutinized resumes of BoD Members one by one. It showed its serious concern regarding the appointment criteria of BoD Members and observed that most of the Members did not had their work experience in power sector. The Committee further observed that there has been only one technical Member in MEPCO Board and four Members were from legal background. The Chairman, MEPCO was appointed only having political background rather than expertise in power sector. In GEPCO, the Chairman was having expertise in Commerce and Industry and some Members were connected with business side and close relative of sitting Member of Parliament which is clearly a conflict of interest. In SEPCO, the Chairman was having a business in CNG station and suddenly became Chairman of SEPCO. The experiences of all Members was a joke and not related with Power Sector. Surprisingly, some Members had business related to dates, shown their expertise in internet browsing and Rice Research Mills, construction of societies, brother of any bureaucrat and P.S. to one political leader of a Party and there was only

one officer, who was retired from Power Division but again it was a serious question on the efficiency of Power Division regarding their claim and scrutiny in briefing of current meeting that this retired officer has served upto 2021 then how he has been appointed as a BoD Member in 2022 when as per Act, it is clearly mentioned that no any Govt official is eligible to be the Member of BoD before completion time of two years after his retirement. In HESCO, one Member is a relative of sitting D.S (Power Division). As per claim of Power Division regarding the scrutiny of current BoDs which is clear from the provided CVs of the concerned that how they were appointed in SEPCO & HESCO. The Power Division admitted that it seems that CVs has been made by one person and they have experience in other fields rather than power sector. The Committee conclude the discussion that how Power Division will impose non-professional Members on such departments which are back bone of the country and related to the field which is pure technical and handed over the authority of the national assets to political & non-professional type Members on political basis. It is not tolerable to Senate Standing Committee on Power and Committee will never ignore or allow such type of appointments & irregularities, which is purely a joke with public, power sector & Parliament. The Power Division was totally answerless to defend these such type of political appointments. The conflict of interest in the case of many members was also observed.

290. The Committee also asked to hold inquiry against Mr. Khurram Mushtaq who has experience of telecommunication sector and owner of 02 power contractor ship companies thus clearly violating the conflict of interest rule. The Power Division pledged to inquire and submit a report on the matter whether Mr. Khurram Mushtaq holds required experience and is owner of 02 power supplier companies in violation of principle of conflict of interest. The Committee stated that the main concern of the Committee is to ensure the presence of eligible persons as far as BoD's appointments are concerned to support the declining efficiency of the department. The efficiency of public sector power plants can be seen from the fact that it has been reduced from 4574MW to 2100MW. The Committee instructed that a subcommittee under the convener ship of Senator Fida Muhammad is inquiring the matter related to appointment of Members of BoD's of MEPCO, GEPCO, HESCO & SEPCO and other BoD's. The unanimous decision may be finalized in lines with subcommittee report when presented on eligibility of Board Members.

- Public Petition No. 4900 regarding "provision of 100kVA transformers with requisite accessories for street 5 mohallah Mushtaq Masood Anjumabad University Road Muriali D.I.Khan".

291. The Power Division briefed the Committee that an ELR proposal for augmentation of 50 kVA transformer with 100-kVA transformer at new Anjum Abad D.I.Khan is approved & 100-kVA transformers has been installed at site. The Committee also shared that petitioner, Eng Mushtaq Ahmed Masood has also sent an email to Senate Secretariat dated 10th October, 2022, in which he wrote that PESCO Rural Sub Division D I Khan brought 100 KVA transformers with complete accessories to their street and installed on dated 7th October, 2022. The Committee while agreeing with the views of the Power Division disposed of the matter.

• Nandipur Power Plant

292. In a meeting held on 22-11-2022, the CEO, GENCO-II & III briefed the Committee in detail about the 425-525 MW combined cycle Power Plant Project, Nandipur. The Committee observed that it was amazing that tender was called for Chichoki Mailian project and Power Division has awarded the Nandipur power project to the same contractor. It is totally illegal and department is not authorize to change the site and project. The Committee also observed that how it was possible that site of the project was changed without revision of PC-I. The Chairman, NEPRA also added that according to the rules & regulations, the contractor cannot be changed with a different location without another bidding process. The Power Division also shared the letter dated 26-03-2008 from the M/o Water & Power with the Committee which stated that ECNEC has approved the project.

293. The Committee further observed that PC-I must have been revised as ECNEC was not the authority to approve the tender rather the authority to approve the government schemes only. The advertisement for tender was published on 18-06-2006 and tenders were submitted on 31-08-2006. If new advertisement had been published then process must have taken two months to complete. The ECNEC conveyed to the Ministry in 2008 and Ministry waited for one and a half years for approval but Ministry could not published the re-advertisement.

294. The CFO, GENCO - II also apprised the Committee that two separate PC-I were approved for CKM & NNP for 450-500 MW Power Plants. It further stated that if it was single stage - two envelope procedure then on the submission date, only technical bid will be opened and after required time of evolution a technical report will be conveyed to the qualified contractors and then financial bid will be announced on fix date. It was a financial irregularity found in this project. There was a clear evidence of irregularities and government could not initiate bidding process on one project and award another project to the same bidder because both the projects were located in different locations with a different estimated cost. The Committee was informed that opening date of bid was revised thrice. The final date for opening the Bid was 7th November, 2006. The Committee further stated that PC-I must have been revised and how Bill of Quantities (BoQ) of two projects will match together. It was briefed in the last Committee meeting that there was one bidder for Nandipur project and Committee was also of the view that there can be no single bidder according to PPRA rules on that time. When the tender was published, there must be three bidders according to PPRA rules.

295. The Committee was further informed that O&M contract of Nandipur project was given to Chinese company namely Hydro Electric System Power Engineering Company (HEPSEC) at the rate of Rs. 147 billion for ten years. Initially plant was installed on furnace oil with the capacity of 425MW (RFO) and then converted in to gas with the capacity of 525MW. OGRA advised to install the plant on furnace oil as gas was not available at that time. An additional cost of Rs. 8 billion was made to convert it into gas.

- **Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Plant**

296. The CEO, Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Company (Private) Limited (NJHPP) apprised the Committee in detail that it is a government scheme project, which was started in 2008 and completed in 2018. The length of underground tunnel is 48km from C1 to C3. He also briefed the Committee in detail about the tunnelling system and rock overburden of the project. Responding to the query of the Committee, the CEO, NJHPP informed that three companies participated in tendering process. The CEO, NJHPP informed that PC-1 was not updated when approved in 2002. The Chairman, NEPRA also stated that Neelum-Jhelum power station was closed due to major cracks in its tailrace tunnel occurred at the end of July, 2022. The closure of the project was costing Rs10 billion extra per month to power consumers as the restoration work on the project will be completed by June next year.

297. Regarding the Incident of blockage inside tail race tunnel (TRT), the Committee was briefed in detail about the layout of power house complex. It was further briefed in detail about the progress in tail race tunnel. The CEO, NJHPP told that the area covering of 42 km was all collapsed and there was a complete blockage. Regarding the progress on restoration activities, he briefed that dewatering was started on 10th July, 2022 with four permanent installed dewatering pumps. The tunnel was dewatered in the downstream on July 26, 2022. The first inspection of the tunnel was carried in the first week of Aug 2022.

298. A Chinese company was already working on site and involved for the renovation of work. There was only one tunnel access limit that allow only one truck to go inside and the renovation work was slow in this regard. The Chairman, NEPRA added that that if the tail race tunnel will be renovated on short create, the work will be completed earlier but there was no guarantee that it will not collapse again and if the tunnel remains closed for a year, the consumers will suffer a loss of Rs 120b. The CEO, NJHPP further briefed that a team of Independent Panel of Experts (IPOE) was hired on the directions of Prime Minister of Pakistan. They have identified eight causes of tunnel collapse and submitted their first interim report. The cost required for rehabilitation is Rs. 2.7 billion.

299. He further informed that water in tunnel was used for the whole year but the months (Nov – Feb) are easy to stop the water and review the inspection for the rest of the tunnel. The Committee suggested that remaining inspection of 40 km of tunnel was needed to be reviewed and priority must be given for reviewing as there are variations in the soil from C1 to C3 tunnel. The CEO, NJHPP informed that three months required for dewatering for 48km tunnel and 10 days' time required for installation of lighting equipments and ventilation ducts for inspection of the tunnel. The experts have told them that they can tell about the inside-position of the tunnel upto 4km. The initial renovation work will be completed in Feb-March, 2023 and major work will be completed in June, 2023.

- **Privatization Process of K-Electric**

300. The representative of Privatization Commission briefed the Committee in detail regarding the privatization process of K-Electric. He informed the Committee that privatization

of KESC was re-launched in Sept 2003 with fresh EOI's invited. The Kanooz-Al-Watan submitted the highest bid of Rs.1.65 for 9,611,964,738 shares (73%) amounting to Rs.15.86 Billion, whereas, the consortium of Hasan Associates (HA) offered the bid of Rs.1.01 per share amounting to Rs.9.71 B. Subsequently Kanooz-Al-Watan withdrew the bid and Rs.100 million earnest money was confiscated by PC. After the cancellation of letter of acceptance (LOA) issued to Kanooz-Al-Watan, the consortium led by Hasan Associates (HAC) was invited to match the highest bid of Rs.1.65 per share, which they agreed to match. The decision of the CCOP was later ratified by the Cabinet in its meeting held on Nov 01, 2005. The reserved price was around Rs. 11 billion and financial advisor determined the reserved price but CCoP approved it and later Cabinet ratify the price accordingly.

301. The Chief Regulatory Affairs & Government Relations, K-Electric also briefed the Committee in detail about the history and overview of the privatization of K-Electric. Regarding the investment in KE since Privatization, the Committee was briefed that since privatization, investments of PKR 474 Billion (USD 4.1 Billion) have been made upto FY 2022 in power infrastructure resulting in significant improvements across the power value chain. Over USD 700 Million of direct investment by foreign shareholders was made which is a classic example of FDI. Regarding K-Electric ownership & shareholder structure, the Committee was informed that KES Power limited has 66.40% of shares and Government of Pakistan has 24.36% shares in it.

302. The Committee observed that Kanooz-Al-Watan submitted the highest bid of Rs.1.65 for 9,611,964,738 shares (73%) amounting to Rs.15.86 Billion, whereas, the consortium of Hasan Associates (HA) offered the bid of Rs.1.01 per share amounting to Rs.9.71 B. Subsequently Kanooz-Al-Watan withdrew the bid and Rs.100 million earnest money was confiscated by PC. After the cancellation of letter of acceptance (LOA) issued to Kanooz-Al-Watan, the consortium led by Hasan Associates (HAC) was invited to match the highest bid of Rs.1.65 per share, which they agreed to match. The decision of the CCOP was later ratified by the Cabinet in its meeting held on Nov 01, 2005. The briefing showed that consortium of Hasan Associates (HAC) is the owner of K-Electric.

303. Regarding the achievements & developments / projects accomplished in generation, the Committee observed that total electricity (3020MW) is produced and provided to K-Electric then why K-Electric failed to meet the energy requirement of Karachi. The Committee was informed that five power plants are not functional all the time and installed on gas. The Committee recommended that tendering process of all five power plants may be submitted to the Committee. The Committee further recommended K-Electric to submit the procurement plan of these five plants in written form to the Committee.

304. The Power Division also informed that no any development plan has been shared with Power Division till date and it is an opportunity for Power Division as investment is made by K-Electric.

305. The Committee observed that K-Electric must have installed the plants on wind energy instead of gas. It stated that Chairman, NEPRA told the Committee that NEPRA allowed

the amount to K-Electric to install the Power Plants. The Chairman, NEPRA clarified that NEPRA only allows the amount to K-Electric for installation of power plants then K-Electric install the plants through Banks and the amount is reimbursed in Tariff. The funds are arranged by K-Electric and allowed by NEPRA. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee showed its dissatisfaction over the briefing given by K-Electric. It observed that incomplete information was provided to the Committee. The Committee wants to resolve the issues of K-Electric. If there are any irregularities found by the Committee then Committee will highlight them and try to resolve accordingly as Government of Pakistan has 24.6% shares in it.

306. The CEO, K-Electric further briefed the Committee in detail about KE's Yearly Profit & Loss – FY 2006 to FY 2022. The Power Division also informed the Committee that Government of Pakistan has minority share (24.6%) in K-Electric and the Auditor General of Pakistan has the power for the audit of K-Electric. The Power Division wrote the letter in 2013 for the audit of K-Electric to AGPR. Initially, K-Electric did not provide the data to Audit General. An independent audit firm was hired and then audit report was shared with AGPR. The CEO, K-Electric also informed that as a private entity, the 2016 report was shared with AGPR. K-Electric is of the view that there is an audit Committee in K-Electric which has three Members from Government of Pakistan who are well informed.

307. The Committee observed that when K-Electric has to pay to Government of Pakistan then they pay in instalments in 2008. The Government of Pakistan has 24% share in it and will protect its shares. When there is an audit, then K-Electric is not bound for it. The CEO, K-Electric further briefed in detail about the demand & supply situation during summer season (November, 2022). The Committee stated that it means that 22% of the feeders are having load shedding. The representative of K-Electric stated that consumption of electricity varies according to the hours of load shedding on these feeders. The Committee stated that 1.15MW is the average consumption of electricity on each feeder. The total capacity is 521MW of 450 feeders. It stated that short fall may be written 100MW instead of 312MW. The representative of K-Electric agreed with the views of Committee and stated that it is not short fall rather commercial load shedding.

- Development sector plan and projects alongwith complete tendering process and investments made by K-Electric

308. In a meeting held on 20-12-2022, the Chief Marketing in Communications, K-Electric apprised the Committee that procurement tendering process follows the NEPRA (EPC Guidelines). The investment was made in the transmission and generation side in the initial years. The Committee observed that briefing given by Chief Marketing in Communications, K-Electric was not up to the pattern as desired by the Committee. While Committee already observed that she will not be able to give presentation because required details were missing in the briefing material but on the request of Power Division, she was allowed to give briefing to the Committee and remained failed.

• Appointment of Financial Advisor for KESC transaction

309. In a meeting held on 20-12-2022, the representative of Privatization Commission briefed in detail about the appointment of Financial Advisor for KESC transaction. He informed that ADB provided technical assistance in the appointment of financial advisor. The Committee was further briefed that PC Board approved selection of Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) as FA as per process undertaken by ADB and committed USD 1.062 M from PC resources as funding of its share of FA cost already agreed to by GOP for utilization of Phases I & II in March, 2001. The representative of Planning Commission was unaware and informed that ADB followed their own procedure in appointment of FA. The Committee observed how ADB can bound the government of Pakistan by giving a loan that financial advisor will be chosen by them. The representative of Planning Commission informed that MoU was mutually agreed and signed by both sides.

310. The Committee was informed that tender advertisement for financial advisor and detail of applied six companies was not available in the record of Privatization Commission as ADB followed their own procedure in appointment of FA. The Committee observed that Planning Commission must be well aware and well known about all the procedure from hiring of financial advisor till privatization of KESC along with ADB officials. It is surprising for the Committee that Power Division and Planning Commission has relied only on ADB instead of not as a representative of Government of Pakistan and being as a custodian of this type of mega national assets. It also shows the lack of interest of officials of concerned departments. The representative of Privatisation Commission further informed that ADB loan of US \$300 million to government of Pakistan was provided over the period of 5 years since 2001 to 2007. The Committee observed that ADB provided US \$300 million to government of Pakistan within the time period of 5 years and our national assets was sold in about Rs. 11 billion only. The rate of US dollar in 2001 was about Rs. 53 - 60 and Rs. 60 in 2008. The ADB can take the national assets in just about Rs. 11 billion. This irregularity cannot be ignored by the Committee.

- Point of Public Importance regarding "Provision of jobs to the candidates who qualified the recruitment test of PESCO", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan in the Senate sitting held on 7th October, 2022.

311. In a meeting held on 05-12-2022, the CEO, PESCO informed the Committee that Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on 23.09.2022 recommended all the DISCOs that the recruitment process, frozen against the posts of Assistant Managers / Junior Engineers & Revenue Officers (BPS-17), may be continued subject to the condition that fresh interviews be conducted for all candidates interviewed previously. Accordingly the interview process for the posts of Junior Engineers, Revenue Officers, Assistant Manager (Material Management), Assistant Manager (Admin/HR), Assistant Manager (Public Relations) and Junior Engineer (Civil) was initiated and completed. However, the freezing of recruitment for remaining categories is still in force, as such the process against remaining categories is still held up and will be continued on receipt of directives from the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) accordingly.

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312. The CEO, PESCO informed that test was conducted by the UET but interviews were not taken by UET and final list was not provided by the UET. The Committee observed that initially, the process was given to UET and then PESCO took it in its own hands. The written test were the same as they are the record but interviews were changed at this stage. The Power Division apologized for providing wrong information by the PESCO officials.

313. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan observed that if Power Division says that no interviews were taken before and there is no evidence then there will no more confusion. If few candidates confess that interviews were taken then by UET then it will be question mark on the credibility of process for these recruitments. The CEO, PESCO shared a copy of agreement with the Committee in which it was stated that after the completion of written / skill / physical test, the UET shall complete the results as per work plan. The result sheets and final merit list shall be given to PESCO. The Committee observed that it means that process may be completed by UET. It stated that if UET is responsible upto interviews stage for 188 posts then final list may contains the names of 188 candidates and Power Division must stand by its point of view that interviews were not taken by UET then the list on the basis of written test from UET must be more than 188 posts & should be 940 as a policy of five candidates against one post. If the number of candidates exceeds than posts and as per policy for interviews, then Power Division stands right in their briefing.

314. In a meeting held on 20-12-2022, the CEO, PESCO informed the Committee that MoU was signed with UET in January, 2022 and it was written in the agreement that UET will only conduct the written / skill test and merit list will be provided to PESCO. The interview was not included in it. The interviews had to be taken by the department. The Power Division also informed the Committee that earlier an interview was only taken for one post of Public Relation Officer and three candidates were called for interview against one post. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan while not agreeing with the views of the Power Division stated that earlier Power Division informed that interviews were held for all posts in grade 17 & above and offer letters were issued to the all 128 successful candidates.

315. The CEO, PESCO further informed that interview process was started from 31st October, 2022 when the ban was unfreeze. The Offer letters were issued to all 128 successful candidates for the post of Junior Engineers (Grade 17) on 30th November, 2022. He further briefed the Committee that total 7043 candidates passed the exam and 729 were called for the interview.

316. The Committee observed that total 729 candidates were called for interviews and 128 were seats. It means that three candidates were called for interview against one post. The total is 414 candidates then how come PESCO has called 729 candidates for the interview. The D.G (HR) informed the Committee that 729 candidates passed the exam and 350 candidates were called for the interviews. Some candidates did not pass the exam in some categories. The CEO, PESCO told the Committee that candidates who got the 80% marks were put in the merit order and top three candidates were called for each post. It is not necessary that candidate with 80% marks may also stood at the top of the interview as well. The Committee did not agree with the views of the CEO, PESCO and stated that he has wrongly briefed the Committee. There are 128

seats and 128 candidates' needs to be selected out of 350 candidates who were called for the interview. The total number of posts and candidates must be common.

- Public Petition No. PP - 4963 regarding "GEPCO advertise the 20 percent promotion induction quota on lump sum pay package instead of regular promotion induction alike LESCO & FESCO".

317. The CEO, GEPCO apprised the Committee that GEPCO advertised induction quota post as per GEPCO recruitment policy 2021 duly approved by BoD, GEPCO. The induction cases of regular employees will be considered at par with regular employees to protect their service benefits. As per GEPCO Electrical Engineers service rules adopted by BoD GEPCO, they will appear in induction examination for the post through third party induction agency. The CEO, GEPCO informed that these are regular posts and written test will be taken by NTS only. The merit & quota will be different from other posts. The CEO, GEPCO informed and confirmed that quota will be maintained as per policy and some confusion has been raised only because the advertisement was published earlier. The Committee recommended CEO, GEPCO to meet the petitioner and resolve the issue amicably. The matter was disposed of by the Committee.

- Public Petition No. PP - 4964 regarding "Regularization of the Employees recruited in FESCO as LS-I & SSO-I through advertisement in 2015-2016".

318. The CEO, FESCO apprised the Committee that LS-I & SSO-I have been appointed on contract in BPS-15 during the recruitment process of 2016. On the demand of CBA for enhancement of substantive pay scale of technical supervisory staff on the analogy of IESCO, substantive pay scale of LS-I & SSO-I (Technical Supervisory Staff of FESCO) from BPS-15 to BPS-16 have been upgraded with the approval of BOD FESCO on 04.11.2016. The meetings of Regularization Board were held on 18.02.2020 and 07.05.2020 to consider the contractual employees including LS-I & SSO-I but representative of PEPCO did not agree to consider LS-I & SSO-I appointed on contract during recruitment process of 2015-16 because FESCO upgraded the Basic Pay Scale of LS-I & SSO-I at its own without seeking prior permission from PEPCO. Subsequently, PEPCO on 10.11.2020 has given direction to GEPCO, IESCO and FESCO to withdraw impugned order unconditionally with regard to illegal enhancement of pay scale of UTS issued at their own without seeking permission from PEPCO. Consequently, FESCO submitted Item Note regarding withdrawal of order of up-gradation of substantive pay scales from BPS-15 to BPS-16 of UTS and other categories of employees which is under deliberation with BoD FESCO. Meanwhile, Power Division on 22.11.2021 has recommended that no employee working on contingent / daily-wages / contractual basis etc. in any DISCO may be regularized. Due to this instant ban on the Regularization, LS-I / SSO-I and other staff appointed since 2015-16 fulfilling criteria could not be regularized. The CEO, FESCO informed that petitioner was appointed on contract basis and it was also written in contract that he will be regularized afterwards. The case is ready for regularization but government has put a ban and if the ban is lifted, he will be regularized afterwards. The Committee while agreeing with the views of the CEO, FESCO, disposed of the matter.

- Development (MPA's) funds to PESCO

319. The CEO, PESCO briefed the Committee in detail about the provincial government development (MPA's) funds (2020-22). The Committee observed that why the schemes were not completed as it was financial year and must be completed by 30-6-2022. It means that work was only completed in the initials months of the year and stopped in the later months. The work was slow due to the issuance of tender for transformers. In 2022-23, total 159 schemes were approved and only 1 was completed and 158 were left. It is totally unfair and unacceptable to the Committee. The Committee observed that if they do not have transformers for the last one year then how they are functioning a DISCO. The Power Division stated that the timeline provided by PESCO is extended till February, 2023 and 100 transformers will be available after 10th January, 2023. The CEO, PESCO informed that supplier will supply the transformers on 10th January, 2023 and process will be completed on 30th April, 2023. The Committee did not agree with the views of CEO, PESCO and suggested that time limit related to provision of transformers may be provided to the Committee and work on remaining schemes may be start by 30th January, 2023.

- Gas Booster Compressor Station at TPS, Guddu

320. In a meeting held on 02-01-2023, the Committee was informed that amount of Euro 1,027,354 which is the performance bond guarantee is the subjudice matter and GENCO-II also went to the Court against M/s Al-Tariq Constructors (Pvt.) Limited. The Contractor took the Stay Order from the Court. The Committee was of the view that performance bond may be taken encashed. The Contractor cannot take the Stay Order as it may be written in the performance guarantee that whenever the department will call, it will be encashed immediately. The concerned department or Bank is bound for encashment of a guarantee on a single call. The Committee was further informed by CEO, GENCO-II that Gas Booster Compressor Station was operational for nine months with 6480hrs as per requirement in 2019. The Committee observed that it is not possible that plant was operationalized for 24hrs continuously. Furthermore, the CEO, GENCO-II informed that gas is provided through GE Block (Unit 5 to 10) 600MW and Siemens Block (units 11 to 13) 413MW to Gas Booster Compressor Station after the damage.

- Dismantling and Disposal of 220KV transmission lines Uch-I to Sibbi-I, Uch-IDM Jamali- Sibbi, Guddu-Shikarpur & Shikarpur-Uch consisting of rail conductor, disc insulator & hardware etc. on "as is where is" basis (LOT-I, II, III & IV).

321. The GM (Asset Management-South), NTDC apprised the Committee in detail regarding the tender history of these transmission lines. He further informed the Committee that reserved price for LoT-I is Rs. 55.6 million, offered price was Rs. 93.4 million which is 67% higher than reserved price and bidder is Ahmed and company. The reserved price for LoT-II is Rs. 50.8 million, offered price was Rs. 99.3 million which is 95.2 % higher than reserved price and bidder is Ahmed and company. The reserved price for LoT-III is Rs. 57.5 million, offered price was Rs. 99.3 million which is 72 % higher than reserved price and bidder is Ahmed and company. The reserved price for LoT-IV is Rs. 55.6 million, offered price was Rs. 93.4 million which is 67% higher than reserved price and bidder is Ahmed and company. The Committee

observed that total reserved price of all LoTs is Rs. 219 million and total offered price is Rs. 385.4 million and Rs. 165.9 million is higher bid given by them. The GM, (Asset Management-South), NTDC stated that bid opening was conducted on time and in presence of all Members of Evaluation Committee. It was signed by five members except Convenor. The Committee observed that if the bid came higher than reserved price then there may be no objection on closing of it. It will be closed only when the bid price is low. The bid was single stage-single envelop which means that bid has to be announced then and there.

322. The Committee was informed that Contractor Ahmed and Company also went to the High Court in this regard. The revalidation Committee has been formed two weeks ago. The Committee observed that if the bid was considered right at the opening time and evaluation report was prepared in the presence of evaluation Committee and evaluation report was signed by five Members then how come this huge irregularity is made by NTDC officials. The Power Division also informed that The Secretary, Power Division has to write Speaking Orders in view of the Orders given by Islamabad High Court. The GM, (Asset Management-South), NTDC also presented the evaluation report to the Committee and Power Division who witnessed that five Members have signed the Evaluation reports of all four LoTs and Power Division and Committee were surprised to see that why convenor has not signed the report and it was a huge irregularity made by NTDC officials. The Committee was informed that evaluation process was not completed and bid was rejected accordingly. The Committee stated that it was the irregularity of the department that on which ground the convenor did not sign the report and rejected the Bid. The action must have been taken by the department in this regard against the involved officials.

• **Non-provision of billing of Export units through solar system to A.J. Textile Mills Pvt. Limited, Gadoon Amazai.**

323. The CEO, PESCO apprised the Committee that consumer M/s A.J. Textile Mills Ltd Gadoon Amazai was treated at par with other Industrial Distributed Generation (Facility) Consumers but the consumer was not billed for export units by PITC. The case of A.J. Textile Mills Ltd was forwarded to the regulator / NEPRA whom clearly denied and clarified that Distributed Generation facility / net metering is prohibited if resale of energy to PESCO through wheeling is involved. The Committee stated that matter is pending since January, 2021 despite NEPRA allowed in November, 2022. It observed that why it was not informed earlier that PEDO & solar connections will not be available to the company at the same time. The CEO, PESCO further informed that earlier there were two companies involved namely M/s A.J. Textile Mills and Al-Moriz and case was referred to NEPRA. The NEPRA showed its apprehensions that they are selling expensive electricity to NEPRA. Senator Mohsin Aziz while disagreeing with the views of CEO, PESCO stated that CEO, PESCO is mis-guiding the Committee as it was not the matter of selling or buying expensive or cheap electricity to NEPRA.

324. In a meeting held on 07-02-2023, Senator Mohsin Aziz briefed the Committee that NTDC has given a favourable report but the report has been not submitted by CEO, PESCO yet. The CEO, PESCO also informed the Committee that Executive PIT, Peshawar has shown his commitment and will be included in revise Bill to A.J. Textile Mills Pvt. Limited. The

Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to provide the letter of the commitment shown by Executive PIT, Peshawar and give further update in the next Committee meeting.

• **Massive power breakdown across the country occurred on 23-01-2023**

325. The GM (System Operation), NPCC briefed the Committee in detail about power system disturbance occurred on 23-01-2023. The Committee was informed that inquiry report is not yet finalized by the Committee constituted by Prime Minister as investigation was under progress. The Committee observed that already third week has started since its formation and still no report is submitted by the Committee. It was mentioned in the notification issued by the Power Division to submit the report within seven days' time and still there was no progress on it. The Committee also expressed its displeasure over non serious attitude of the Power Division in investigating the recent countrywide power blackout stating that if the Power Division after two weeks could not complete the probe, seemed the Division was hiding something.

326. The Power Division further informed that Prime Minister of Pakistan has already constituted a Committee to probe the matter and as such no internal inquiry Committee has been formed by Power Division. The Committee expressed its no-trust in the inquiry committee that the Prime Minister had constituted to ascertain the causes of power breakdown in the country, fix responsibility and recommend remedial measures. It suggested to forming an internal inquiry Committee by Power Division.

327. The Chairman NEPRA also informed the Committee that NEPRA is probing why isolation was not done at the time of breakdown and why North and South systems were not separated at the time of breakdown. Earlier, NEPRA prepared a comprehensive plan but it was not followed by the NTDC regarding the power breakdown occurred in 2021. NEPRA gave its serious direction to NTDC to hire an international consultant to stop the reoccurrence of power breakdown and all protection systems may also be checked in all over country but it was ignored by NTDC. The representative of NTDC also informed that black start facility is only available in Tarbela Power House, Mangla Power House, Warsak Hydroelectric Power Plant and Uch Power Plant. The KAPCO Power Plant had the facility but its PPA was expired in October, 2022. The Kotri Power Station and Faisalabad Power Station also have the black start facility, however, some units of Faisalabad were de-licensed more than three years ago. The units which were available did not had gas supply agreement. The Committee observed that they must have been operated on diesel during the crisis.

328. The Committee observed that massive electricity breakdown occurred in 23-01-2023 and some units of Faisalabad power Station were de-licensed on 25-01-2023. Earlier, when there was a power crisis in a country then why Muzafargarh power plant and Guddu power plant was operational at that time. It is all about will & diswill of the Power Division. The Jamshoro Power Plant was on merit order and operated during crisis time. It further stated that still after 23 days no valid reasons were shared with the Committee but NTDC wants the Committee to wait for the outcome of Cabinet meeting. The Committee is not bound to wait for the outcome of Cabinet meeting.

329. The Committee expressed its serious reservations and observed that Power Division is not implementing the recommendations of the Committee. The Committee criticised the Power Division for not notifying its proposed internal inquiry Committee headed by Syed Tanvir Jafari, former CEO JPCL to investigate power breakdown and recommended Power Division to notify the Committee today and share its notification with the Committee. The internal inquiry Committee may also submit the report within seven days to the Committee.

330. Regarding the cause of failure of attempts, the GM, NPCC informed the Committee that NPCC does not receive real time data from generation plants at the time of breakdown, adding data of grid station of DISCOs is also not available with NPCC. The settings of Tarbela Power House are digitalized now. Earlier, it was operated on manual mode and speed control mode is converted into power control mode now. Seven attempts were made to start Tarbela Power House but remained failed due to its modernization after which efforts were made to start other plants which have black start facility.

331. Regarding the cause of electricity blackout, the GM, NPCC informed the Committee that three transmission lines emanating from Guddu had a load of 1700MW and there was power swing in those three transmission lines. The rotor at North and South were not in synchronization. There was change of loading and voltage fluctuation at Guddu side. The load on three transmission lines was within permissible limits. It created oscillation due to the power swing. There was a human negligence involved in this incident.

332. Regarding the role of NPCC in the crisis, the GM, NPCC informed the Committee that 30% of Scada facilities on 220KV is functional and 70% of the new grid or power plants are not functional with Scada facilities. The LDS III project will be completed next year in June, 2024 in this regard. The system of DISCOs (132KV & 66KV) is also not available in Scada facility. If available, then NPCC and regional control centre will be in position to monitor their system as well. A huge financing is required in order to connect with this system. DISCOs need to develop their own communication channel like Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) and NEPRA has already given instructions to all DISCOs in this regard.

333. In a meeting held on 24-05-2023, the Power Division briefed in detail about the background of the incident. The Committee stated that matter has been discussed several times in the Committee meetings that there is a difference of power generation b/w North and South side. It suggested of taking immediate steps and power generation gap between North and South needs to be completed. If a de-licensed power plant is not started during the time of crisis and further expenses required to start a small power plant then a comparison study must have been prepared by the Power Division in order to take the corrective measures in the future.

• Status of formation of an internal inquiry Committee by Power Division

334. In a meeting held on 02-03-2023, the Power Division informed the Committee that the matter was placed before the Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division). The Federal Minister is of the opinion that in view of the Committee formed by the Hon'able Prime Minister, the said Committee is redundant. Once the report of PM's Committee is released, the said report

may be submitted forthwith to the Hon'able Senate Standing Committee. The Committee expressed its displeasure that Power Division does not pay any heed to the recommendations of the Committee. It was also pointed out by GM, NPCC in the last Committee meeting that there was a human negligence in the electricity black out.

335. The Power Division also informed that Cabinet also recommended Power Division to form a departmental inquiry conducted against those responsible for negligence and proceed against them in accordance with the law. The Committee observed that Standing Committee on Power already recommended Power Division to constitute an internal Committee and the Cabinet has also recommended the same to Power Division. The Committee shown displeasure that Committee recommended several times about the formation of an internal inquiry Committee but Power Division did not comply and the same direction has been given by the Cabinet now. Notifications were issued on 4th April, 2023 by Power Division in this regard. The Committee was further told that two weeks' time was given to Committees to finalize their reports. The reports of three Committees were available with the Power Division. The fourth Committee is the Continuous Committee and will be headed by the Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division). The report will be finalized within one month time and will be submitted to the Committee.

- Construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process.

336. The Committee reviewed and found some irregularities in the tendering process of the 765kV double circuit transmission from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station as well. In a meeting held on 15-12-2023, the Committee stated that issue of construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad was discussed at length by the Committee for the last few months. The Committee could not finalize the issues due to the continuous absence of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division. If this project is delayed then it will be attributed to the Senate Standing Committee on Power that it could not be finalized by the Committee as it was still under discussion of it. It observed that Committee plays an important role of oversight and monitoring the working of the relevant Ministries of the Government in the form of recommendations. The recommendations must be implemented by the relevant departments. The Committee was of the view that it will not become a part of any hurdle related to the completion of these projects. If there has been any wrong doing then there must be an accountability of it. The issue must be thoroughly examined and there must be way forward to it.

337. In a meeting held on 16-01-2024, the Committee stated that timely completion of the projects funded by international donors is vital for the country. The Committee unanimously decided and constituted a three-Member Committee headed by caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division and MD, NEPAK as its Members. The ToRs of the Committee will be to examine the tendering process of the project along with reports earlier submitted by the departments and to find out that if corrupt / mal-practices were involved in awarding of contracts in the project and to obtain the views of concerned representative of World Bank (Lender) regarding tendering processes carried out as per their bidding documents /

procedure and satisfaction. The Committee also recommended Power Division to submit a comprehensive report within three weeks' time and a detailed briefing on the findings of the report will be given by Members of the Internal Inquiry Committee in the next Committee meeting. In view of the importance of the matter, the Committee also decided that care taker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) shall personally brief the Committee after conducting the inquiry. The Committee also recommended Power Division to ensure the presence of caretaker Federal Minister in the next Committee meeting.

338. In a meeting held on 20-02-2024, the MD; NESPAK apprised the Committee that internal inquiry Committee was constituted upon the advice of the Senate Standing Committee on Power on 17th January 2024. During the earlier discussions, it was pointed that there was concealment of facts and information provided to World Bank and Asian Development Bank was incorrect and decision-taken by these two donor agencies was also incorrect. The consultants M/s GOPA and NESPAK did not make proper disclosures these donor agencies. It was considered by the Internal Inquiry Committee that how procurement processes are defined and which are applicable on these projects. Whether they are applicable under local procurement laws or under the guidelines of World Bank. Regarding DTLP (Lot-I M/s Sinohydro Corporation Limited), the procurement for 765kV Dasu Transmission Line (Lots-I and II) has been made under the World Bank Procurement regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers. The procurement mode was Single-Stage Single-Envelope for Prequalified Bidders. As per World Bank Project Appraisal Document, project is Prior Review.

339. He further briefed that World Bank accepted the disclosure given by the executing agency. The mandatory World Bank NOL was obtained at every stage accordingly. M/s GOPA-Intec prepared Pre-Qualification document for Lot-I & II duly reviewed and approved by the World Bank. The Lot-I PQ-Evaluation Report from GOPA-Intec was sent to World Bank for concurrence/NOL in Feb-2021 by prequalifying 07 firms out of 10. The World Bank through its email dated March 30, 2021 provided observations for consideration of firms for any one of the two lots (either Lot-I or Lot-II). The basis of observation was that when NTDC sent the report to World Bank which was evaluated by M/s GOPA-Intec, it disqualified three firms. These firms were not meeting the criteria of pre-qualification and one of the firm was M/s Sinohydro Corporation Limited which was qualified later for the project after certain re-doing of the evaluation process. The question was whether those re doings were as per World Bank law or not. When Prior Review is defined for any project, the WB has right to go through to the pre-qualification document. The consultant M/s GOPA-Intec through NTDC submitted the pre-qualification document. The comment that consultant M/s GOPA-Intec or NTDC conceal any fact or mis-represented to World Bank was unfounded by the Internal Inquiry Committee.

340. M/s Sinohydro Corporation Limited was not qualified for Lot-I amongst the seven companies. However, the World Bank said that pre-qualification be done amongst 9 companies after which M/s Sinohydro Corporation Limited was declared qualified. Regarding the representation of aggrieved party in a meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Power which stated that does World Bank had the right to modify the changes in pre-qualification process. The Internal Inquiry Committee was of the view that World Bank did not modify any changes in pre-qualification document. The firms which applied for two bids (Lot-I & Lot-II)

were not qualifying for any LoT. The NTDC also conveyed the same to World Bank. The World Bank stated that since it is a sensitive project, on the basis of pre-qualification items, if it is qualifying for LoT-I & LoT-II, merge them together and check if any of these firms qualify for one LoT. If any firm qualify for one LoT then they will not bid for both LoTs. If qualified in one LoT then World Bank in writing communicated to NTDC and M/s GOPA to re-do evaluation process and apply the criteria on all bidders and resend the report accordingly. On the advice from World Bank to review the report, M/s GOPA-Intec revised PQ Evaluation report in April 2021 by qualifying 09 Firms out 10 firms instead of previously 07 prequalified firms. The World Bank gave its No Objection Letter (NOL) for the revised prequalification evaluation report on June 23, 2021 and thereafter results of prequalification were notified by NTDC on the same day.

341. The Committee stated that WB had a right to prior review and they exercised the authority according to the contract. When agreement was signed, there was a condition that while carrying out this project there are stages involved, the borrower maintained the right of prior review and made few changes and then NoL was issued accordingly. The right of prior review was exercised by donor which is written in their pre-qualification documents. There was no concealment of facts found by the internal inquiry Committee. Certain parameters were merged and 9 firms were qualified instead of 7 in the final list. The change in the list does not contain concealment of facts. There was no element of dishonesty found by the Internal Inquiry Committee in it. The MD, NESPAK further briefed that the project in project appraisal documents was qualified as prior review project. There was a clause already mentioned in the contract.

342. The MD, NESPAK further briefed that in pre-qualification stage, 9 companies were asked to submit financial bid. There was further evaluation on financial bid and lowest bidder was declared accordingly. There were certain parameters in original RFP and modification right on criteria was retained by World Bank. After declaration of qualified firm M/s Sinohydro Corporation Limited for LoT-I, a complaint was raised by potential bidders. According to World Bank pre-qualification documents, if any party wants to file a complaint then it must be an interested party, who bought the documents and applied for it. They have the right to raise their grievances. In this project, there were two non-interested parties who raised their objections. The Ministry addressed their grievances and conveyed to World Bank accordingly. He further stated that one interested party also raised its grievances. There is a proper grievance settlement procedure and referred to donor agency. They examined and overruled their objections. The same aggrieved party approached Lahore High Court twice. The High Court referred case to BoD, NTDC to call on aggrieved party for a companionate hearing and issuing of Speaking Order. The BoD, NTDC issued Speaking Order on 09-02-2023.

343. The Committee was of the view that matter was referred to BoD, NTDC and writ petitions were kept pending. They awaited for the outcome by the BoD, NTDC. They furnish their reply on which it was stated that process was carried out as per bidding documents. The arrangement is according with the World Bank. The World Bank was taken on board and they expressed satisfied on the process. The MD, NTDC also stated that it was also disputed that in standstill period, once the pre-qualification was publically announced then aggrieved party should have raised their grievances at that point. However, the Court disposes of the matter.

Again, another petition was filed at Lahore High Court and it was also disposed of by the Lahore High Court. The aggrieved party also went for review in Divisional Bench and case is pending as of today.

344. The Committee observed that matter is sub-judice and their grievances were entertained by the relevant authorities and disposed of being unfounded. The aggrieved party approached Lahore High Court and High Court disposes of their petition and no writ was issued eventually. Another petition was filed and disposed of by the High Court. As the matter is sub-judice and cannot be further discussed in the Committee meeting. The Committee cannot give its decisions and ruling on the sub-judice matters. The MD, NESPAK also stated that aggrieved party also approached World Bank Integrity Vice Presidency (INT), who also visited for Audit of Dasu Transmission Line Project and report is still awaited.

345. Regarding the findings of the Internal Inquiry Committee, the Committee was informed that Committee finding based on documents/data earlier submitted by the departments and correspondence carried out among the Employer, World Bank, Consultants and the Contractor(s), shows that Procurement process, Prequalification, Bidding Process and Recommendations for Award was conducted according to the applicable Procurement Regulations issued by World Bank and the whole process was carried out under the supervision of the World Bank and issuance of NOL was sought from World Bank at various stages.

346. The Committee stated that loss incurred due to the investigating agencies is huge and already been suffered by the country. He stated that in the last Committee meeting, a high Power Committee was constituted by Power Division. Today, a detailed presentation was given on the findings of the internal inquiry Committee. The conclusion was followed as per documents. The guidelines of donor agency were followed and involved at every stage of the project. The aggrieved party is in appellate forum and matter is sub-judice. The Committee must also focus on its responsibility too. As a Member of the Committee, he was satisfied with the briefing given by Power Division today. He suggested that Committee may not proceed further in this regard. The Committee has a role of parliamentary oversight. The Parliament has another forum of Public Accounts Committee to be referred further. The Committee should not offer its shoulders to competing contractors beyond a certain level when matters had been examined by high courts, internal grievance settlement mechanism of the government and the highest inspection forums of the World Bank. After the detailed deliberation, the Committee unanimously decided that since the case is still under litigation and also with INT of World Bank, it should be disposed of at the Committee level.

347. The Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) also stated that it is a one point issue which relates with the short listing of the companies and additional comments given by World Bank in the criteria for applying in the project. The question aroused whether World Bank had the right to do it or not. The documents were reviewed by the Internal Inquiry Committee. It showed that World Bank had the right of Prior Review. A framework of the project was given by World Bank and which was accepted as a country. The change in criteria was applied across the board and in line with the procedure. The World Bank, being the donor agency, has the right to set the framework for changes, emphasizing that there was complete

transparency and no malicious action from their end. The project is being completed in accordance with guidelines of World Bank. After the detailed deliberations, the Members of the Committee expressed satisfaction with the working of the Power Division and unanimously decided to dispose of the matter.

348. Regarding qualification of M/s Harbin Electric International for LoT-II, the MD, NESPAK briefed the Committee that there was an allegation that experience shown through experience letter by M/s Harbin for project of final designs, supply and construction of 500kV transmission systems of extra high voltage in Ecuador deemed to be fake. The authority which was responsible to ensure the adequacy of the letter is NTDC. The same asked the Ecuador authority who issued the letter directly and in return the authority informed that letter is genuine. The caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) also clarified the allegations faced by M/s Harbin Electric International stating that the accusations were false. The Chairman Committee stated that letter was verified from Government to Government and accepted by the other government. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided to clear and dispose of the matter.

349. Regarding hiring of a Consultant for Dasu Transmission Line Project, the MD, NESPAK briefed the Committee that initially there was an allegation that hiring of the consultant was not done properly and it did not have relevant experience and must be blacklisted. The results of the Technical Evaluation for the 04 firms that submitted proposal are as under: Stantec Canada, Sargeant & Lundy USA and NESPAK Pakistan (JV), GOPA-Intec Germany and Lahmeyer International Germany and Hatch Canada (JV) (Declared Non-responsive). The Financial Bids were opened on October 10, 2018. Based on QCBS method, the following were the results of the Combined Evaluation: GOPA-Intec Germany, Sargeant & Lundy USA and NESPAK Pakistan (JV) and Stantec Canada. World Bank issued NOL for award of the consultancy contract to M/s GOPA-Intec on January 17, 2019. The Committee pointed out that NESPAK also applied for it and contract was awarded rightly to the Consultant. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee expressed satisfaction with the working of the Internal Inquiry Committee formed by Power Division and disposed of the matters related to awarding of contracts to (M/s Sinohydro Corporation) for LoT-I, (M/s Harbin Electric International) for LoT-II and consultant (M/s GOPA Intec) for construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station.

- **Issue of electricity billing in four union Councils of Turbat, Balochistan**

350. The Power Division apprised that total number of legal consumers is 2007 and pending amount is Rs. 7063 million. A meeting was held on 07-02-2019 in the office of Additional Secretary-II/Managing Director PEPCO at Ministry of Energy (Power Division), Islamabad with Honourable Senator Muhammad Akram Dashti for resolving the issue. Consequently, an Enquiry Committee comprising GM (Tech) QESCO, SE & DCM Mckran Circle was constituted. The Committee in its report recommended that the large population of the affectees are poor and due to their weakened circumstances cannot pay their arrears and present electricity bills regularly. If the residents ask for clearing of arrears, their bills be verified and if overbilling detected will be adjusted/write off on case to case basis. The CEO, QESCO also

informed the Committee that Power Division has already constituted a Committee under the convenership of GM (Tech), QESCO to probe the matter. The report of the Committee will be shared once finalized.

• Issue of Kotri Power House

351. Senator Moula Bux Chandio, the mover of the matter, briefed the Committee that there are four turbines in GTPS Kotri with installed capacity of 144MW. The Government has deliberately reduced the power output of Kotri Power Plant from 144 MW to 110 MW. He further raised an issue of non-payment of salaries to the employees of GTPS Kotri. The Secretary, Power Division apprised the Committee that Power Division has already adjusted them to other DISCOs. The Committee suggested that employees' needs to be adjusted in the same grade and salary. The Power Division also informed the Committee that all employees of Kotri Power House were offered employment in the same grade in other DISCOs. However, some employees went to the Court and obtained stay order on it.

352. The Power Division further informed the Committee that Cabinet Committee of Energy (CCoE) in its decision dated September 10, 2020; ratified by the Cabinet dated September 22, 2020, decided closure of the already de-licensed plants of GTPS Kotri. Seven turbine machines of Kotri Power Plant produced electricity with 31 per cent efficiency. Now, new turbine machines embedded latest technology could produce electricity with 61 per cent efficiency. The Chairman NEPRA informed the Committee that local gas is not available in the country. The plant with operational capacity of 61% are also installed in the country. If imported gas is given to those plants then they will produce double units with their higher operational capacity. He was of the view that if IPPs can produce electricity in this country then why public sector power plants does not revamp themselves. He suggested that government needs to take necessary steps for their rehabilitation in this regard.

353. It was further informed that Kotri Power House was at No. 19 in Economic Merit Order when de-licensed. The Chairman NEPRA also stated that if the Kotri Power plant was at No. 19 at economic order then it means that local gas was provided to it. If local gas is again provided to Kotri Power House again then it will be Rs. 11 per unit as compared to Rs. 35 per unit on RLNG. The Committee observed that already Committee has already discussed in detail on the rehabilitation of public sector power plants. The Committee recommended Power Division to take action against former CEO, GHCL, Mian Muhammad Imran, for deteriorating the public sector power plants. Initially, the installed capacity of public sector power plants was 4574MW in 2011 which has been reduced to 2168MW in his tenure as CEO, GHCL in all governments from 2012 till June, 2022. The Committee stated that Power Division took the action on 31st March, 2022 and removed him from seat as CEO, GHCL after several recommendations unanimously recommended by the Committee including the officials of Power Division. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided to hear the grievances of unpaid employees of GTPS Kotri Power Plant before taking any further action. Power Division to provide a copy of economic merit order of GTPS Kotri to the Committee. Power Division to form a Committee on the issue and give a detailed report to the Senator Moula Bux Chandio also including the salaries of employees of Kotri Jamshoro. Power Division to

suggest three names for the Committee. It further recommended that one representative from NEPRA will also assist the Committee. NEPRA to provide detailed report on the rehabilitation of all closed public sector power plants.

• **Process of appointment of Sports Player in MEPCO**

354. The CEO, MEPCO briefed the Committee in detail about the recruitment of Sports Players in MEPCO. The Committee suggested that details of all candidates appeared in the test needs to be reviewed by the Committee. The Power Division also suggested that Senators Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo and Rana Mahmood ul Hassan and Addl. Secretary, Power Division may meet together and assess the record accordingly. Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan as mover did not agree with the views of the Power Division and demanded that whole Committee may review the record to be provided by CEO, MEPCO. Regarding the comparison between two top candidates in terms of their participations / achievements / medals / individual records and marks obtained, the Committee asked about the details of the medals won by both players at national & international level. The Committee was informed that Rana Muhammad Asif won 05 gold Medal and 01 Bronze Medal at the international level and 06 gold Medals, 02 Silver and 04 Bronze Medal won at the national level whereas, Ms. Razia Sultana won all 19 Gold Medals and 04 Silver Medals at the national level. The D.G (HR), MEPCO also informed the Committee that marking criteria for national & international medals won was considered the same in this case. The Committee suggested that the gold medal won at the international level may be given more weightage for the proposed post.

355. The Power Division also informed the Committee that both players remained active players of MEPCO. The seniority level and competence level is the criteria kept for the appointment at higher level positions. Ms. Razia Sultana is senior to Rana Muhammad Asif and if standard procedure is to be applied then Ms. Razia Sultana has the right to be appointed as Sports officer. If the total number of Gold Medal won to be kept in the criteria then Ms. Razia Sultana may be given a chance for the said post.

356. The Committee was of the opinion that winning gold medals at the international level is always taken as an achievement. Hockey is the national game of Pakistan. The Committee has a point of view that marking must be made separate for gold medals won at the international and national level. There is no comparison of gold medals won at international level with national level. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided and recommended that there is no comparison between Gold medals won at international and national level. If the international experience is not counted then it is a manipulation by MEPCO. Rana Muhammad Asif may be considered for the position of Sports Officer in MEPCO and Ms. Razia Sultana may also be adjusted on any other female post in MEPCO. A new female post may also be created for Ms. Razia Sultana in MEPCO. The Committee disposed of the matter.

- Establishment / bifurcation of different feeders in the grid station of Parachinar District, Kurram along with details of funds released or will be released for said work.

357. The CEO, TESCO briefed the Committee that funding in kurram is made through Provincial Government under AIP 2018-19 Rs. 2069.285 millions for NMDs with Kurram Rs. 253.633 million share. The project has 14 feeders and work on 11 feeders is completed so far. The three feeders have right of ways and work will be completed by 30th June, 2023. The Committee was informed that there are total 312 feeders in kurram and 66kV transmission line has nine grid stations. The CEO, TESCO further briefed that overall industrial consumption of electricity in TESCO is 260MW. The residential drawl of electricity is 250MW for whole merged area. The Committee also showed its serious concern that 4hrs of electricity is available in TESCO only and 250MW of electricity is available for eight districts of TESCO which is less than any electricity provided to the street.

- Dispensation of justice and continuity of service into regular Cadre

358. The petitioner briefed the Committee that two persons, Mr. Muhammad Adeel and Mr. Khadim Hussain were appointed on daily wages during year 2014 in FESCO, whereby one of them Mr. Muhammad Adeel was hired on disabled person's quota. Later on, one of the daily wager, Mr. Khadim Hussain was converted into contract employee in 2016 but Mr. Muhammad Adeel being disabled person was ignored by FESCO. Since then he has been waiting and requesting the FESCO to convert his daily wages appointment into contract as per the case of Mr. Khadim Hussain. The D.G (HR), FESCO also apprised the Committee that one of the disable person namely Mr. Muhammad Adeel (Petitioner) was appointed as Assistant Line Man (ALM) on humanitarian grounds and the second person namely Mr. Khadim Hussain was appointed as Naib Qasid and later on converted into contract as he was physically fit to perform his duties and other one (petitioner) was unfit to be appointed on Contract for the field work. The DG (HR) further briefed the Committee that BoD, FESCO approved the conversion of Mr. Khadim Hussain, Naib Qasid from daily wages into contract. Recently, vacancies have been announced where Mr. Muhammad Adeel had been asked to apply and clear the written test. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided and recommended that post of Mr. Muhammad Adeel, ALM may also be converted into any other suitable post of Admin etc. The Committee also recommended that case may be sent to BoD, FESCO to consider Mr. Muhammad Adeel for any post which was recently advertised by FESCO or may be appointed on regular basis. The Committee recommended DG (HR), FESCO to furnish the compliance report within 15 days and disposed of the matter.

- As envisioned by the Government improving ease of doing business in power sector ADB ties \$400m loan to merger of two boards (AEDB with PPIB)

359. The Director General (HR), PPIB briefed the Committee that due to duplication of functions and processes of both the organizations, mainly for operational efficiency purpose, in May 2017, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under its Sustainable Energy Sector Reforms, made the merger of AEDB into PPIB as a condition for qualifying for a \$ 400 million loan. The

merger of AEDB into PPIB is also the part of overall scheme of Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM), which envisions an Independent Auction Administrator (IAA) for conducting auctions/biddings on behalf of DISCOs for procurement of new power generation capacity. Thus, it is imperative that IAA functions are carried out by a single entity. The existence of AEDB as a separate administrative unit is contrary to the spirit of "one-window operation" and "ease of doing business", as investors have to deal with two different entities, having similar mandate and scope of work. PPIB possesses rich experience in project financing, project agreements and dealing with sponsors of IPPs and their respective lenders hailing from all over the world, thus has developed the requisite skill set and ability to act as a one window facility for all segments of the energy sector.

360. Over the time, PPIB has also provided guidance to AEDB on various areas of project processing including project financing and legal opinions on security agreements. After passage of the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (Amendment) Bill, 2023 from National Assembly and the Senate, the Honorable President has accorded its assent, after which, the Gazette notification of the enactment of Private Power and Infrastructure Board (Amendment) Act, 2023 is awaited. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee agreed with the views of the D.G (HR), PPIB and disposed of the matter.

- **Non-payment of group life insurance to retired employees of Wapda**

361. The GM (Finance Coordination) WAPDA briefed the Committee that WAPDA arranges a Life Insurance Scheme for its employees as a group to reduce premium Scheme is called WAPDA GLI Scheme and is at the cost of employees instead of WAPDA. WAPDA acts only as an intermediate by acquiring Life Insurance Coverage for its employees from an Insurance Company (IC) against insurance premium. Insurance premium is deducted from salaries of employees which are called "GLI deductions". These are paid by WAPDA to IC & nothing is retained by WAPDA. Regarding the petition, he briefed that provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 2014 has allowed to give the claim to the employees at the time of retirement. However, it is still not implemented at the Federal Level. The policy is still not part of the Insurance Act, 1969. There are 135000 WAPDA employees having group insurance. The GM, WAPDA further informed that sum insured sum of an employee is given on natural death and department or company is giving claim on their behalf as per the directions of the Prime Minister. The Committee commented that protection of the employees should be the priority of WAPDA rather than defending the insurance company and said that process should take place as per the rules in the Act. The Committee also stated that clause must be silent in the Act and if the employee is retired, the insured sum must to be given to him at the time of retirement. After the detail deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided and recommended WAPDA to provide the details related to the number of cases and amount given to the Insurance Company since 2010 till 2019 and claims made by employees to the Committee. The Committee also decided to invite & discuss the matter in the presence of Member (Finance) WAPDA, J.S. (Water) and MD, State Life in the next Committee meeting.

• Progress of 660MW (1320) Coal Power Plant, Jamshoro

362. In a meeting held on 24-07-2023, the acting CEO, GENCO-I briefed the Committee in detail about the feasibility study, ADB Loans and PC-I. The Committee pointed out that when allotment of total amount of the project has been made how it can be still not completed. The Committee lamented that had it been completed two years back when dollar was at Rs160, the country would have saved double amount of money it requires now. The CEO, GENCO-I informed that two bidders participated in the bidding process. The Committee showed its displeasure that one pager briefing material was provided to the Committee. The Power Division also told Acting CEO, GHCL that it was very disappointing to see one pager briefing material sent to the Committee. The Committee was further informed that contractual completion time is 42 months and tentative completion date of the project is 30th November, 2023. The Power Division also told the Committee that project had financing issue as earlier government committed to release total amount which was to be given to them. The issue is resolved as the total amount of the project is allocated and will be completed this year. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended Power Division to take action in black & white against the officers responsible for the delay in starting of 660MW (1320) Coal Power Plant, Jamshoro, Acting CEO, GENCO-I to provide the details related to issuance of tender notice till date including payment & procurement details and the vehicles used for the project (660MW (1320) Coal Power Plant, Jamshoro as well as in Islamabad under the use of Taimoor Nasir) before the next Committee meeting.

Recent high inflated electricity rates / bills and its solution

363. The Power Division briefed the Committee in detail about the installed capacity and generation cost of electricity in a country. Regarding the province wise generation FY (2022-2023), the GM, NPCC apprised the Committee that total average generated is 14,781MW. 1017MW of electricity is provided to K-Electric by government of Pakistan and generation capacity of K-Electric is 1200MW. The basket price rate is Rs. 21 / kWh. It was informed earlier that 44943MW as installed capacity is a registered capacity and if the load management of DISCOs is lifted up then maximum demand of electricity is approx. 30000MW in a country. The Committee stated that if installed capacity is 44943MW then total consumption on the existing infrastructure would be 27,000MW. The GM, PPMC informed that installed capacity, as a rule, must always be the double the maximum capacity.

364. The Committee stated that IPPs thermal capacity is shown as 45% in the presentation. The generation slides also showed that it has gone high as hydel capacity went up. It asked why there are higher rates of capacity charges in thermal. It must be less as compared to hydel side. The Power Division stated that 61% of thermal capacity will be converted to renewable. It is a principle decision that there will be no generation applied on imported fuel. The three types of generation including hydel, wind & solar will be added in the system in future. The capacity payment is to be curtailed and discussed in 2019-2020. A bracket was made and dollar rate was locked in the bracket. The energy payment was fixed with rate of Rs. 168. The rate of return of equity was reduced from 17% to 13%. It was further briefed that agreement was signed in February, 2021. The Chairman NEPRA also informed the Committee that Rs. 168

was the ceiling and if touched Rs.169 then it will not be provided to IPPs. The Committee was surprised that rate of dollar was Rs. 159 in 2021 and NEPRA has decided to fix the dollar rate Rs. 168.

365. Regarding rebasing FY 2023-24, the Committee was informed that slab upto 50 unit is life line, 51-100 units is life line, Rs. 7.64 is charged at 01-100 units (protected), Rs. 10.6 is charged on 101-200 units (protected). Slab 01-100 (non-protected) is charged at the rate of Rs. 13.48. It was further told that Rs. 50 is charged on the consumption of 700 units & above. The slab is residential and unprotected slab. The increase of Rs. 7.30 on consumption of 700 units is applied since June, 2023.

366. The Committee stated that 63.5% of total domestic consumers will experience no tariff increase. The Power Division also informed that 63% consumers have not received higher electricity bills. The most expensive unit is Rs. 55 and if 200 units are consumed then bill will be sent around Rs. 12000. It is not possible to send the bill of Rs. 36000 by consuming 200 units to the consumers. There must be arrears added in the electricity bill. The Committee stated that it means that 50% consumers are subsidized and increase is not applied on their Bills. It observed that the rebasing and tariff increase did not show uniformity. It stressed the need for drafting policies in favour of the vulnerable segments of the society rather than giving them shocks of tariff hikes every day. The Committee expressed dismay over the Power Division's "intricate and confused" policies concerning relief for domestic power consumers. It urged formulation of policies to save vulnerable classes from daily tariff hikes. It suggested Power Division to hold awareness sessions with masses detailing any relief measures.

- Proforma related to the details of independent power producers (IPPs) & month-wise statistics related to demand & supply of electricity from Discos from 1994 to July, 2023,

367. The CEO, CPPA-G requested that data will be provided for the last ten years as there was a manual system in 1994 and it needs to be traced accordingly. The Committee concerns were further exacerbated by the inability of Power Division officials to provide a decade-long breakdown of IPP payments. The Members observed that IPPs were at the centre of the ongoing power crisis, which was why their issues and data should be at the fingertips of Power Division officials. It stated that consumers would never get relief until unqualified officers remained posted in the Power Division. The Committee stated that it wants to examine if installed capacity is 44943MW then how much electricity is available in public sector, hydel & IPPs. The Committee wants to check that how much capacity payment is paid to IPPs, how many invoices were sent by IPPs to CPPA-G and then NEPRA has determined the tariff of these IPPs. It recommended CEO, CPPA-G to provide the information for the last 10 years within three days to the Committee as per proforma provided by Committee.

- IPPs

368. In a meeting held on 05-09-2023, the Committee enquired whether IPPs are also closed for maintenance or any fault occurred in IPPs in recent years. The GM, PPMC informed

the Committee that there is no plant working with 100% utilization. The Committee maintained that such payments are against the rules and recommended CPPA-G to provide complete details of such payments. Regarding an update on IPP relief to the Consumers, the Power Division informed the Committee that government was negotiating with the IPPs to reduce the power tariff. Of 46 IPPs, 34 had signed contracts during the previous government in 2021. The tariff rates are being revised and Rs72 billion benefit achieved from revised agreement with IPPs has been passed on to the power consumers. The Committee stated that there are powerful representatives in all the political parties who are protecting the interest of the IPPs. In order to benefit some individuals, local IPPs were declared foreign investors as and they were given dollar indexation and illegal capacity payment. The IPPs have done over invoicing which needs to be investigated and those found involved may be punished. The only resolution of the country wide energy crisis is to make efforts to review the agreements of IPPs in detail and estimated price be re-evaluated as per its legal frame work. It stated that IPPs should not work independently without monitoring leading to over invoicing. The entire infrastructure needs re-examination and review on clauses of misinformation and fraud.

- **Anti-Theft Drive**

369. In a meeting held on 05-09-2023, the Committee stated that over Rs. 7 billion is recovered during the last few days. The reshuffling of staff in DISCOs has been also started. The Committee pointed out that there are technical staff who are working in the same Sub-Division for the last 25 years. They are not transferred to any other DISCO and also involved in huge corruption. The Power Division informed the Committee that technical staff is transferred phase wise in all DISCOs. It further told the Committee in detail about the Mirpur Khas Model and Mardan Model which is started as a pilot project for recovery of electricity theft and will be applied in the whole country later.

370. In a meeting held on 14-09-2023, the Power Division informed the Committee that initiative was started on 7th September, 2023 aimed at to address the increasing technical and commercial losses faced by DISCOs. The DISCOs were told to take strict steps to recover Rs 589 billion dues. In the first four days, the performance of DISCOs was disappointing and only Rs 25 million were recovered. Then strict action was taken against the DISCOs and in the next three days the recovery was increased to Rs 1 billion rupees. The staff was also reshuffled in DISCOs. Eight officers of IESCO have been suspended while an officer of SEPCO has been handed over to FIA on allegations of corruption. The CEO, PESCO is also removed as he failed to increase the recovery.

371. The Committee while appreciating Power Division for taking steps against electricity theft and line losses stated that Power Division has recovered Rs. 1 billion from DISCOs in the last few days against dues of Rs. 589 billion yearly. Regarding the reshuffling of staff in DISCOs, the Committee observed that SEPCO which covers the area of 9 districts of interior Sindh has only one employee handed over to FIA for corruption. But the actual target for Power Division is of Rs. 2100 billion to be paid as capacity payment to IPPs for 2023-24. These are good efforts made by Power Division, however, Power Division may also adopt a

comprehensive policy on capacity payment. It suggested that the Power Division should also reshuffle CEOs and remove Members of BoDs of various DISCOs, GENCOs and relevant authorities who had allegedly acted with bad intentions and negatively affected the power sector's capacity.

372. In a meeting held on 17-10-2023, the Committee appreciated the role of the Power Division for recovering around Rs 21 billion during the crackdown against electricity theft and line losses. It stated that still there are gap deficiencies which needs to be addressed in order to strengthen the operation. It pointed out that FIRs are lodged against illegal kunda connections but there is no strategy adopted by Power Division in this regard. These FIRs have become a source of income for local officers. The Power Division stated that FIR is a serious issue and earlier a government bill was also presented in the Committee where the offence was to be declared as cognizable offence, however, the Bill could not be passed by the Committee due to the absence of the then Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division). The relevant Ordinance is cleared from Cabinet Committee on Disposal of Legislative Cases (CCLC). The Power Division also informed the Committee that Mardan Model for zero theft / zero load shedding will be inaugurated by Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa tomorrow and extended the invitation of the event to the Committee.

373. In a meeting held on 15-12-2023, the Committee was informed that Government has collected more than Rs.52 billion during the ongoing anti-electricity theft. FIRs registered were 63,580 across the country and 35,252 persons were arrested. It was further informed Rs.113 billion are outstanding dues towards the Provincial governments. Upon the query of Committee, it was informed that earlier, there was a resistance at the provincial level in the form of delays in releasing of payments. Now, month to month recovery from provinces can be seen and all DISCOs are implementing the directions in an effective manner.

374. The Chairman Committee asked about DISCO who performed well in anti-theft campaign. The Committee was informed that LESCO has recovered Rs.13 billion in this campaign as compared to other DISCOs. The enforcement agencies in Punjab province have played a great role in the drive. Maximum FIRs were registered in all 05 DISCOs of Punjab province. Peshawar, Mardan and D.I Khan have also shown good results in this drive. Rs.479 billion were outstanding dues during the period of (July-Nov) 2023 while Rs.488 billion has been recovered so far. There is 7.4% improvement in collection of the outstanding dues as compared to last year. Furthermore, a detailed briefing was given about top well performed & low DISCOs (recovery wise) in anti-electricity theft drive, the CEO, PITC informed the Committee that LESCO, GEPCO and IESCO have made significant recovery while QESCO is worst performing as its receivables stood at Rs.585 billion of which Rs.522 billion are on account of agriculture tube-wells. An annual increase of Rs.90 billion is added each year due to agriculture tube-wells. The CEO, PESCO briefed the Committee that Mardan city was declared a load-shedding free city. The Peshawar city has 99 feeders which will be 100% load-shedding free by mid - January, 2024.

• ADP Project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A

375. In a meeting held on 15-12-2023, the Committee stated that earlier main issue of ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A was discussed at length by the Committee for the last few months. The Committee could not finalized the issues due to the continuous absence of Federal Minister for Energy, (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division. If the project is delayed then it will be attributed to the Senate Standing Committee on Power that it could not be finalized by the Committee as it was still under discussion of it. The Committee plays an important role of oversight and monitoring the working of the relevant Ministries of the Government in the form of recommendations. The recommendations must be implemented by the relevant departments. The Committee stated that it will not become a part of any hurdle related to the completion of the project. If there has been any wrong doing then there must be an accountability of it. The issue must be thoroughly examined and there must be way forward to it.

376. In a meeting held on 16-01-2024, the Committee stated that matter is old matter and had been discussed by the Committee in detail since long. The timely completion of the projects funded by international donors is vital for the country. The reports have already been submitted by the departments. The Committee observed that Committee plays an important role of oversight and monitoring the working of the relevant Ministries of the Government in the form of recommendations. The recommendations must be implemented by the relevant departments. The project is funded by Asian Development Bank and representative of the agency remained part of the whole process. If the project is delayed then it will be attributed to the Senate Standing Committee on Power that it could not be finalized by the Committee as it was still under discussion in the Committee. He maintained that it is important to complete the project with the cooperation of international organizations.

377. The Committee stated that contract was awarded to firm before care taker set up. Earlier, the project was evaluated by the Committee and now it will be evaluated by the new caretaker Federal Minister and new Secretary, Power Division with given time line of three weeks. The caretaker Minister for Power is a technocrat and neutral, and he should probe facts adding that all aspects of transparency on the issue of contracts should be taken into consideration. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided and constituted a three-Member Committee headed by caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division and MD, NEPAK as its Members. The ToRs of the Committee will be to examine the tendering process of the project along with reports earlier submitted by the departments and to find out that if corrupt / mal-practices were involved in awarding of contract in the project and to obtain the views of concerned representative of Asian Development Bank (Lender) regarding tendering processes carried out as per their bidding documents / procedure and satisfaction. The Committee also recommended Power Division to submit a comprehensive report within three weeks' time and a detailed briefing on the findings of the report will be given by Members of the Internal Inquiry Committee in the next Committee meeting. In view of the importance of the matter, the Committee also decided that care taker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) shall personally brief the Committee after conducting the inquiry. The Committee also recommended Secretary, Power Division to ensure the presence of caretaker Federal Minister in the next Committee meeting.

378. In a meeting held on 20-02-2024, the MD, NESPAK briefed the Committee that claim of Domestic Preference was based on the letter of Engineering Development Board (EDB). The margin preference of 15% was applied (i.e., M/s Henan Tong-Da China's quoted bid price was raised by 15% as per criteria specified in the Bidding Document). The M/s Newage Cables emerged as the lowest evaluated substantially responsive bidder under Lot-IIA and was subsequently recommended for Award of Contract. The evaluation was done on the parameters defined in the bidding document. There was a concept of similarity of product given in the bidding document which states that ACSR Bunting Conductors having minimum 45/7 strands shall be considered similar is required for the project. The M/s Newage Cables, Lahore has not manufactured the conductor but Henan Dong has done it. The M/s Newage Cables, Lahore has manufactured rail conductor and similarity was established by the consultant as per bidding documents. It was also established by the consultant that M/s Newage Cables, Lahore can manufacture the conductor.

379. The bidding was conducted in 2022. The EDB letter of 2015 was also considered while giving domestic preference to M/s Newage Cables, Lahore. Earlier, a report was also submitted to the Senate Standing Committee on Power in which it was stated that consultant should have not used that letter as the dynamics and terms of financing are changed over the time and may be re-affirmed from EDB. When approached to EDB, they were of the view that letter cannot be verified but seems that it is their letter, however, there was a fire incident also took place in the building and all record was burnt in it. Subsequently, a Committee was formed to re-evaluate it. The consultant approached the client and asked ADB to re-evaluate it. The ADB was of the view that M/s Newage Cables, Lahore is capable of manufacturing the conductor as they have visited their site office and fully endorsed that in 2015 and as of 2022, they are entitled for domestic preference.

380. The MD, NTDC further informed that M/s Newage Cables Lahore is confident that they will manufacture 45/7 conductor. The technical team of EDB has also visited their office and confident that M/s Newage will manufacture it. The Asian Development Bank also of the view that it is for the first time that they are allowing it and gave a direction to NTDC to ensure the quality of conductor during each process of its manufacturing. Third party will also be involved to inspect and ensure the quality of it. 10% of performance guarantee is already paid by M/s Newage Cables, Lahore.

381. The Committee stated that contract is awarded to M/s Newage Cables, Lahore and performance guarantee is already submitted by them. The donor is satisfied with it. The technical experts are also of the view that M/s Newage will manufacture it. The Committee must support local industry in this regard. Unless and until some corrupt practices have been adopted. Generally, the Committee must not indulge itself in it. The Committee may support local distributor for the contract. After the detailed deliberation, the Committee expressed satisfaction with the working of the Internal Inquiry Committee formed by Power Division and disposed of the matter related to ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor Lot-II A.

- Public Petition No. PP-5485 regarding restoration of electricity in Mirani Dam Feeder Dasht, District Kech.

382. While deliberating upon the agenda, the CEO, QESCO briefed the Committee that 8hrs of electricity is provided to this area. However, there has been frequent electricity theft and conductor theft coupled with a lack of cooperation from the administration. The inhabitants of the said areas were also involved in damaging of PCC poles & stolen of the conductors along with allied material, thereby affecting badly the rehabilitation process. Moreover, lack of preventive maintenance besides the deteriorated law and order situations hampered the progress OFF & ON. 30% of the Mirani Dam feeder is operational till today despite AT&C losses of more than 95%.

383. The Committee also stated that former Prime Minister had already approved grant of Rs. 50 million for restoration of electricity in the area. The Committee suggested resolving the issue on humanitarian grounds, and the Power Division assured consideration of the matter as a special case. The Power Division also informed the Committee that AMR Meters will be installed in the affected area and if electricity bills are not paid by the consumer's then same will be disconnected accordingly. The Committee agreed with the views of the Power Division and recommended to install AMR Meters in the affected area and submit a report in this regard. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously decided that CEO, QESCO will submit a report to the Committee on the delay in resolving this issue for the last four years, who was responsible for malpractice and measures taken by QESCO to restore electricity in the area. The Committee also decided to invite Secretary Finance in the next Committee meeting with regard to releasing of funds for restoration of electricity at Mirani Dam Feeder, District Kech. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, QESCO to issue Show Cause Notice to concerned SE, XEN and SDO for not starting rehabilitation work in the area.

- Public Petition No. PP-5539, regarding 236 Federal Government Power Sector Development schemes awarded to MEPCO during FY 2022-2023.

384. The GM, MEPCO briefed the Committee that execution funds received amounted to Rs. 299.983 million. Under the Sustainable Development Goals Achievement Program (SAP), out of the 235 schemes, 39 are 100% completed, while 43 are partially completed. It was further briefed that these schemes will be completed before February 8, 2024. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee disposed of the said petition with recommendation that CEO, MEPCO will furnish a detailed report regarding the completion of schemes in the next Committee meeting.

- Recommendation made by the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce in its meeting held on 12th & 13th September, 2023 at Karachi and referred to Senate Standing Committee on Power on 26th September, 2023.

385. The Power Division briefed the Committee that Power Tariff is a genuine issue. Currently, the industry in Pakistan is getting expensive electricity and gas. Due to expensive electricity, the local industry cannot compete with its regional competitors. It acknowledged the

negative impact of elevated power tariffs on businesses and export industry and efforts are underway to formulate a model aimed at overcoming the obstacles posed by the current tariff structure. In Pakistan, the power tariff for the industrial sector was the highest at 14 cents per unit against the region's rate of 9 cents. The working on bringing the industrial tariff to cents 9/kWh has been completed. The proposal will be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance and the IMF for approval. The revision of tariff is necessary to run industry. If the wheel of industry moves, then people will get employment and issue of circular debt between various institutions will also be resolved. The Committee also sought details on the circular debt in the power sector and decided to invite Secretary Finance to brief on energy sector circular debt in the next meeting.

Miscellaneous Issues

- Complaints regarding mal-behaviour of HESCO Officers and Staff with its consumers on different issues on regular basis

386. The Committee said that in the past masses were not the priorities of governments. People were hired in distribution companies on the basis of political affiliation. The present government focuses more on resolving public issues and having good relations with the masses. In Sindh province, the staff especially SDO and XEN are threatening and misbehaving with local people. The Committee stressed that this behaviour should not be adopted by the staff of HESCO and SEPCO and concerned CEOs must take action in this regard. The Minister for Energy (Power Division) while agreeing with the views of the Committee said that government is facing these problems in Sindh province. The staff with political affiliated needs to be relocated. He assured the Committee that after the budget 2021-22, the Ministry will work closely with the Committee to resolve these kinds of issues.

- Excessive load shedding in Jaffarabad, Naseerabad and Gwadar, Balochistan

387. The Committee stated that Balochistan is facing severe load-shedding these days. It was of the view that Quetta has no light for even 4hrs a day and stressed that there should be a solution of it. The Committee was informed that there was a recovery based load shedding in Quetta. While discussing the performance of QESCO, Committee members stressed the need for providing electricity to areas of Jaffarabad, Nasirabad and Gwadar. The Committee Members also raised the issue that there was no light in Gwadar since two months. The President, Chamber of Commerce, Quetta also briefed the Committee that for the last two months, Iran has stopped providing electricity to Gwadar as they have their own issues of electricity. He further shared the situation of Gwadar and the way electricity shortfall and outages were shutting down the businesses in Gwadar. The Committee was of the view that if the recoveries are in abundance then electricity may be provided to Gwadar accordingly as Gwadar is hub of businesses and has prime importance in the development of Pakistan under CPEC. The Committee was apprised that due to disruption of supply from Iran, the issue of power outages in Balochistan was exacerbated. The Federal Minister of Energy (Power Division) is in contact with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of Iran in Pakistan in this regard.

- Process of appointments of technical and non-technical staff in PESCO

388. The Committee was briefed in detail on the process of appointments of technical and non-technical staff in PESCO. It was told that an inquiry Committee was set up in PEPCO and tests were declared as null and void on the basis of report of inquiry Committee. Now, the matter has been sent to FIA and NAB for further investigation. An applicant also briefed the Committee on the issue. The Power Division was of the view that they will not appoint those applicants as the matter is in court now. The Committee was of the view that interviews were held on the results given by the testing agency. It observed that how a medical university has been chosen for incoming testing the engineering side. The same testing agency had been chosen for the appointment of SDOs and they have given their joining as well.

- Shifting of Overhead Feeder of Padhana/ haydara in Green Housing society, Barki Road, Lahore and on the incident occurred of fallen of transmission lines on 30th July, 2021 in the said housing society.

389. The Committee was briefed that Green City Housing Scheme has an area of 1100-Kanal was electrified underground for a load of 4542-kW. 11-kV Hadyara feeder was passing through the area before the launch of housing scheme. 11-kV Hadyara feeder inside the scheme was not passing over any house or plot. On the request of sponsor, the shifting / re-routing of 11-kV Hadyara feeder inside the scheme was approved. The capital cost Rs. 7,720,537/- was not deposited by the sponsor. The sponsor also damaged the poles of LESCO's 11-kV Hadyara feeder inside the scheme and FIR in this respect was also lodged against the sponsor in the local Police Station. As per the direction of MD PEPCO, a meeting with Mr. Muhammad Rafiq (sponsor) was held wherein he was reluctant to deposit the cost for shifting of line from his scheme and insisted that LESCO should pass 11-kV cable through the pipes which he has already buried himself inside the scheme, which is against the SOP of LESCO. He was requested to give his consent to re-route the 11-kV feeder inside the scheme or get it shifted outside the society, but he insisted to shift the 11-kV line inside the scheme underground and stressed that LESCO should shift this line outside the scheme at their own expense.

- **Continuous absence of CEO, K-Electric from Committee Meetings**

390. In a meeting held on 16-05-2022, the Committee expressed its displeasure over the continuous absence of CEO, K-Electric from the Committee meeting. The representative of K-Electric informed that he could not attend the meeting due to the massive power outages & load shedding issues in Karachi. The Committee expressed its displeasure and said that it has been one year that K-Electric was not put on the agenda of the meetings. It further recommended Power Division to ensure his presence in the next Committee meeting.

391. In a meeting held on 22-11-2022, the Committee showed its serious reservations that CEO, K-Electric must have attended the meeting in order to apprise the Members regarding the agenda item. The CEO, K-Electric was continuously not attending the Committee meetings and there was no implementation on the recommendations of the Committee so far. The Power Division while agreeing with the views of Member stated that meeting notice was sent to K-Electric two weeks ago and CEO, K-Electric was equally responsible to attend the Committee meeting. The Power Division has already conveyed the observations of the Committee to him. It was always an embarrassing situation for Power Division in every Committee meeting. The representatives of K-Electric apologized from the Chair on the absence of CEO, K-Electric from the Committee meeting.

- **Shortage of electricity in Ziarat & Kalat**

392. The Committee raised an issue regarding shortage of electricity in Ziarat & Kalat. It stated that there was no electricity for 13hrs a day in these areas and suggested of providing electricity atleast for a week as there was a harsh winter season these days and it was not bearable by the people. The CEO, QESCO informed the Committee that there was no change in

the schedule of electricity as per recovery from these areas. The Committee recommended facilitating the cities of Ziarat & Kalat on humanitarian grounds during these harsh winter days as there was surplus of electricity available in the country and to avoid any incident like in the case of "Murree" in future.

- **Upgradation of the transformer in local area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**

393. The Committee raised an issue regarding the upgradation of the transformer in local area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, PESCO to have a meeting with the member and resolve the issue on priority basis.

- **Regularization of daily wages employees in PESCO**

394. The CEO, PESCO informed the Committee that there were total 2400 tree trimmers hired on temporary basis. They were hired for three months only and mentioned in their contracts. They cannot be regularised as they have applied for the post of ALMs. The CEO, PESCO further informed that Rs. 20,000/- per month was paid to them. The Committee unanimously recommended CEO, PESCO that details of the daily wages applied for the post of AMLs may be submitted to the Committee.

- **Issue of massive load shedding despite surplus electricity generation in the country**

395. The Power Division informed the Committee that there are two types of load shedding i.e load management and load shedding. There are 10,000 feeders in a country and their categorization was made according to the percentage of their losses. Presently, the load management and load shedding are combined together. The total electricity installed capacity was 38,320MW. The generation was 36,000MW but due to non-supply of fuel, many power generation plants have been shut down. Due to hydel energy issues, 8,600MW was not available these days. There was also schedule outage in which plants are maintained and they have taken prior permission of it. 63MW is not available due to the schedule outage. Due to technical issue, 21,000MW was not available. 900MW was not available due to system congestion and 5,800MW was not available due to non-supply of fuel. The remaining 18,500MW was available in the country.

396. The Power Division further informed that demand of electricity varies per day and currently it was 18,000MW and supply was 17,500MW (average). The demand for electricity has increased by 38% in April this year as compared to the previous year. The Committee observed that why there was load shedding in LESCO despite there were no losses and their recovery was 90%. The Power Division informed the Committee that there was system short fall of 2819MW and 500MW load shedding per hour was there. The CEO, LESCO also informed that there was 1200MW of electricity shortage in LESCO. The CEO, FESCO informed that there was 800MW electricity short fall in FESCO. The CEO, IESCO informed that it was 500MW in IESCO. There was 430MW electricity shortfall in GEPCO and 1150MW in MEPCO.

- Promotions of regular-employees working in (LS-I) in PESCO

397. The Committee raised an issue regarding promotions of regular employees working in (LS-I) in PESCO for the last ten years. The promotion Board was held but PPMC said that they will be taken on lump sum. The CEO, PESCO while agreeing with the views of the Committee informed that there was an issue in this policy that new employees will be hired on contractual basis instead of regular one. He has already written a letter to MD, PPMC on 6th April, 2022 to clarify on it. The Power Division informed that the new policy will not be applied on the existing employees working in DISCOs. The CEO, PESCO further informed that PPMC has also issued a letter regarding the appointments & promotions of employees in DISCOs. The Committee showed its displeasure that earlier the Committee was informed that promotions & appointments will be made by DISCOs only at the handing over powers from PEPCO and PPMC will not have any role in it. The representative of PPMC informed the Committee that powers regarding HR were devolved to DISCOs on March, 2021. The DISCOs & their Boards are independent to take their own decisions regarding HR. The CEO, PESCO informed the Committee that MD, PPMC has written a letter that all future appointments must be made on contractual basis. The representative of PPMC informed that all DISCOs are authorized for appointment and promotions and PPMC has no more role in it. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to withdraw the letter issued by PPMC to PESCO and if any other DISCO regarding promotions, appointments & transfers of employees immediately.

- Electricity & load shedding of all feeders in all DISCOs from 1st March, 2022 to 23rd May, 2022.

398. The Power Division apprised the Committee in detail about the loss and load shedding on power feeders across the country. Regarding areas having 100% bill recovery and facing the issue of load shedding, the Power Division informed that all billing data was available with Power Information Technology Company (PITC). There must be some outages but schedule load shedding was only for one hour. The CEO, PESCO also informed that schedule of load shedding in Hayatabad, Peshawar was daily one hour (daytime) and one hour (night-time). The Committee observed that incumbent government has started uninterrupted electricity even on those feeders in SEPCO & HESCO where losses are 100 per cent. It stated that how these feeders operating in the express line which were not working in the past years. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that list of all Feeders operating in the country and its comparison with the month of March, 2022 & May, 2022 may be submitted to the Committee with comparison.

- Non-provision of six transformers for the area of Dir District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

399. The Committee raised an issue regarding the non-provision of six transformers for the area of Dir District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The CEO, PESCO assured the Committee that he will meet with Hon. Member and issue will be resolved soon. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended the CEO, PESCO to meet with Hon. Members Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan and Senator Haji Fida Muhammad to resolve their issues amicably.

- **Bidding of Taimur Hydel Power**

400. The Committee raised an issue regarding bidding of Taimur hydel power and government went against the bidding to the Court. The Power Division stated that Pakistan Energy Department Organization (PEDO) did the bidding process and there was already an agreement between the federal & provincial government on wheeling charges. It further informed that it was assumed on the transmission line of PESCO that wheeling will be done on it and 4 or 5 industries agreed on tariff through bidding process but the issue of wheeling was left as PEDO did not consult the federal government and the issue was still left to be resolved.

- **Non-participation of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) in the Committee meeting**

401. In a meeting held on 02-03-2023, the Committee showed its serious reservation over the non-participation of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Minister of State (Power Division) in the Committee meeting. The Committee stated that it has already wrote letters to Hon. Chairman Senate regarding continuous absence of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) from the Committee meetings. The issues related to the power sector are huge and needs to be discussed in the presence of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division). It suggested that Hon. Chairman Senate needs to be taken on board again on the issue of continuous non-participation of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) from the Committee meetings. It concluded that Members of the Committee will meet Hon. Chairman Senate in this regard.

- **Absence of the Chairman NEPRA from the Committee meeting**

402. In a meeting held on 05-09-2023, the Committee expressed serious concern over the absence of the Chairman, NEPRA from the Committee meeting. The Committee recommended Power Division to convey to Chairman NEPRA to attend and brief the Committee along with all its Members. It showed its serious reservations due to the recent situation of high inflated electricity bills which lead to civil disobedience and restlessness among the masses at large. The concerned officials must have attended the meeting today as these issues of larger public interest needs to be resolved in the presence of head of concerned departments.

403. In a meeting held on 26-09-2023, the Committee expressed serious reservations over the continuous absence of Chairman NEPRA and all its provincial members from the committee meetings. The Committee recommended D.G (Licensing) NEPRA to convey to Chairman NEPRA and its all provincial Members to attend & brief the Committee. The Committee also immediately sought details on the incumbency report of Additional Secretary, Power Division from January to December 2021 to determine as to why the Chairman NEPRA is absent from the Committee meeting today and also with regard to agenda item pertaining to illegal extension of KAPCO Power Plant. The Committee was of the view that issues of larger public importance interest to be resolved in the presence of Chairman, NEPRA and he must have attended the meeting today.

404. In a meeting held on 14-09-2023, the Committee showed its displeasure and shown their serious reservation and found that NEPRA was causing delays / hurdles in Committee business and was not complying in letter and spirit with the agendas and recommendations of the Committee. It unanimously decided that Committee meetings are held on issues of larger public interest and absence of officials like Chairman, NEPRA and all its provincial Members causes unnecessary delays and heavy expenses. This also breached the privilege of the Committee, therefore, the Members unanimously decided that the Chairman, NEPRA, alongwith provincial Members may be summoned in the next Committee meeting.

- **Installation of electricity meters in the area of Rehman Abad, Mardan**

405. The Committee raised an issue regarding installation of electricity meters in the area of Rehman Abad, Mardan. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, PESCO to resolve the issue within three days and issue the demand notice to the concerned applicants regarding installation of transformer and connections in concerned area and a report may also be submitted to the Committee. The Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to meet Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman regarding the issue of installation of electricity meters in the area of Rehman Abad, Mardan.

- **Provision of jobs to the candidates who qualified the recruitment test of PESCO**

406. The Power Division informed that earlier it was discussed in the Committee meetings that interviews were conducted for all posts and offer letter were not issued to the successful candidates but upon checking again on the matter interviews were earlier held for only for two posts. The Ministry again recommended PESCO to conduct the interviews for all posts. The interviews and recruitment process is completed and orders have been issued to all successful candidates. The Power Division further informed that Ministry received some complaints about the process last year and it was put on hold. After unfreezing of the process, the interviews were taken again and process is completed now. The Committee observed that recommendation of the Committee regarding the freezing of appointment process which was at the interview level and de-freezing by Federal Minister was a breach of privilege of Committee. After the detailed deliberations, the Committee expressed dissatisfaction over the replies of Power Division in the next Committee meeting related to the provisions of job to the candidates who qualified the recruitment test of PESCO, a letter will be written to FIA & NAB due to the involvement of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division), Secretary, Power Division, officials of Power Division and concerned CEOs of all DISCOs. Power Division to stop the joining of the 164 successful candidates in PESCO. CEO, PESCO to relieve the officials from PESCO and a copy of letter may be send to the Committee.

- **Policies addressing electricity theft and illegal "kunda" connections**

407. The Committee stated that earlier the issue of illegal kunda connections has been discussed in the Committee meeting and Committee recommended Power Division to regularize illegal Kunda connections and make policy for electricity theft. The Committee was informed that 78,000 cases had been registered, while complaint against 12,000 had been lodged across the

country. The Power Division informed that a draft Bill on the electricity theft control has been prepared by Power Division under which infrastructure of enforcement will be established across the country and special courts will be setup to hear complaints and give penalties.

408. The Committee stated that theft of electricity also includes employees of WAPDA. There is need to hold them accountable and recommended Power Division to initiate inquiry against employee and owner of City Bakers, Larkana. The Committee was of the view that employees of DISCOs are involved in the huge corruption and also facilitating people in power theft and nobody is making them accountable. It recommended Power Division to ensure that concerned SDO of the Sub-Division knows about the status of recovery and direct kunda connections in his Sub-Division. The Committee recommended Power Division to direct CEOs of all DISCOs to hold Khuli Kachehri (Open Courts) with consumers to solve their problems.

- Excessive electricity tariff charged by Bahria Town management from its consumers

409. The CEO, IESCO informed that main dispute is that Bahria Town Management is of the view that they are unable to regulate the electricity in the area and hence IESCO may take over and provide electricity to Bahria Town as Bahria Town has sub-standard system of electricity as compared to IESCO. A joint survey was also conducted by NEPRA and IESCO and it required around Rs. 5 - 7 billion to upgrade the electricity system of Bahria. NEPRA also gave an option to IESCO to upgrade the system to which CEO, IESCO refused. The NEPRA further gave another option of giving additional amount in tariff to IESCO to upgrade the electricity system of Bahria Town, which CEO, IESCO also refused. The CEO, IESCO has also challenged these options given by NEPRA in High Court, Islamabad.

- Termination of contractual services of Mr. Mukarram Jafri, General Manager, HR, NTDC

410. The GM, HR, NTDC, informed the Committee that Mr. Mukarram Jafri was appointed in March, 2022 as GM HR, in NTDC for the period of 03 years extendable with mutual consent; however, he was terminated by the BoD, NTDC, on 10th October, 2023, without stating any cause, without serving any warning letter, inquiry or personal hearing before termination. It was further briefed that in all the contractual agreements, it is clearly stated that the BoD, NTDC can terminate the services of any contractual employees without stating any cause as and when required. The Power Division assured the Committee that they will look into the matter and consider the request on the facts brought into the application regarding for some time period till his self-resignation or leave from department. Power Division will apprise the committee accordingly. Upon this, the Committee deferred the matter and recommended the Ministry to do the needful on facts brought before the Committee in the instant case, and report the Committee after reconsideration.

- **Non-provision of electricity to Bara Banda, Industrial Estate near Risalpur**

411. The Committee raised an issue related to non-provision of electricity to Bara Banda, Industrial Estate near Risalpur. It recommended Power Division to depute an officer to visit Bara Banda, Industrial Estate near Risalpur and report back to Committee before the next meeting.

412. The Committee raised an issue that **Khairpur district was still surrounded by flood water and pumping stations were not working properly.** The CEO, SEPCO informed that SEPCO has provided the electricity to those pumping stations but irrigation department, Sindh deals with pumping water out from the area. The Power Division informed that a National Flood Response and Coordination Centre has already been established at the federal level. The CEO, HESCO also informed that there are 44 feeders in HESCO on which there was zero load shedding. The districts includes Mirpur khas, Sehwan and Nawabshah. The Member did not agree with the views of the CEO, HESCO and stated that Left Bank Outfall Drain (LBOD) tube wells are still facing the issues of load shedding in these areas. The Committee recommended that CEO, HESCO may submit in written that there was no load shedding in the districts of Sehwan, Sanghar, Nawabshah, & Mirpur khas on the pumping stations.

CRITICAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

413. On the issue of fresh appointment of CEO, GHCL the Committee slammed the Power Division and its attached department / organisation for deliberately using delaying tactics in resolution of issues related to the power sector. The Committee took strong notice of the lack of interest of the Power Division in the discussion taking place in the Committee. He further asked as to whom the Board is answerable on which the Power Division was unanswerable. It seems that Board is above then Senate Standing Committee. The public sector power plants are closed on the recommendation of Board, but Board is unable to solve the issue on the recommendation of the Committee. The Committee will place a report in the House and then Federal Minister will reply that why the re-advertisement has not been made yet.

414. The Committee has shown their serious reservations and displeasure over the continuous absence of Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division without any intimation from the meetings. The Committee has observed that the Federal Minister has not attended the meetings held from 8th July, 2021 to 11th November, 2021 (total nine meetings) except the introductory meeting held on 24th June, 2021. The Secretary, Power division has not attended the Committee meetings held from 15th September, 2021 to 11th November, 2021 (last four meetings). The Committee also observed that the Secretary, Power Division was habitual of leaving the Committee meeting before conclusion of its business and putting every responsibility on BoDs which were under his shadow / control. The Committee in its meeting held on 11th November, 2021 unanimously decided that the Committee meetings are held on issues of larger public interest and needs to be discussed & solved in the presence of Federal Minister and Secretary, Power Division. This has breached the privilege of the Members of the Committee. The Committee also unanimously decided that the matter related to the continuous absence of Federal Minister for Energy & Secretary, Power Division to the Committee may please be to submitted to Hon. Chairman Senate for referring the matter to Senate Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges under Rule 70 (2) of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 and Senate Standing Orders 2, 13 for further discussion and action to be taken in this regard.

415. The Committee observed that government has a policy to make sure that Members of the Board must be appointed on merit. The Committee pointed out that Ms. Mehreen Khan was earlier working as Media Consultant in K-Electric. She had some issues with CEO-K-Electric and then she was transferred as a Media consultant in SEPCO. Same is the case with Chairman, SEPCO Mr. Abrar Ali, who is 82 years old and coming from Karachi to attend the meetings in Sukkur. The Committee asked as to why the retired people from SEPCO or other talented and experienced from Sukkur were not hired in the Board of SEPCO. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the details regarding the criteria in appointments to these Members of Board of Directors of all DISCOs and how same persons are working in more than one BoD in other cities.

416. The Committee was also of the view that Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 can be applied only in corporate side but not on public companies. The Committee wants these members to perform in their Boards. If there is any change required in

the law, the Committee will ensure to bring the amendment in the law. The Committee showed displeasure in view of the briefing made by Power Division. The Committee says that for the appointment of a Peon or daily wages, the advertisement is repeated 10 times but no interviews were taken for the appointments at higher level. The Committee further said that in SEPCO Board, the Chairman is of 82 years of age and SEPCO has no retired employee to be appointed as Chairman SEPCO. The whole department cannot be inefficient. The Power Division also admitted that there is no employee capable enough to be appointed as Member / Chairman of the SEPCO Board.

417. In a meeting held on 15th September, 2021, the Committee showed its serious concern that DISCOs are 100% state owned companies, then why the Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 are applied on them. The Chairman of Boards should not act like they are the kings of the company. The Power Division should write letter to BoDs to act according to the laws as they are bound to the Ministry. If the Committee takes any local level issue, they have been told that BoDs does not agree with it. The Chairman of Boards should work for the betterment of the Board and should not misuse their powers. These departments are the assets of government of Pakistan.

418. The Committee also showed its reservations that if the meeting would be in-camera, then the Committee would have shown that how the Chairman or Member of BoDs have been selected. The Committee decided that matter related to the behavior of the BoDs will also be discussed with the Prime Minister and Committee will refer these cases to NAB. The Chairman of Board was not the sole authority of the Board to decide, who even does not know how to run a Board.

419. The Committee observed that there were about 42 officials of BoDs from one DISCO (K-Electric), who were Chairmen / Members of the Board of Directors of various companies and as per the statement of Power Division in previous meeting that no one official from any DISCO was capable to be appointed as a Member of BoD / Chairman Board then how about 42 members became efficient from one DISCO (K-Electric) suddenly. Six members of the Board of Directors of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) are from K-Electric. This K-Electric will become East India Company for Power Division.

420. In a meeting held on 28th October, 2021, the Committee observed that earlier in Committee meetings, the Power Division stated that no retired officer was eligible enough to be a Member or Chairman of Board of Directors (BoDs) in DISCOs & GENCOs. The Committee has analyzed the CVs provided by the Power Division and it said that there were 42 members of K-Electric as members of different Boards. There are ten DISCOs and some of them are performing well but their Chairmen are from K-Electric. The Committee was of the view that they are afraid that one day these DISCOs will be privatized and will be handed over to K-Electric.

421. In a meeting held on 11th November, 2021, the Committee analyzed the CVs of the members and observed that how a banker can decide on the issues related to the power sector. Some of the members of BoDs have even breached the privilege and abused the

Parliamentarians as well. The Committee further observed that the CVs were analyzed in order to check why the performance of these de-licensing plants decreased from 4574MW to 2168MW. The Committee pointed out that Mr. Tabraiz Ahmed Shami who has prepared the independent inquiry report was also the member of BOD since 2016 then how he will make a transparent report. He also remained a lecturer then how he will run these power plants without having any expertise in this field and how he will prepare the independent inquiry report when he was a part of the Power Division system since long.

422. In a meeting held on 28th October, 2021, the Committee observed that deceased families of the latifabad incident have not received the compensation. It was amazing that BoD, HESCO & Officials does not have the funds for the three deceased families of Latifabad of total Rs. 15 lacs as per the commitment of Power Division in the very first meeting but the current BoD has made the expenditure more than Rs. 24 million from date of joining till date. In a meeting held on 9th December, 2021, the Committee further observed that since June, 2021 the Committee continuously recommended that deceased families of Latifabad incident must get the compensation of Rs. 5 lacs each and they are unable to receive as Board did not approved it then how come Board has approved Rs.33 lacs as a fee paid to the lawyers and where was the approval of the Board.

423. On the issue of revision of K-Electric agreement, the Committee observed that earlier the Committee asked about the status of revision of agreement with K-Electric. It was strange to know that the agreement was expired in 2015 and it was still not revised. The previous Chairman Committee of SSC on Power, Senator Haji Fida Muhammad also briefed the Committee with serious concern that the agreement was not revised throughout the tenure the previous Committee and this Committee was also pushing the matter since June, 2021 but Power Division was still unable to sign the revised agreement for which the Power Division gave commitment in the end of November, 2021. It seems that officials of Power Division are not interested to conclude their important issues / business on time and they are deliberately using the delaying tactics in this regard.

424. On the matter of illegal appointment of CFO, HESCO, the Committee observed that in a meeting held on 1st September, 2021, the Committee was informed that issue was discussed in the Board meeting held on 24th August, 2021 and again this matter will be considered in a meeting to be held on 1st September, 2021. The Committee showed its displeasure and said that why this new trend is emerging from the officials of the Power Division and its allied departments that they are committing in one meeting and then in the next Committee meeting, they are unable to response and informing about next due meeting after Committee meeting date. The Committee was of the opinion that Power Division and their departments are not interested in giving response to the Committee. It seems like the Board of Directors (BoDs) has been given authority, without any check and balance over them. The Committee was of the view that Ms. Hina Talpur was appointed as CFO, HESCO with the salary package of Rs. 7,00,000/- per month by previous Board. The Committee lamented how the department can give high paid salary to that employee who was taking salary upto Rs. 1.5 Lacs in same HESCO department before her appointment as CFO, HESCO and do not have the financial resources for compensation on those poor families who have lost their precious lives.

425. The Committee took notice of the exorbitant remuneration per meeting offered to BODs. The CEOs, SEPCO & PESCO informed that the fee of Board members has been increased to Rs 60,000 from Rs 35,000 per meeting, in addition to other incentives while CEOs, HESCO & QESCO informed that Rs. 35,000/- per meeting was taken by the members of their Boards. The Committee took serious notice and showed its displeasure that Rs. 60,000/- was paid to the members of BODs. The Committee shown its displeasure that it was violation of rules that how they are eligible to enhance their fee while being custodian of the concern departments. The Power Division must take action against these DISCOs and they must reduce their fee at Rs. 15,000/- per meeting.

426. The Committee further observed that as per law, they cannot enhance their allowance. Earlier, the CEO, HESCO provided the Committee about the total expenditure (Rs. 24 million) utilized within six months of the newly appointed Members of BODs. The Committee pointed out that as per data provided by Power Division, the total expenditure of the meetings of the newly appointed Member of the Board was Rs. 256 million and it was amazing that Prime Minister's Office expenditure is only Rs. 300 million of this financial year. The Committee has already exposed the BODs about their working, progress and efficiency and they are still unable to conduct any meeting regarding the implementation of recommendation of the Committee. It further shared with the Committee that FESCO was leading company in the recovery but the Chairman was from K-Electric. The Power Division must take action against them as there was no implementation on the recommendations of the Committee.

427. In a meeting held on 25th March, 2022, the Committee Members shared their serious reservations over the absence of officials of M/o Energy (Power Division) in the Committee meeting. The Committee shared that Power Division requested for appearance in a meeting alongwith officials with a delay of one hour. The Committee Members waited for the meeting was then called off. Further, In a meeting held on 28th March, 2022, the Committee showed its displeasure that Power Division was in a habit of sending letters regarding rescheduling of Committee meetings. The officials of Power Division must shun their non-serious attitude towards the Committee. Earlier, the Committee Notice was issued on 7th March, 2022 but the Ministry requested to reschedule it in the last week of March, 2022. The meeting was again rescheduled due to the arising political situation in the country and a revised Notice was issued for 25th March, 2022 but the officials of the Power Division did not showed up in the said Committee meeting. The Committee stated that if the Power Division was not available then A:S Power Division must have attended the meeting to discuss the House Business. The Power Division tendered an apology on behalf of the Power Division to the Committee, which was accepted by the Committee and assured that it will not happen again.

428. Regarding the illegal extension of KAPCO Power Plant, the Committee was of the view that earlier the Chairman, NEPRA briefed the Committee that illegal extension was given in the contract of KAPCO for 16 months without the permission of NEPRA and Cabinet approved it. The Committee observed that it is amazing that how KAPCO & other IPPs are not falling in the jurisdiction of NEPRA. The Committee was of the view that on which basis IPPs are receiving payments from Power Division so this is not acceptable to the Committee. The Committee stated that KAPCO (1345MW) is installed on gas and operates on dual energy. The

closed Muzafargarh power plant is 50km away from KAPCO. The Committee stated that gas is available for KAPCO but not for Muzafargarh power plant. It was the first IPP whose agreement was expired in June, 2021 and was given illegal extension till October, 2022. The Committee observed that it is the priority of Power Division that IPPs may be given RLNG instead of Muzaffargarh Power Plant. Power Division is the head of public sector power plants in a country and it will provide fuel to these power plants. It stated that rehabilitation work must have been started instead of closing these power plants.

429. The Committee stated that three power plants (Bhikki Power Plant, Balloki Power Plant and Haveli Bahadur Shah Power Plant) were installed about near to Lahore in 2016 and completed in 2018. The RLNG was available from Karachi and Jamshoro Power Plant was not provided with the same. The Committee is of the view that what was the policy adopted by Power Division to closed these public sector power plants. Why the officials of Power Division did not discourage it. Again, it was malafide intention of Power Division that they are providing RLNG for Bhikki Power Plant, Balloki Power Plant and Haveli Bahadur Shah Power Plant which are at distance from Karachi about 1500km and passing from Indus Highway / National Highway but they are not providing the same RLNG to Jamshoro Power Plant which is about at 150km from Karachi and on Indus Highway at Jamshoro.

430. The Committee observed that previous Chairman, NEPRA also admitted in the Committee meetings that NEPRA did not know about the illegal extension given to KAPCO Power Plant. It was the first IPP whose contract was expired in June, 2021 and illegal extension was given till October, 2022. If the illegal extension had not been given then amount must have been utilized for the benefit of the people of Pakistan. There are other IPPs which are not working and electricity is also not produced by them despite receiving capacity payment. If KAPCO Power Plant was closed then other power plants must have been must have been given a priority and operated. It is also a huge loss to Government of Pakistan that it had paid capacity payment to those power plants and electricity was not also produced by them.

431. In a meeting held on 13-10-2022, the Committee observed maintained that further extension in contract of KAPCO may not be given otherwise the case will be referred to NAB for further inquiry in it. The Committee further added that why NEPRA did not take any action against this huge irregularity of Power Division and even did not send any letter to CPPA-G or report to the higher authority which is Cabinet & Govt. of Pakistan. The NEPRA issued the letters after matter was taken up by the Committee and NEPRA & Power Division has committed this high level irregularity which has been done deliberately and in favour of expired IPP where NEPRA & Power Division is going to close the public sector power plants rapidly.

432. Regarding proposal / brief for revised terms & conditions for improving the working and responsibilities of BODs in public sector companies, the Committee stated that Committee reviewed the appointment procedure and expenditure of all BoDs including all new BoDs of DISCOs & GENCOs along with their CVs & criteria. Initially, the expenditure of those BoDs was more than Rs. 256 million in one year which was about equivalent to the Budget of Prime Minister office (Rs. 300 million) FY. 2021-22. There were huge irregularities in appointment of Members of BoDs. The Committee concluded that 90% of the Members were

non-technical and not related to the concerned field. They were appointed on political / pick & choose basis. The provided CVs were on the same performa. Most Members were related to the field of CNG / petrol pumps, Real Estate and developing societies. This was the main cause of deterioration of power sector. The Committee recommended to remove these Member of BoDs. GEPCO has reduced remuneration to Rs. 35,000/- which was appreciated by the Committee.

433. Regarding implementation status of three letters issued by Power Division on 31-03-2022, the Committee observed that department was in a habit of using delaying tactics in implementation of the recommendation of the Committee. The same BoD members are working in these Boards since 2002. The plant was damaged in February, 2021 and earlier, it was informed that agreement was signed with GE in 2014 and \$5 million was paid for the maintenance of the plant per year. In the previous Committee meetings, CEO, GENCO-II said that repair work will be done by the GENCO-II but the Committee was of the view that GE was responsible and will pay for it. Mr. Tabraiz Ahmed Shami earlier prepared the inquiry report and said that GENCO-II will pay for the damage of the plant. He is working as a member of Board, GHCL and also having a charge of Chairman, BoD GENCO-III. The Committee was of the view that how he will decide against the management and officers as he is a beneficiary of that management. It further stated that the previous Secretary, Power Division, Mr. Ali Raza Bhutta also used delaying tactics in implementation of the recommendations of the Committee. The new inquiry report was submitted to the Committee only by the efforts of Syed Asif Hyder Shah, former Secretary, Power Division.

434. Regarding the Appointment of new CEO, GHCL, the Committee observed that in the last Committee meeting, the Power Division stated that Power Division will take action against former CEO, GHCL due to his mis-commitments to the Committee and deterioration of these public sector power plants. He was sitting illegal in GHCL since July, 2021. The Committee shared that Power Division sent the summary in April, 2021 with the recommendation of BoD that he may be allowed to continue on this post for one year or till the appointment of new CEO, GHCL due to his best performance. The department claimed in the last meeting that due to his inefficiency, the department will take action against him. The Committee showed its serious concern that how he was efficient a year ago. The BoD was also appointed by him. It further stated that CEO, GHCL does not even want to share the report of independent inquiry Committee. The repeated dates were given to him but he was unable to provide the report to the Committee. The High Court, Sindh removed him from the post and passed Order that CEO must be an Engineer. The Cabinet approved that he can work till the appointment of next CEO. When CEO, GENCO-I, Mr. Tanveer Ahmed Jafri, had the charge, he took the stay order from the Supreme Court of Pakistan in August, 2021. Even when court restore him he cannot join GHCL. It was a total violation of rules and asserted the need for stringent action by the Ministry against any irregularity.

435. Regarding illegal appointment of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as Deputy Managing Director (SO), NTDC, the Committee observed that there are two DMDs from same department and paid Rs. 3,50,000/- and Rs. 18,30,000/- per month. The Committee stated that local GM must have been hired and given priority for this new post. One GM has served till the age of 58 years NTDC and how come the new DMD (SO), NTDC will match him in the market.

One GM from NTDC must have been promoted for this post. The Committee termed it as unjustified with the other sitting GMs & officials of the Power Division. It showed that there was an irregularity and post was created in order to accommodate someone.

436. The Committee observed that matter was discussed several times in the Committee meeting. In the Committee meeting of Jan, 2022, the issue related to the appointment of MD, NTDC and newly created post of DMD (SO) NTDC was discussed at length along with the age criteria for the post of MD, NTDC. The Power Division stated that decision about age criteria must be left with BoDs as HR manuals are different in every BoDs. The Committee while disagreeing with the views of Power Division stated that advertisement for the post of MD, NTDC was published after the resignation of Mr. Aizaz Ahmed. He left after one month and acting charge was given to Mr. Manzoor Ahmed for six months and even his retirement was due before six months. The new advertisement for the post of MD, NTDC published in December, 2021 with the age limit of 58 years instead of 62 years. The post of DMD (SO) was also created despite Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala also remained the Member of BoD, NTDC and there was a conflict of interest. It objected that while serving a Member of BoD, how come he became an employee of NTDC.

437. Regarding recruitment Process of Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as DMD (AD&M) NTDC, the Committee observed that earlier Mr. Manzoor Ahmed was paid with the pay package of Rs. 3,800,00/- per month till 15-05-2022 and when he joined on 16-05-2022 as DMD, NTDC he was given a pay package of Rs. 18,300,00/- per month. It further stated that it was a violation of rules that how he continued after his retirement. The officials on these seats are appointed on pick and choose basis. The energy sector is destroyed because of wrong policies adopted by Power Division. The energy sector cannot be functional on adhoc basis.

438. Regarding the absence of Officials of Power Division from Committee meeting, the Committee showed its displeasure that Power Division was in a habit of sending letters regarding rescheduling of Committee meetings. The officials of Power Division must shun their non-serious attitude towards the Committee. Earlier, the Committee Notice was issued on 7th March, 2022 but the Ministry requested to reschedule it in the last week of March, 2022. The meeting was again rescheduled due to the arising political situation in the country and a revised Notice was issued for 25th March, 2022 but the officials of the Power Division did not showed up in the said Committee meeting. It stated that if the Secretary, Power Division was not available then A.S Power Division must have attended the meeting to discuss the House Business. The Power Division tendered an apology on behalf of the Power Division to the Committee, which was accepted by the Committee and assured that it will not happen again.

439. While discussing the Jamshoro Coal Power Project (Lot-I & Lot-II), the Committee stated that earlier in the Committee meetings, it was discussed that they are of the same technology and cost as compared to the other plants like Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, Port Qasim Power Plant & HUBCO Power Plant. The cost wise comparison is Sahiwal Coal Power Plant \$1.782 billion, Port Qasim Power Plant \$1.983 billion and HUBCO Power Plant \$ 2 billion. When LOT-I & LOT-II with the expenditure was only \$1.27 billion in Jamshoro Power Plant will be started than there will be difference of about \$0.8 billion. It was the main cause that

project was not started yet. Who was responsible for the front loading of the Sahiwal Power Plant, Port Qasim Power Plant & HUBCO Power Plant. The difference of amount \$ 0.8 billion should be recovered from the concerned official involved in the agreement of above three power plants.

440. While discussing on Privatization of K-Electric, the Committee stated that agenda has not been discussed earlier as CEO, K-Electric did not attend the Committee meetings for the last eight months. It observed that it showed that how they are powerful enough to not attend the Committee meetings. It was a first DISCO which was privatized. Earlier, the Committee was told that it is a private DISCO which is portrayed as a sacred cow and cannot be discussed in the Committee meetings. Then it was observed after the discussion on K-Electric Board that Mr. Naveed Ismail is also working as a Member in K-Electric Board and government of Pakistan has also 24% share in it. The Committee stated that it wants Power Division to have a control over K-Electric because Government of Pakistan has 24% shares in it.

441. Regarding status of recovery of amount from GE in light of letters issued by Power Division, the Committee observed that an amount of Rs. 10.8 billion had to be recovered from GE but the department paid P.O of \$32 million after the issuance of three letters. The Committee was informed that P.O of \$30 million equivalent to Pak. Rupees was paid to GE on 25th May, 2022. Initially, the payment was in US Dollars and later it was paid in Pak. Rupees. The Committee showed its displeasure that GENCO-II has made the payment against the orders issued by Power Division and stressed that the amount may be recovered from GE. The Committee observed that if Ministry has given the approval for the payment then why Ministry has issued those three letters to GENCO-II. It was of the opinion that GENCO-II must have upheld the payment. The Committee demanded the letter from the Power Division for giving approval to GENCO-II regarding the release of payment against P.O of \$32 million to the Committee.

442. The Committee further observed that Syed Tahir Nawazish Chairman, BoD, GENCO-II and Dr. Tabrez Aslam Shami are also the members at multiple Boards. Earlier, Dr. Tabrez Aslam Shami prepared the inquiry report in which it was stated that GE will not pay the amount for the damage of 747MW (GT-14). The Committee recommended that a new independent inquiry report may be prepared and action may be taken against officials who are responsible for the damaged of 747MW (GT-14). Due to the non-cooperation and non-serious behaviour of the Power Division, the Committee is unable to resolve the issues of larger public interest. The Committee expressed its serious reservations that who is responsible for release of payment against P.O of \$32 million and under which authority GENCO-II has issued the payment to GE.

443. Regarding the recovery from M/s GE regarding damage of 747MW (GT-14) Power Plant, the Committee observed that these public sector power plants were on top on Economic Merit Order. The power Plant was damaged in February, 2021. There was no C.E working at Guddu thermal power plant at that time rather one S.E was working there who also hold the additional charge of the Chief Engineer. The Power Plant was damaged due to the unavailability of technical staff in GENCO-II. One S.E out of 8 S.Es was working at GENCO-II.

It was the will & dis-will of the previous CEO, GHCL for not promoting the technical staff in all GENCOs. The merit must have been followed in this regard. The BoDs must be made powerful for the betterment of the power sector. Still no action has been taken against C.E. GENCO-II. Earlier, Mr. Niaz Memon, CTO, GHCL briefed the Committee that GHCL was established for the betterment of the public sector power plants and to increase the efficiency. The installed capacity of GENCOs was 4574MW in 2011 and it was 2168MW in June, 2021. GHCL remained failure because there was no improvement in the public sector power plants. The Committee observed that Mr. Muhammad Imran Mian must have been suspended by Power Division instead of GHCL as he was wholly-soly responsible for deterioration of public sector power plants.

445. Regarding massive power breakdown across the country occurred on 23-01-2023, the Committee observed that if there was an issue of gas in TPS Faisalabad then it may have been operated on diesel and generators. Earlier, the Committee recommended Muzafargarh Power Plant to be operated again instead of KAPCO Power Plant whose extension in agreement expired on 24-10-2022. The KAPCO Power Plant has surplus gas and Muzafargarh Power Plant is about 38Km away from KAPCO Power Plant. The Committee observed that KAPCO Power Plant was operated only to give impression that it was used for black start facility during electricity black out. The Power Division does not rely on the national assets of the country and it is surprising that KAPCO Power Plant was considered for black start instead of re-expiry of agreement but public sector power plants TPS Faisalabad and Kotri Power Plant were not considered for black start and reason provided by MD, NTDC that these are de-licensed power plants. If these power plants were considered by department then it might be taken 2-3hrs for black start instead of 48 hrs. Again, it seems that Power Division is operating their system on like, dislike & pick and choose basis even in this type of huge disaster.

446. The Committee further observed that it has been six months that Ministerial Committee was constituted and further four more Committees are constituted afterwards. The Senate Standing Committee on Power still does not know where the issue arise and who was responsible for it. The Committee was not satisfied with the answers given by the Power Division. It observed that Power Division may be knowing about the fault but does not want to share with the Committee. The Committee stated that initially the Standing Committee on Power also gave its recommendation to form an internal departmental Committee but Power Division did not paid any heed to it. The Cabinet also recommended the same to Power Division to form departmental inquiry Committee. If the Committee is not satisfied with the replies of the Power Division then matter will be sent to the FIA & NAB for further investigation.

447. Regarding the continuous absence of CEO, K-Electric from the Committee meetings, the Committee stated that Committee recommended in its last meeting that if CEO, K-Electric will not attend the next Committee meeting then matter related to continuous absence of CEO, K-Electric from the Committee meetings will be referred to Senate Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges. The instructions of the Committee were also conveyed to the CEO, K-Electric. The K-Electric has also written a letter to the Committee in which there was no concrete reason mentioned about the absence of the CEO, K-Electric from the Committee meeting. The Committee showed its serious reservations over the non-serious behaviour of CEO,

K-Electric towards the Committee. It said that Power Division was responsible to ensure the presence of the CEO, K-Electric in a meeting.

448. The Committee observed that officials of K-Electric are not attending the Committee meetings without solid reasonings. The Committee unanimously decided that letter may be written to Hon. Chairman Senate for issuance of Summen Notice to CEO, K-Electric to attend the next Committee meeting. After mutual consensus of the Committee, it wrote a letter to the Hon. Chairman Senate with the request to issue the summon notice to CEO, K-Electric. The Committee unanimously decided that matter relating to continuous absence of CEO, K-Electric may be sent to Senate Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Shifting of NTDC Headquarters from Lahore to Islamabad

1. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD, NTDC to provide the information related to the total strength of officers working in NTDC Headquarter, Lahore in the next Committee meeting.
2. The Committee recommended shifting the headquarters of NTDC to Islamabad from Lahore, so that the affairs of the Company can be easily managed.
3. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against the NTDC Board over the non-implementation of the recommendation related to issue of shifting of NTDC Head office from Lahore to Islamabad and dissolve it immediately.
4. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to prepare a proposal regarding the shifting of NTDC office from Lahore to Islamabad and submit to the Committee.
5. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended GM (HR), NTDC to provide the province wise list of total employees working in NTDC along with their designation in the next Committee meeting.

Construction of 220KV Grid Station at Larkana

6. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD, NTDC to provide an update on the pending proposal of construction of 220KV Grid Station at Larkana in the next Committee meeting.
7. The Committee unanimously recommended that project of 220KV Grid Station at Larkana is the need of the area at the right side of River Indus main at Larkana and recommended MD NTDC to include it in the current financial year as early as possible basis. The Committee recommended MD NTDC to give the exact date of opening of this project on the next Committee meeting. The Committee also decided and recommended that due to this delay in the project, the current cost of the project should be shared with the Committee in the next Committee meeting.
8. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD, NTDC to provide the details of the sites selected / proposed for the installation of proposed 220KV grid station in Larkana to the Committee in next Committee meeting.

9. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD, NTDC to immediately arrange the funds for tendering process from the share of Government of Pakistan (Rs. 2443 million).
10. The Committee recommended MD, NTDC that NTDC team should visit the site of 220KV proposed grid station at Larkana and it must be at undisputed place so that there should no hurdle in acquiring the land and construction of the project.
11. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD, NTDC to take action against officials of P&D department as why their finding went wrong for the proposed 220KV Grid Station at Larkana and report must be submitted in this regard. The Committee also recommended that tendering process must be completed before June, 2022 and expenditure details related to the length of boundary wall and land acquisition and other expenses must be submitted before next Committee meeting.
12. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended NTDC that proposed project site of construction of 220KV proposed Grid Station in Larkana under NTDC was on Ratodero Larkana Road as finalized and briefed in previous meeting by MD, NTDC must be started from the share of GoP and tendering process for boundary wall must be started by June, 2022 instead of new site with the proposed budgetary allocation of Rs. 950 million (FY 2022-23) as finalized in the Committee meeting held on 23-02-2022 regarding PSDP of the Ministry for the financial 2022-2023.

Circular Debt and IPPs

13. The Committee unanimously decided to have a detailed briefing on the issue of increase in Circular Debt and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in the next Committee meeting.
14. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power division to provide the copies of IPPs agreements in the next Committee meeting.
15. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide the complete details related to Circular Debt payable to IPPs, payable by GENCOs to fuel suppliers and total amount parked at PHL for the year 2019-2020 & 2020-21 in the next Committee meeting.
16. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the breakup of the details related to the payable to the IPPs, GENCOs and PHL in the next Committee meeting. The Committee also recommended that complete details related to the recoveries from departments (break-up) which caused circular debt may also be provided to the Committee.
17. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that a progress report / update of the report of the Special Committee on Circular debt be given to the

Committee in the next Committee meeting. The Committee also decided to review the report presented under the Chairmanship of Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak regarding Circular debt and Lakhra Thermal Power Plant.

18. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the complete breakup of payable amount year wise from June 2008 to June 2021 of circular debt in the next Committee meeting.
19. The Committee unanimously decided that IPPs projects under CPEC will be discussed in-camera in the next Committee meeting. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CFO, CPPA-G to provide the list of owners of IPPs projects along with agreements within three days to the Committee.
20. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CPPA-G that details of capacity payment & energy payment made to all IPPs since date of start till date in tabular form including Tariff & equity must be submitted in the next Committee meeting.
21. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CPPA-G to provide detail of capacity payment received by IPPs in maintenance period since start. IPPs may take the capacity payment in case they are operational and Power Division may take action in this regard.
22. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the IPPs original and negotiating agreement to the Committee along with a report prepared by Mr. Muhammad Ali, sitting Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division).
23. CEO, CCPA-G to provide the details of circular debt related to the residential & commercial & industry to the Committee.
24. Power Division to provide report about fixation of dollar rate at Rs. 168 with IPPs to the Committee.
25. Power Division to provide the break-up of all 07 components mentioned for Power Generation. Power Division to provide the list of commissioned 136 IPPs along with estimated cost and further division of public sector and private plants in IPPs to the Committee.
26. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman NEPRA to provide the detail of Tariff of all IPPs in the next Committee meeting.

Renewal of agreement between Govt. of Pakistan and K-Electric

27. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the copy of Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) in the next Committee meeting.
28. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Secretariat to write a letter to Power Division with regard to Share Purchase Agreement signed in 2005.
29. The Committee recommended CEO, K-Electric to share the correspondence made with Power Division over the issue of renewal of agreement since 2015.
30. The Committee recommended CEO, CCPA-G to provide all the correspondence related to the expiration / renewal of agreement to the Committee.
31. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to finalize the agreement between K-Electric and Government of Pakistan on as soon as possible basis as already a new task force has been headed by Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi since June, 2022 to resolve issues / disputes related to K-Electric.

Pending payment of Circular Debt towards K-Electric

32. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, K-Electric to provide the documents along with the breakup of dues to K-Electric which has to pay back to Federal government and now has been placed in circular debt since 2008.
33. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that Rs. 43 billion must be paid to the Government by K-Electric which is pending since 2008.
34. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to recover the amount of Rs. 53 billion from K-Electric within 15 days.
35. The Committee will also discuss component wise receivables from Government of Pakistan including Tariff Differential Claims, KSWB, Government of Sindh and other federal & provincial entities in the next Committee meeting.
36. The CEO, K-Electric to provide the implementation agreement in the next Committee meeting.
37. The CEO, K-Electric to provide one pager brief on the demands of SSGC and provincial government of Sindh to the Committee.
38. The CEO, K-Electric to submit a detail report regarding the receivables from other federal & provincial entities receivables to the Committee.
39. The CEO, K-Electric that details of increase of Rs. 175 billion added in the receivables from Government of Pakistan may be submitted to the Committee.

40. The Power Division to fix the responsibility on the concerned officials who were unable to take the payment of circular debt Rs. 43 billion from K-Electric in 2008 (Initial year of Circular Debt).
41. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended K-Electric to pay the pending dues of circular debt Rs. 50 billion to Govt. of Pakistan since 2008 (starting year of circular debt) unless & until the rest of the amount may be finalized.
42. The Committee recommended Power Division to bring a cheque of Rs 51 billion from K-Electric in favour of government of Pakistan in the next meeting.
43. The Committee recommended CEO, CCPA-G to submit the deduction clause at source in written form to the Committee along with covering letter. CEO, CCPA-G to provide the component wise detail of Rs. 404 billion of K-Electric to the Committee. CEO, CCPA-G to provide the component wise detail of Rs. 464 billion of Government of Pakistan (with break up) to the Committee.
44. CEO, CPPA-G to provide the sheet of opening balance Rs. 37.9 billion to K-Electric to the Committee. CEO, CPPA-G to provide the details related to the dues to be paid by K-Electric to Government of Pakistan since starting year to the Committee.
45. The Committee recommended Power Division to recover due amount of about Rs. 43 billion from K-Electric but Power Division is not serious in recovering the amount from K-Electric.

Compensation to be given to deceased families of Latifabad, Hyderabad incident

46. The Committee unanimously decided that compensation should be given to deceased families of Latifabad, Hyderabad incident and a report to be share with the Committee in the next Committee meeting.
47. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to ensure that deceased families must receive the compensation without any further delay and a letter must be written to HESCO Board in this regard. The Power Division recommended CEO HESCO to get approval from BODs of this matter and also these type of matters for future as well.
48. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that issues related to the compensation given to the deceased families to latifabad incident must be resolved within two weeks otherwise the case will be referred to NAB or FIA.
49. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that Rs. 5 lac as compensation and recommended by CEO, HESCO must be given to the deceased families of the Latifabad incident.

Appointment of new CEO, GHCL

50. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to revise and issue fresh advertisement for the post of CEO, GENCO Holding Company and in eligibility criteria engineering degree should be mentioned only. The Committee also demanded that any additional education should not be mentioned in the basic criteria of the education.
51. The Committee unanimously recommended that Power Division should provide an update to the Committee within two weeks on the matter related to revising and issuing of fresh advertisement for the post of CEO, GENCO Holding Company Limited.
52. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended acting CEO, GHCL to provide a letter to the Committee regarding issuance of fresh advertisement within a week.
53. The Committee unanimously decided that a report on the issuance of new advertisement for the post of CEO, GHCL and attitude, false statements regarding other matters made by the Secretary and officials of the Power Division will be laid in the House.
54. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide an update on the appointment of new CEO, GHCL.
55. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that complete the appointment process for the post of new CEO, GHCL must be submitted to the Committee. The Committee further decided and recommended Power Division that process for the post of new CEO, GHCL must be continued and new advertisement must be cancelled.
56. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Secretary, Power Division to submit the summary of BoD, GHCL alongwith with the names of shortlisted candidates for the post of new CEO, GHCL and their CVs to the Committee and new CEO, GHCL may be appointed within one months as per their commitment.
57. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that matter related to the appointment of the new CEO, GHCL may be resolved within two weeks' time and new Members of BoD, GHCL may be appointed.
58. The Committee recommended Power Division to send the name of short listed candidates' alongwith their CVs to the Committee and again write letters to the remaining five departments and share copies of the letters with the Committee. The Committee also recommended Power Division to send the summary related to the

appointment of new CEO, GHCL to Cabinet for approval and Power Division committed that they will send a summary on 17th October, 2022 to Cabinet.

59. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended GHCL to share the names of shortlisted candidates for the post of CEO, GHCL with the Committee.
60. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended GHCL to scrap the advertisement for the post of CEO, GHCL and re-advertising the post with qualification requirement as combination of both the degrees/diploma Engineering and Business Administration. In case the company already has a CFO with required qualification, the only degree to be preferred is that of "Engineering". The Committee also recommended Power Division to write a letter to GHCL that post of CEO, GHCL is technical and engineer must be hire for the said post.
61. Power Division to give an acting charge of CEO, GHCL to any sitting officer of Power Division. Power Division to recall or scrape the advertisement related to appointment of CEO, GHCL.

GHCL

62. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide a comprehensive report on the purpose of establishment and achievements of GENCO Holding Company so far to the Committee in the next Committee Meeting.
63. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended acting CEO, GHCL to provide a comprehensive detail report related to the targets sets and achieved by the GHCL in the next Committee meeting in the light of discussions held in meeting dated 5th August, 2021.
64. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to provide the comparison sheet regarding salaries & other expenditure in all GENCOs of Rs. 5 billion with Rs. 15 billion within one week to the Committee.
65. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that Power Division must take action against the Board of GENCOs as some members were sitting on the Boards for the last one decade not interested for the business of GENCO-II.
66. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that members of Board GENCO-II must be removed within two weeks and action must be taken against them as they are the main reason for the deterioration of the power plants.

67. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against CEO, GHCL and other officials on their mis-commitments to the Committee.

Illegal appointment of CFO, HESCO

68. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO HESCO to provide the complete details in case of appointment of Hina Talpur as CFO-HESCO in the next Committee meeting.
69. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to write a letter to Chairman, HESCO Board to take action within a week and apprise the Committee regarding the issue of appointment of Ms. Hina Talpur as CFO-HESCO in the next Committee meeting.
70. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to remove CFO, HESCO from the post within two weeks' time and take action against the Board of HESCO on her illegal appointment and illegal support.
71. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against the illegal appointment of the CFO, HESCO.
72. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against illegal appointment of Ms. Hina Talpur as CFO, HESCO, otherwise, the matter will be referred to FIA & NAB through Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

BODs of all the concerned Companies / departments under Power Division

73. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the list of all the members of BoDs of DISCOs, GENCOs, NTDC and others within two days to the Committee.
74. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the details regarding the criteria in appointments of the Members of Board of Directors of all DISCOs in the next Committee meeting.
75. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the details related to the total expenditure in the form of statement of all the Boards in DISCOs, GENCOs, NTDC and other departments from date of appointment in Boards till date related to the energy sector in the next Committee meeting. The Committee also decided and recommended that resumes of all members of Board along with hiring of the members must be submitted to the Committee in the next Committee meeting.

76. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to share the details of the expenditure of BODs meetings from the tenure of newly appointed BoDs in the next Committee meeting.
77. The Committee unanimously decided that a report on the appointments / procedure of members of Board of Directors (BoDs) their working and hurdles created by Members of BODs with the malafide of officials of the Power Division will be laid in the House.
78. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, HESCO and other CEOs of departments under Power division to provide the information related to the newly appointed BODs meetings and their expenses in the next Committee meeting.
79. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action on BODs of all Power Division over their non-compliance deliberately and delaying tactics of the Committee recommendation.
80. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that local officials and residents should be given preference as Chairman / member BoD and at a time one official should be appointed as member of one BoD.
81. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that Power Division must not recommend non-technical persons to be the members of the Boards. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that technical persons must be hired while constituting these Boards. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that a special report on the working of BODs in DISCOs, GENCOs and whole Power Division will also be laid down in the Senate House.
82. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the details of newly appointed members of BODs alongwith with their expenditure and number of meetings held till date.
83. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against Members who were members of Board since 2002 in Power Division which is against the rules.
84. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the details relating to the expenditure of newly appointed BoDs in Power Division along with number of meetings held in the next Committee meeting.
85. Power Division to submit the list of all Members of BoDs in the next Committee meeting. The Committee unanimously decided to constitute a Sub-Committee to be headed by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz as Convener and Senators Fida Muhammad and Haji Hidayatullah Khan as Members of the Sub-Committee with the terms of reference to review the appointment procedures regarding newly illegal appointed

BoDs along with their CVs and illegal / non-experience Members of BoDs should be removed. Power Division to provide the update and action taken against these illegal and non-experience BoDs.

86. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the complete procedure notifications & CVs of the newly appointed Members of BoDs of MEPCO & GEPCO and provide the complete correspondence including summaries of MEPCO & GEPCO to the Committee.

Increase in Board Fee

87. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to review the meeting allowance and revise it to 15,000/- instead of 60,000/- alongwith permission to hold meeting twice a month in all BODs of Power Division.
88. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to convey to all CEOs of DISCOs to submit the Minutes of the meeting about increased in the Board fee.
89. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to withdraw increase in the fee and recover the entire amount from the Board of Directors, which has been paid to them in the last months. The Power Division must take action and report to the Committee. The Committee also recommended PPMC to take action against concerned CEOs as well and if no action taken by Power Division then the action will be taken against concerned officials of Power Division alongwith CEOs & BoDs through Chairman Senate of Pakistan & FIA & NAB.
90. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to implement these recommendations within two weeks otherwise CEOs must be removed as well. A letter must be issued by the Power Division in this regard.
91. The Committee appreciated the efforts of CEO, GEPCO regarding reduction in Board fee from Rs. 60000/- to Rs. 35000/- and decided to issue an appreciation letter on behalf of the Committee.
92. The Committee also decided and recommended Power Division especially CEO, QESCO to stop the Board fee & TA&DA taken by Members of the Board. The CEO, QESCO committed to stop the Board fee & TA&DA taken by Members of the Board. The Committee also decided and recommended Power Division to write letter to FIA & NAB regarding inefficiency of the Boards and send a copy of the letter to Committee within two weeks' time.

Promotion of Technical Staff in all GENCOs

93. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD GHCL to submit the promotion committed schedule for the staff of GENCOs in the next Committee meeting.
94. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL that written update must be provided on the issue of promotion in GENCOs of Engineers within seven days at the office of the Chairman Committee.
95. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CTO, GHCL to convey the date of promotion Board for S.Es to the Committee within three days.
96. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that if sanctioned posts are not abolished then S.Es must be given promotion within 15 days' time.
97. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that promotion Board must be conducted for graduate Engineers in one month's time.
98. The Committee recommended Power Division & CEO, GHCL that information related to the MSC promotions in GENCOs and sanctioned posts of C.E, S.Es & XEN must be submitted to the Committee.

Revised Promotion policy for Graduate Engineers from LS-II to SDO in Power Division

99. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended all CEOs of DISCOs that approval must be taken from their respective BODs within 15 days' time and promotions must be made accordingly.
100. The Committee unanimously decided and all CEOs of the DISCOs to approve the revised promotion policy for graduate engineers by 15th June, 2022 and ensure to promote those eligible employees within one months' time.
101. CEOs IESCO and TESCO to increase the quota of revised promotion policy for graduate Engineers by 20% within one week. CEO, IESCO to increase the quota of revised promotion policy for graduate Engineers by 5th January, 2023. CEO, HESCO to implement the recommendation by 20th January, 2023. Power Division to take action against BoD, MEPCO for not implementing the recommendation of the Committee. CEO, MEPCO to implement the recommendation within one week. Power Division to take action against BoD, SEPCO for not implementing the recommendation of the Committee. Power Division to write a letter to all DISCOs regarding the implementation of the recommendation of the Committee. The Power Division assured the Committee that compliance will be made before next Committee meeting.

102. The Committee recommended all CEOs of DISCOs to sought the permission from Secretary, Power Division and finalize the revised promotion policy for graduate engineers from LS-II to SDO from their respective DISCOs within 15 days as per decided in the Committee meeting.
103. The Committee recommended all CEOs of DISCOs and officials of other departments working under Power Division to implement the recommendation of the Committee regarding promotion of Graduate Engineers from LS-II to SDO in overall Power Division by 15th October, 2022 and notifications must be submitted to Committee. The Power Division committed to implement by 15th October, 2022 in all DISCOs and other departments working under Power Division.
104. The Committee recommended CEOs, TESCO, FESCO & GEPCO to share the notification regarding the implementation of recommendation on promotion of Graduate Engineers from LS-II to SDO in all DISCOs and Power Division to implement this matter in all allied departments before next Committee meeting.

Promotion of SEs in GENCOs

105. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that promotions of SEs in GENCOs must be made within 15 days' time.
106. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against management of GHCL & CPGCL along with members of BoDs in the matter of non-compliance of the recommendations of the Committee. The Committee further recommended Power Division that S.Es must be promoted as per sanctioned posts and as per commitment in previous meetings instead of pick & choose basis and malafide intentions.
107. The Power Division recommended CEO, GHCL to submit the working paper regarding the promotion of C.Es & S.Es in all GENCOs within one week as per seniority, vacancies and rules. The acting CEO, GHCL agreed to finalize the promotions from S.Es to C.Es in this month.
108. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that S.E promotions for M.Sc and Ph.D. needs to be reviewed and promotion process of S.Es must be completed within 15 days.
109. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended all CEOs of DISCOs to take permission from Power Division and meeting of BoD must be called immediately to address the issue of promotions and up gradation of posts in all DISCOs. It was amazing that the view of department regarding so called supremacy of BoDs has been proved that BoDs are under the control of department and they are acting according to will & diswill of the department.

110. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that promotion Board must be conducted for graduate Engineers in one month's time.
111. The Committee recommended Power Division & CEO, GHCL that information related to the MSC promotions in GENCOs and sanctioned posts of C.E, S.Es & XEN must be submitted to the Committee.

Reliabilitation of Damaged 747MW (GT-14)

112. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO GENCO-II to share the General Electric Service Agreement with the Committee along with its terms and conditions and details of damages done related to steam turbine also be sent to the Committee and MD, GHCL must get independent expert opinion for the maintenance work of steam turbine. The Committee also recommended to submit the report of the technical Committee with regard to maintenance of steam turbine as per brief of CEO GENCO-II.
113. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO GENCO-II to provide the details related to technical staff working in current capacity of the power plants to the Committee.
114. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO-GENCO-II to submit the report prepared by Mr. Shami with regard to damages done to steam turbine to the Committee.
115. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that MD, GHCL to lead the Committee and ensure his visit to GENCO-II and look after the report from the independent expert opinion of the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD, GHCL to share the report with the Committee by the 4th week of September, 2021 alongwith details of generation loss and responsible of this loss during this time.
116. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to submit the report on the overall losses of GENCOs especially due to the fault occur in 747MW (Block V) in GENCO-II in the next Committee meeting.
117. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to provide the details related to the Members of Boards in GENCOs since 2002-2021 in the next Committee meeting.
118. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to take action against people who were involved in not taking proper maintenance of 747MW power plant and GE must start the maintenance work.

119. The Committee unanimously decided that new experts from power sector including officials of GHCL will visit the affected block GT-14 in GENCO-II and then position will be clear either who was responsible for maintenance of this plants huge loss has been occurred due to the negligence and inefficiency of the management and BOD.
120. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to submit the findings of the independent inquiry report before the next Committee meeting which was submitted on 12th September, 2021.
121. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL that new report must be prepared in the case of GT-14 747MW (Block-V) and new expert must be hire who should act neutral and report must be submitted within seven days to the Committee before start of repair work and expenditure must be shared / declared with the Committee.
122. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to provide the list of members of BODs in GENCOs since date of start till date. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that there must be technical members in the BOD of GENCOs. The Committee unanimously decided to oppose the decision of the Board that GENCO-II will bear the cost for repair of damaged GT-14 steam turbine in 747MW (Block V).
123. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to present the independent inquiry report (12th September, 2021) to the Committee immediately.
124. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-II to provide a brief on construction of 747MW (Block-V) till date along with expenditure.
125. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that a new inquiry committee may be constituted after mutual consultation, without conflict of interest, inside / outside GENCO of high-level experts (national or International).
126. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that composition & ToRs of the new Inquiry Committee must be finalized in consultation with the Senate Standing Committee and then a new report must be prepared accordingly.
127. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to share the names of the technical experts within a week with the Committee and Senate Standing Committee will also share the names of experts. The Committee also recommended that funds should not be released until the new Inquiry Committee presents its fresh report to the Committee.
128. The Committee recommended CEO, GENCO-II to provide the information related to the maintenance hours / international guarantees of GE for the GT-14 in the next Committee meeting.

129. The Committee unanimously decided & recommended Power Division to complete all the aspects of the independent inquiry report within two weeks of time regarding damage block 747 MW (GT-14) in GENCO-II.
130. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against Members of Board, GENCO-II by not taking any interest in the restoration / repair and maintenance of the damage gas turbine.
131. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to take strict disciplinary action against the technical staff involve in the damage of gas turbine GT-14 and black out occurred in 2021 and a report must be submitted in the next Committee meeting.
132. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to implement the recommendation related to the three letters issued by Power Division on 31st March, 2022 regarding inquiry report of GT-14 (747MW) at Guddu.
133. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that Rs. 40 billion and PO of \$32 million must be recovered from GE instead of Rs. 10.8 billion and still there was no implementation from the Power Division and according to their issued orders. The Committee demanded implementation on those three letters from Power Division and take action against CEO, GHCL, concerned officials of GHCL & CPGCL, Chairmen alongwith Members of BoDs of GHCL & CPGCL and the contractor GE.
134. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that letters must be sent to FIA & NAB and officials involved in damage of GT-14 (747MW) must be terminated and provide an update within two days' time.
135. The Committee recommended to submit the details related to the action taken against staff involved in the damage of 747MW (GT-14) plant.

Independent inquiry report of 747MW (GT-14) Plant, GENCO-II

136. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that the independent inquiry report must be finalized within a week's time and submitted to Secretariat before the next Committee meeting.
137. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against CEO, GHCL and other officials on their mis-commitments to the Committee.
138. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that action must be taken against technical staff and BOD involved in the damage of 747MW block (GT-14) in GENCO-II within two weeks' time.

Implementation status of the (3) Letters No. GP1-E/01/2022-Vol-1 issued by Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on 31st March, 2022.

139. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that Chairmen, Board of Directors (BoDs) alongwith Members of BoD of GHCL Islamabad & CPGCL Guddu (GENCO-II) to provide a compliance report on the action taken against CEO, GHCL, Members of BoDs and actionables related to Independent Inquiry Report of construction and damage of 747MW (GT-14) plant issued through (3) Letters No. GP1-E/01/2022-Vol-1, by Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on 31st March, 2022 in the next Committee meeting.
140. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-II that legal team constituted for recovery of 747MW plant closure and repair costs with GE must be changed and act neutral. The Committee further decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-II that correspondence with GE and names of legal firms who have experience in corporate law and barring any client of GE must be submitted to the Committee. The legal team will be finalized by the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that details of legal teams (GE, GHCL & GENCO-II) at the time of signing the agreement including (Construction agreement & Maintenance agreement) of 747MW must be provided to the Committee.
141. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that legal action must be taken against all concerned involved in the damage of the 747MW (GT-14) power plant.
142. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that the CEO, GHCL & his staff, Chairmen, alongwith Members of BoDs (GHCL & CPGCL) must be terminated. The Committee further recommended Power Division that Rs. 40 billion must be recovered from GE instead of Rs 10.8 billion. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to write letters to FIA / NAB for further inquire into the matter against CEO & Officials of GHCL & CPGCL including BoDs of GHCL & CPGCL and the contractor GE into the damaged 747MW (GT-14). The Committee recommended the Power Division that action must be taken to BoDs as they are members of BoD since 2002. The Committee also demanded that recovery of PO (\$32 million) from GE must also be made in this regard. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to issue the letters of termination in continuation of previous letters issued by Power Division and compliance report must be submitted to the Committee at the earliest.
143. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to include the Members of Board, GHCL in the file moved to the Federal Minister for their removal & termination alongwith four GENCOs.

144. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that letter of termination of CEO, GHCL must be issued by the Power Division immediately.
145. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CTO, GHCL to submit a copy of letters regarding recovery of amount from GE in light of issued letters issued by Power Division regarding recovery of amount from GE and provide a date of issuance of PO and payments (\$32 million) to GE in the next Committee meeting.
146. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the recovery status of Rs10.8 billion and PO (\$32 million as a maintenance contract price) by the GE regarding repair of 747MW (GT-14) due to non-operational status of power plant since February, 2021.
147. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against the CEO, GHCL with reference of three letters and his illegal appointment.

Status of recovery of amount from GE in light of letters issued by Power Division

148. CEO, GENCO-II & III to provide a copy of letter written for legal opinion on three letters by the Power Division.
149. Power Division to write a letter to FIA & NAB for further investigation on damaged of 747MW (GT014) in GENCO-II. Power Division to provide a copy of letter for giving approval to GENCO-II regarding the release of payment against P.O of \$32 million to the Committee.
150. CEO, GENCO-II to provide a copy of detailed report prepared by M/s Rizwan Associated.
151. Power Division to include M/s Rizwan Faiz in the investigation to be conducted by FIA & NAB and take action officials involved in non-recovery from GE. A copy of letter may also be shared with the Committee.
152. Power Division to remove the BoDs and implement the recommendation as per their advise in earlier meetings. Power Division to provide the recovery status of Rs. 10.8 billion & maintenance amount P.O \$ 32 million within one month along with action to be taken against officials involved in it. The involved officials and BoD may be removed for which Power Division was already committed and brief the Committee in earlier meetings that BoDs of all GENCOs will be dissolved within one week on which Committee recommended that BoD, GHCL may also be removed along with other BoDs of GENCOs which is still in pending. The Power Division directed CEO, GENCO-II & III to provide an update to Power Division within 15 days.

153. Power Division to take action against officials and GE involved in the damaged of GT-14 (747MW) and non-recovery of issued PO of US \$32 million and Rs. 10.8 billion and write letters to FIA & NAB in this regard.
154. Power Division to take action against Acting CEO, GHCL and BoD, GHCL for non-implementation of the letters issued by Power Division. The Committee unanimously decided that case of non-implementation of the letters issued by Power Division will be referred to FIA & NAB for further investigation including CEO, GHCL and officials of CPGCL, Chairmen alongwith Members of BoDs of GHCL & CPGCL and the contractor GE.
155. The Committee unanimously decided to referred the case to FIA & NAB for further investigation that how BoD, GHCL has taken the decision to not suspend Mr. Muhammad Imran Mian despite letter issued by Power Division as well as when acting CEO GHCL admitted that revamping matters are required in GENCOs where working of all staff is worst. Power Division to write a letter to GHCL to ban the entry of Mr. Muhammad Imran Mian in Power Division in future for any post in the light of their issued three letters.
156. The Committee recommended Power Division that BoD, GHCL to be replaced with new Members immediatcly. The CEO, GHCL may be removed and any sitting official of Power Division may be given acting charge for the post of CEO, GHCL.
157. Power Division to recover the amount of Rs. 10 billion and US \$ 32 million (maintenance cost) from GE. The views of CEO, GHCL who is a private Member of Board, GHCL may not be considered in this regard. He is not authorise to conduct the inquiry after the Orders of Power Division for clear actions. He is not eligible to overrule the Ministry who is the principle accounting authority of the department.
158. CEO, GENCO-II to withhold the payment of M/s GE. CEO, GENCO-II to write letter to Power Division to withhold the payment of M/s GE in other projects of Power Division. CEO, GENCO-II to provide the list and agreement of local representatives of M/s GE working in Pakistan.

Rehabilitation plan of de-licensed public sector power generation plants under GHCL

159. The Committee recommended CFO GENCO IV & Power Division that a letter / correspondence regarding the feasibility study for rehabilitation of 3x50-MW Lakhra Power Plant must be shared with the Committee in the next Committee meeting.
160. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide a detail report of the correspondence to CCoE regarding de-licensing of power plants. The Committee also recommended Power Division to submit the implementation report on the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee regarding rehabilitation

of Lakhra Power Plant in the next Committee meeting in light of the Senator Nauman Wazir-Khattak report.

161. The Power Division to submit an interim report regarding the rehabilitation of public sector power plants within two weeks' time.
162. The Committee recommended Power Division to submit a report and update the Committee on the status and correspondence regarding rehabilitation of GENCO-I power plants in the next Committee meeting.
163. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against the concerned officers for delaying the process of PC-II for feasibility of rehabilitation of Lakhra Power Plant and letters of explanation (LoE) must be issued to them.
164. Power Division to involve Economic Affairs Division (EAD) for financing of the two power plants, each of 330MW and rehabilitation of 3x50MW existing blocks at Lakhra Coal Power Plant and proposal may be sent to EAD through Power Division in this regard.
165. CEO, GENCO-II to take input from the Siemens Pakistan regarding the upgradation of the machinery and prepare the proposal in this regard.
166. Power Division to start working on the rehabilitation of the Siemens Block (Block-I) (415MW) in GENCO-II and if there are financial issues then within their permissible limits power plants may be outsourced with open bidding and transparent process through concerned departments and take action against the responsible officials due to their negligence the rehabilitation work on this steam turbine could not be started since 2013 which caused the loss of about Rs. 300 billion as per their briefing and give update in the next Committee meeting.
167. Power Division to consider to rehabilitate 415MW Power Plant. Power Division to take the initiative of rehabilitating public sector power plants on defer payments, if Government of Pakistan does not have sufficient funds and adopt international tendering for the rehabilitation of public sector power plants. Power Division to go for open tender for these public sector power plants.
168. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the rehabilitation plan to GENCO Holding Company Limited within 07 days which will be discussed further in the upcoming Committee meeting.

Appointment of New MD, NTDC

169. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended GM (HR)-NTDC to provide a complete report on the appointment of new MD, NTDC along with all documents

from advertisement to summary approved by the Cabinet in the next Committee meeting. The Committee also decided and recommended GM (HR) NTDC to provide the details and documents showing that 49 candidates that have applied for the post. The Committee further recommended to provide the salary package offer given by the candidates' serial ii to iv (as mentioned in the documents provided by the NTDC) to the Committee.

170. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended GM (HR) NTDC to provide the details relating to contract and salary package given to Dr. Fayyaz Ahmad Chaudhry, earlier working as MD, NTDC in the next Committee meeting.
171. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that documents / proposals along with qualifications and salary package offered for the post of MD, NTDC must be shared in the next Committee meeting. The Committee further decided that matter will be discussed with Prime Minister of Pakistan on the behalf of the Committee regarding this financial loss occurred due to higher salary.
172. The Committee unanimously decided Power Division to reinstate criteria including cut-off age limit of 62 years for MD NTDC from 58 years, given in the new advertisement. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to ask BOD, NTDC that on which basis they have issued the advertisement for the post of MD, NTDC with the age limit of 58 years.
173. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that acting charge of MD, NTDC must be given to the sitting Senior Officer of the Power Division after his retirement.

Electricity theft and Illegal Kunda Connections

174. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide the details of legal connections and kunda connections of all DISCOs in the next Committee meeting.
175. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the detail of district wise kunda connections in all DISCOs and action to stop the theft of electricity from public in the next Committee meeting.
176. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that departments must make a mechanism for consumption of allocated units according to grade wise and steps taken to stop the theft of electricity in the areas of Power Division and Water Division and provide it in the next Committee meeting.
177. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, HESCO to provide the updated details on kunda connection in HESCO and action taken on the employees involved in kunda connections in the next Committee meeting.

178. The Committee recommended CEO, HESCO to take action against the staff involved in theft of electricity and in sending undue Bills to consumers and punish them accordingly.
179. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against the Boards which are not taking action related to the removal of illegal Kunda Connections. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to issue a letter to all the DISCOs regarding to introduce the policy and impose the recovery collection from Kunda Connections.

Revised Promotion Policy for Graduate Engineers

180. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to direct the CEOs of all DISCOs and other related departments of Power Division to have a revised proper working on the promotion quota for engineers. The Committee unanimously decided to review the promotion policy for engineers from LS-II as well.
181. The Committee along with officials of Power Division and all CEOs of DISCOs unanimously decided and recommended that direct appointment of Assistant Engineer should be reduced from 70% to 55% and at least the graduate engineer promotion quota must be increased to 20%.
182. The Committee along with officials of Power Division and all CEOs of DISCOs unanimously decided and recommended that LS-II must be promoted to LS-I within in 5 years and from LS-I to Assistant Engineer after 5 years of service.
183. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended all CEOs of DISCOs to make appointments of lower staff and revise the promotion policy for Assistant Engineers from LS-II to XEN by 30th December, 2021. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to follow them by 30th December, 2021.
184. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take the progress update from all DISCOs regarding the revised promotion of graduate engineers in all DISCOs & GENCOs.
185. The Committee recommended Power Division to implement the recommendation of the Committee regarding revision of promotion quota for graduate engineers in all DISCOs & GENCOs within one months' time. The Power Division committed to implement it within one month's time.

De-licensed Public Sector Power Plants

186. The Committee unanimously agreed that there was a lack of accountability from management side and they should be held responsible for not maintaining these public sector power plants. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Chairman, NEPRA to provide a copy of Economic Merit Order regarding the de-licensing of public sector power plants to the Committee.
187. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman, NEPRA to provide the details related to recent project / contract on furnace oil or other fuel in comparison with these de-license power plants.
188. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to send one pager detail of each de-licensed power plants to the Committee.
189. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman, NEPRA to consider the review petition of TPS Jamshoro power plant in the best interest of the country.
190. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to share the details of de-licensed plants with the Committee for review in one pager and its worth of assets. The Committee also decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to send the proposal regarding the improvement of these power plants to the Committee.
191. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL & Chairman, NEPRA to make efforts for rehabilitation for GENCO-I power plant on LNG.
192. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL & CEO, GENCO-I to review and prepare a business plan for rehabilitation of GENCO-I on LNG and share it with the Committee.
193. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL & Secretary, Power Division to have a correspondence with CCoE for reviewing their decision regarding de-licensed units 2 & 3 and closure of Jamshoro plant units 1 & 4 by September, 2022.

Jamshoro Power Plant

194. The Committee unanimously decided to operate Jamshoro power plant on LNG instead of furnace oil, which is cheaper and about 50%.
195. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GHCL to submit the recommendations made by GHCL to Power Division regarding the starting of the work of LOT-II in GENCO-I.

Illegal Extension in contract of KAPCO Power Plant

196. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended NEPRA that payments must be upheld in the case of extension given to KAPCO and details of all payments made to KAPCO must be submitted to the Committee.
197. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended NEPRA to submit the details of correspondence made with CPPA-G & KAPCO at the time of extension to the Committee till date.
198. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Vice Chairman, NEPRA to share the details of losses regarding the extension in the contract of KAPCO Power plant since July, 2021 till date. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Vice Chairman, NEPRA to share the copy of explanation letter issued to CPPA-G & KAPCO alongwith details of process on which the PPA agreement was extended and list of officers who were involved in the extension of the KAPCO contract since June, 2021 to the Committee.
199. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CPPA-G to provide the list of concerned officers in granting extension in contract of KAPCO and also provide the list of all IPPs alongwith their payments from March, 2022 till date to the Committee. The Committee also decided and recommended Power Division take action against officials involved including officials of NEPRA in the extension of KAPCO contract.
200. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman, NEPRA to provide the correspondence made with the Power Division / CPPA-G from the extension date of KAPCO contract. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division & CPPA-G to provide the details of all payments made in the extension time of contract of KAPCO.
201. The Committee recommended Chairman NEPRA to take action against CPPA-G in giving illegal extension in contract of KAPCO which was expired in June, 2021 without the permission of NEPRA. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman NEPRA that NEPRA may not give extension or approve the invoices of KAPCO power plant after October, 2022. The Chairman NEPRA assured that no extension will be given to KAPCO after October, 2022 and no invoices will be paid after October, 2022. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman NEPRA that no extension may be given to KAPCO power plant as Muzaffargarh power plant is fuel oil- and gas-fired power plant and gas from KAPCO power plant may be diverted to Muzaffargarh power plant after this illegal extension and update on the action taken by NEPRA against this illegal extension of KAPCO in June, 2021.
202. Power Division to investigate allegations of illegal extension of the purchase agreement with KAPCO Power Plant after expiry. Power Division to take action

against the Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division including Chairman, NEPRA & CEO, CPPA-G involved in giving illegal extension to KAPCO Power Plant.

203. Power Division to provide the list of WAPDA & private shareholders in KAPCO power Plant. Power Division to provide a list of Members of BoD, KAPCO Power Company to the Committee.
204. CPPA-G to provide the complete details of KAPCO Power Plant. CPPA-G to provide the details of share of percentage and capacity payment with complete components from start till date. CPPA-G also to provide the break-up of Rs. 151 billion paid as energy payment of KAPCO Power Plant. CPPA-G to provide the break-up of fuel charges included in Rs. 151 billion. CPPA-G to provide an update on the fine imposed by NEPRA regarding the illegal extension given to KAPCO Power Plant.
205. Power Division not to give further extension in the contract of KAPCO Power Plant. The Power Division committed that further extension will not be given in the contract of KAPCO Power Plant.
206. Power Division & Chairman NEPRA to take action against officials involved in giving extension in the contract of KAPCO for 16 months.

Expenditure made against ELR, development, maintenance and procurement of material head from June, 2008 till date.

207. The Committee recommended the CEOs, HESCO & SEPCO to start work on the rehabilitation of electricity line system which are mostly damaged in the area of interior Sindh in the coming financial year and utilize the ELR funds accordingly.
208. The Committee recommended CEOs, MEPCO & LESCO to submit the details related to year-wise allocation & utilization (project-wise) to the Committee in the next Committee meeting.

Proposal / brief for revised terms & conditions for improving the working and responsibilities of BODs in public sector companies.

209. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit a proposal / brief regarding the revised terms & conditions for improving the working and responsibilities of BODs (public sector companies) in the next Committee meeting.
210. The Committee recommended Power Division to circulate the draft proposal about the restructuring of BoDs among all CEOs of DISCOs and other departments of Power Division to prepare a proposal in the light of shared draft proposal and discussions held in the previous Committee meetings. The Committee also recommended Power Division to take the feedback from all CEOs of DISCOs and

other departments of Power Division and follow it up accordingly and follow it up accordingly.

211. The Committee also recommended Power Division to provide the proposal on the revised terms & conditions on the working and functioning of the BoDs within one week's time.
212. The Committee also recommended Power Division that a proposal regarding the reforms in structure and responsibilities of BoDs must be submitted to Committee because in current position it is quite clear that BoDs are not functioning as required but they are main cause of deterioration of the department, power plants and taking their decision on pick & choose basis.
213. The Committee recommended Power Division that draft proposal may be implemented in letter and spirit. It further recommended that recommendation may also be sent to Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) for implementation.
214. The Committee unanimously agreed to propose amendments to the "State-owned Enterprises (Governance & Operations) Act, 2023 (Act No.VII of 2023)" concerning matters of appointments, BoD composition and HR issues in the Power Division, emphasising strict adherence to relevance. Power Division to prepare proposal in this regard.
215. The Committee recommended Power Division to prepare proforma with mentioning of requisite skills, competence, knowledge, experience and approach to the Board. The name of the Member of BoDs to be mentioned in the list, if the requirement is not met with the criteria then action may be taken against the concerned Member of the Board and update to be given in the next Committee. Power Division to submit the report within two weeks' time with the inclusion of KE Board. The Committee unanimously decided that Amendments in the Act will be made through Senate House after the submission of a comprehensive report by Power Division.

Restoration of Services of SDOs / ROs of PESCO

216. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division for submission of details of departmental action taken against officials involved in conducting test of ALMs in PESCO.
217. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended the Power Division to write letters to FIA & NAB to finalize their inquiry with regard to test taken for the post of SDOs / ROs in PESCO. The Committee also recommended that one month time must be given to them to respond back.

Increase in Fuel Price Adjustment on Electricity Bills

218. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman, NEPRA to amicably resolve the issue with the owners of small industries and submit a report in this regard.
219. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the report regarding the finalization of projected figures of FPA with NEPRA.

Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) of the Ministry for the financial 2022-2023

220. The Committee recommended that local / indigenous resources must be utilized for future coal projects.
221. The Committee unanimously decided to have a briefing on the objectives, scope and data modelling approach of IGCEP in the next Committee meeting.
222. The Committee suggested that total cost of the project must be bifurcated as only Lot-I project is started and LOT-II was not started yet.
223. The Committee unanimously decided & recommended CEO, GENCO-I to prepare a detail briefing paper on the project of LOT-II and submit to the Committee.
224. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that the budget proposal for the project of 220-KV Larkana Sub Station (NTDC) 2022-23 must be increased to the maximum and revised in case of Rs. 150 million. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended that the budget allocation 2022-23 must be increased from Rs. 350 million to Rs. 850 million.
225. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to prepare a proposal regarding improving the working of BODs in public sector companies and share with the Committee.
226. The Committee recommended CEO, SEPCO that details related to the new schemes of the project must be provided to the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that 11KV transmission lines damaged in interior Sindh must be rehabilitated and ELR funds must be utilized by DISCOs accordingly.
227. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEOs, HESCO & SEPCO that 11KV transmission lines damaged in interior Sindh must be rehabilitated and ELR funds must be utilized by these DISCOs accordingly.
228. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Director, Finance (QESCO) to include the schemes related to Eastern Balochistan in the financial year 2022-23 with the consent of the Hon. Senators Sana Jamali & Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai.

229. The Committee recommended to Power Division to take all possible steps for smooth execution of each project. The Committee has expressed satisfaction regarding PSDP proposed by the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) for the financial year 2022-23.

Detection Bills in HESCO especially in Hyderabad and complaint of overbilling and unnecessary detection Bills to the consumers in HESCO.

230. The Committee showed its serious concern that action must be taken against illegal kunda connections & theft of electricity. The Committee stressed the need to put in place a proper system to ensure that pilferage was curbed. The need to protect innocent citizens was emphasized. The Committee recommended CEO, HESCO to take action against the staff involved in theft of electricity and in sending undue Bills to consumers and punish them accordingly.

Illegal appointment of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as Deputy Managing Director (SO), NTDC

231. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to ask BOD, NTDC and take action regarding the advertisement of new post of Deputy Managing Director (System Operation) first time created in NTDC.
232. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that if no prior precedence had been set for the post of DMD (System Operation), NTDC then post must be abolished accordingly.
233. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the note portion, correspondence and complete procedure relating to the appointment & approval of the post of DMD (SO) NTDC and take action against the involved officials and provide details of pay package of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as DMD (SO) NTDC also to terminate the services of DMD (SO), NTDC and recover all the vested amount from him and recommended Power Division that responsibility must be fixed and BoD must be removed on the account that how they have hired him despite sitting GMs were available in NTDC. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that other two DMDs, NTDC must also be given the same pay package till further process. The DMD (SO) must be hired from the same department.
234. The Committee recommended to remove Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala within seven days from his post. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit a copy of final decisions made by the Inquiry Committee regarding the illegal appointments of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as DMD, NTDC.
235. The Committee recommended Power Division to take action against BoD, NTDC and recover all amount from Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as well.

236. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that new inquiry committee constituted and notified last week under convenor ship of AS-III, Power Division along with JS (PF) Power Division will submit report within 15 days and update about action taken.
237. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to remove Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala from the post within one week's time. Power Division to implement all these recommendations of the Committee within one month's time, otherwise, the Committee will referred these matters to FIA & NAB for further investigation against involved officials of Power Division (Head Office).
238. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to remove Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala as DMD, NTDC due to their illegal appointment as per discussion in previous meetings and in the light of recommendations of Committee, commitment of Power Division and for prolonged country-wide power outage on January 23 within a week.
239. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action Chairman and Members, BoD, NTDC as they have not followed the instructions of the Power Division in the case of illegal appointment of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala because NTDC Board is involve in this illegal appointment including Mr. Banatwala as a Member of BoD, NTDC then how they will take action against their illegal act. Power Division is the appointing authority of the Board they must take action on their other irregularities in NTDC.
240. The Committee unanimously decided and gave last warning to Power Division that decision of Mr. Ali Zain Banatwala must be taken by BoD, NTDC in their first meeting otherwise case will be referred to FIA & NAB with involved officials of Power Division, NTDC and BoD, NTDC for serious action.
241. The Committee recommended that DMDs, NTDC may draw the same salary package within department and according to the previous post.
242. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that post of DMD (SO), NTDC must be abolished. The inquiry report prepared by Power Division may be shared again with new BoD, NTDC for implementation. The inquiry report may be reviewed by the Board, NTDC in its first meeting. If a candidate is hired internally for the post of DMD, NTDC then regular salary may be given covering basic requirement of engineer and experience of management in it. If hired from outside for the post of DMD, NTDC then salary package may be given Rs. 5 lacs instead of Rs. 18 lacs for the post of DMD, NTDC with technical experience.

Recruitment Process of Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as DMD (AD&M) NTDC

243. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that there was irregularity found by the Committee and action must be taken against officials involved in the continuation of Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as MD, NTDC after his retirement and summary sent to the Cabinet for giving charge for six months. If Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as DMD (AD&M) will continue, he must be paid the same salary package of Rs. 3,800,00/- given to the other sitting DMD, NTDC, Mr. Muhammad Ayub.
244. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit a copy of final decisions made by the Inquiry Committee regarding the illegal appointments of Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as DMD, NTDC.
245. Power Division to remove Mr. Mr. Manzoor Ahmed from the post within one week's time. Power Division to implement all these recommendations of the Committee within one month's time, otherwise, the Committee will referred these matters to FIA & NAB for further investigation against involved officials of Power Division (Head Office).
246. Power Division to remove Mr. Manzoor Ahmed as DMD, NTDC due to his illegal appointment as per discussion in previous meetings and in the light of recommendations of Committee.
247. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the note portion, correspondence and complete procedure relating to the appointment & approval of Mr. Manzoor Ahmed, retired GM as DMD, NTDC and take action against the involved officials and provide details of pay package of Mr. Manzoor, retired GM as DMD, NTDC also to terminate the services of him and recover all the vested amount from them and recommended Power Division that responsibility must be fixed and BoD must be removed on the account that how they have hired him despite sitting GMs were available in NTDC. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that other two DMDs, NTDC must also be given the same pay package till further process. The DMD (SO) must be hired from the same department.

Demotion of nine XEN (working as Executive Engineers) to SDOs in PESCO

248. The Committee recommended Power Division to take action against the HR officials involved in the demotion of nine XEN to SDOs. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Power Division a way forward regarding the demotion of nine XEN to SDOs must be submitted to the Committee.

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249. The Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to revert the demotion Orders of nine XEN and fix responsibility on officials / officers for violations committed and submit a report to the Committee.

Project of 132kV Dargai Grid Station

250. The Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to visit the site alongwith Senator Haji Fida Muhammad Khan and finalize the site according to the criteria. The Committee also recommended CEO, PESCO to submit the report in this regard.
251. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division and CEO, PESCO alongwith his team to meet Senator Haji Fida Muhammad and resolve the issue of 132KV Grid Station within two weeks' time.

Construction of Compressor Station at Guddu Thermal Power Plant

252. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-II to provide the documents of Gas Booster Compressor Station at TPS, Guddu as details of the company, copy of the agreement alongwith tender cost, escalation payment and action taken during its delay period and loss incurred to the national exchequer. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-II to take action against M/s Al-Tariq Constructors (Pvt.) Limited, Karachi. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take against officials involved in it.

Construction & Commissioning of Natural Gas Booster Compressor Station

253. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit a technical specification report of the natural gas booster compressor station and action must be taken against the officials involved.
254. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-II to share details / copy of the maintenance contract given to M/s ATL alongwith amount paid in maintenance period and current status of the contract. The Committee also recommended Secretary, Power Division to submit the details related to the all contracts of M/s ATL & GE with Power Division.
255. CEO, GENCO-II to provide the correspondence made regarding encashment of performance guarantee of M/s Al-Tariq Constructors (Pvt.) Limited (Euro 1,027,354) regarding Gas Booster Compressor Station at TPS, Guddu to the Committee.
256. CEO, GENCO-II to go to Court against M/s Al-Tariq Constructors (Pvt.) Limited and assistance in reaching out to Higher Courts may also be provided to CEO, GENCO-II by Power Division. The Committee recommended that performance guarantee may be encashed immediately.

Agricultural Tube wells operating in Balochistan

257. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the due share of electricity to Balochistan province. The Committee also recommended CEO, QESCO that due share of electricity must be utilized properly.
258. The Committee recommended representative of K-Electric and QESCO to provide the details of electricity provided to Lasbela and Balochistan alongwith total agricultural tube wells operating and their recovery & revenue in the next Committee meeting.
259. The Committee recommended Power Division to conduct an inquiry against QESCO officials and K-Electric regarding payment paid by the locals and taken by the QESCO and consumption of electricity by the agricultural tube wells.
260. The Committee recommended Power Division to take action against CEO, QESCO as he mis-guided the Committee about the average demand & drawl of electricity by QESCO and manipulated briefing on agricultural tube wells legal & illegal and their recovery status.

Provision of electricity to Balochistan including agricultural tube wells alongwith its recovery & revenue made by K-Electric

261. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide the data including claims by K-Electric since the formation of policy of government of Pakistan & issues of over invoicing in these tube wells operating in Lasbela under QESCO & K-Electric within one week's time to the Committee. The Committee recommended Power Division to withhold the amount of K-Electric in this regard. The Committee recommended Power Division to write letters to FIA & NAB on the behalf of their share in K-Electric regarding irregularities found in operationalization of agricultural tube wells and share the copy of letter with the Committee.
262. Power Division to provide the details related to the invoices sent by K-Electric with regard to provision of electricity to Balochistan and operating of tube wells in Balochistan. Power Division to provide the details related to the Bills claimed by K-Electric on daily operating of tube wells to be provided to the Committee. Power Division may also form an internal inquiry Committee with consent and proposal of Senate Standing Committee on Power and share the names from Power Division then final Committee may be formed by the consent of the Committee.
263. Power Division to include CEO, QESCO in the Committee formed on the illegal agricultural tube wells operating by K-Electric in Balochistan and report may be submitted for entire Balochistan.

264. The Committee recommended to convert agriculture tube wells into solar and estimate of cost to be made by Power Division in this regard.
265. The K-Electric to provide the report containing information about numbers of installation of meters received on initial stage, increase in quantity of agricultural tube wells with time and billing process, revenue collected from local people, government of Pakistan and provincial government of Balochistan.
266. The Power Division that a team of three Member along with officials of Power Division & experts will visit Lasbela, District regarding agricultural tube wells in near future to verify how many meters were installed, functional, and procedure of billing and disconnected or theft from date of installation till date.

Appointment procedure of newly appointed BoDs of MEPCO, GEPCO, HESCO & SEPCO alongwith their CVs

267. The Committee recommended Power Division to submit the registration / membership certificates of all new appointed Members of BoD, MEPCO, GEPCO, HESCO & SEPCO with SECP.
268. The Committee recommended Power Division to conduct an inquiry regarding Chairman PESCO serving as Chairman TESCO at a time and if the illegal appointment of Chairman PESCO & Chairman TESCO as Chairmen of two DISCOs is proved then action may be taken against officers who nominated him. All facilities provided, may be recovered while serving in both capacities. He may be allowed to work as Chairman in one DISCO only.
269. The Committee unanimously decided to constitute a sub-Committee with Senator Haji Fida Muhammad as Convener and Senators Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai and Zeeshan Khanzada as Members of the Sub-Committee to review the matter of newly appointed Members of BoDs of MEPCO, GEPCO, HESCO & SEPCO alongwith their CVs in detail and huge irregularities found in briefing of Power Division. The Committee recommended Power Division that reconstitution of all BoDs may be pended until the Sub-Committee finalizes and submit its final report to the Committee. The Committee also recommended Power Division to take action against these so called BoDs and officials involved in the selection process.
270. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to hold an inquiry against Mr. Khurram Mushtaq, Member BoD MEPCO who has experience of telecommunication sector and owner of 02 power contractor ship companies thus clearly violating the principle of conflict of interest.

Nandipur Power Plant

271. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended the Power Division to inquire the irregularities in Nandipur Power Project and asked to present the complete feasibility report, tendering process, payment schedule against foreign shipments with dates, complete description of local and imported equipment separately and initial and revised PC-I before the Committee with fixation of final responsibility of the project delay:
272. The CEO, GENCO II & III to submit the tendering process along with BoQs of all bidders, O & M contract and component wise details of Nandipur project to the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take necessary action against the irregularities and provide details of officials, who were in-charge at that time. The Committee also recommended that CEO, GENCO II & III to share the findings of the Nandipur project regarding tendering process and Chairman NEPRA to submit his comments on these irregularities in this project. The Committee also recommended that complete details related to machinery & its machinery life & laying of machinery on port may also be submitted to the Committee.

Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Plant

273. The CEO, Neelum Jhelum Hydro Power Project (NJHPP) to submit the first interim report prepared by Independent Panel of Experts (IPOE) of Neelum-Jhelum Power Project to the Committee.
274. The CEO, NJHPP that remaining inspection of 40 km of tunnel was needed to be reviewed and priority must be given for reviewing as there are variations in the soil from C1 to C3 tunnel. The remaining tunnel must be reviewed by WAPDA and rehabilitation work may be carried out on permanent basis to avoid any collapse in future.

Privatization Process of K-Electric

275. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit two pager brief on privatization of K-Electric, tendering process and development plan.
276. Privatization Commission to submit the eligibility criteria / bidding data for bidder along with bidding documents in 2002 to the Committee. Privatization Commission to submit the procedure of appointment of financial advisor along with advertisement & bidding process to the Committee. Privatization Commission to submit the determination of reserved price Rs. 11 billion by financial advisor in the privatization of K-Electric to the Committee.

277. K-Electric to provide year-wise break up of direct investment of US\$ 700 million to the Committee. K-Electric to submit year wise break up of investment of Rs. 474 billion (USD 4.1 Billion) made in development sector since 2005 till 2022 to the Committee along with yearly project wise detail and complete tendering process & progress which becomes cost of Rs. 474 billion. K-Electric to provide the tendering process of all five plants to the Committee. K-Electric to submit the procurement plan of five power plants in written form to the Committee. K-Electric to review the agenda item and give a comprehensive briefing in the next Committee meeting.
278. Privatization Commission to provide the details of bidders participated in the privatization of KESC. Privatization Commission to provide the details since sanction of PC-I till award of contract regarding the process of privatization of K-Electric.
279. Power Division to ensure the presence of CEO, K-Electric along with all Chiefs in the next Committee meeting.

Consideration of Point of Public Importance regarding "Provision of jobs to the candidates who qualified the recruitment test of PESCO", raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan in the Senate sitting held on 7th October, 2022.

280. The CEO, PESCO to share the copy of advertisement with the Committee. The CEO, PESCO to submit a copy of agreement signed with UET alongwith ToRs to the Committee.
281. The Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to provide the details of those candidates who obtained high marks in written test and less in interview. The Committee recommended Power Division to take action against CEO, PESCO for mis-guiding the Committee and to hold an inquiry in this regard.
282. The Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to provide the list of passed candidates test by UET & interview by PESCO along with marks obtained, passed and serial number as per list provided by UET. The Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to put the process of issued orders & joining on hold. The Committee recommended Power Division that if the candidates have joined office then action may be taken against CEO, PESCO. The Committee recommended CEO, PESCO to provide the list of final candidates which was earlier prepared by UET. The Committee unanimously decided and deferred the agenda item to be further discussed in the next Committee meeting.
283. CEO, PESCO to provide the list of passed candidates test by UET & interview by PESCO along with marks obtained, passed and serial number as per list provided by UET. CEO, PESCO to put the process of issued orders & joining on hold. Power Division that if the candidates have joined office then action may be taken against CEO, PESCO.

Development (MPA's) funds to PESCO

284. CEO, PESCO to provide the list of 582 schemes (year wise) which were incomplected in the year 2020-21 to the Committee.
285. Power Division to ensure the availability of transformer by 30th January, 2023 and to conduct the inquiry on involved officials who delayed the process of procurement of transformers in PESCO.
286. CEO, PESCO to start the rehabilitation work at PK-16, PK-78 and PK-08 & other areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and to meet the Committee Members who belong to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and utilize the ELR funds in their constituencies.

Development sector plan and projects alongwith complete tendering process and investments made by K-Electric

287. Power Division to give a comprehensive presentation of K-Electric development plan along with list of projects and complete tendering process in the next Committee meeting.
288. K-Electric to share the list of projects with the Committee. K-Electric to provide the complete details of investment of Rs. 475 billion including name of the project, year, initial cost and completion cost, tender and completion date along with project wise all bidders participated in the tenders may be submitted to the Committee.

Dismantling and Disposal of 220KV transmission lines Uch-I to Sibbi-I, Uch-IDM Jamali-Sibbi, Guddu-Shikarpur & Shikarpur-Uch consisting of rail conductor, disc insulator & hardware etc. on "as is where is" basis (LOT-I, II, III & IV).

289. Power Division to take action against NTDC officials and Convenor for not signing the evaluation report when Bid was opened in his presence alongwith all Members of the Committee who already signed and uphold the pension of the Convenor. The Committee unanimously along with Power Division recommended that action may be taken against involved officials of NTDC who manipulated and stopped this legal process of issuance of work order to highest bidder due to their another favourable company and process may be completed and work order may be issued to highest bidder after completing remaining formalities of Bid opened on 05-09-2022 and new tender advertisement may be abolished and avoid loss of Rs. 165.9 million to Government of Pakistan.
290. Power Division to provide the details of the reserved price of all LoTs to the Committee and action taken in the light of recommendation of Committee against involved officials.

291. Power Division to send the report of all four LoTs regarding the auction of abandoned 220kV transmission lines to the Committee along with action taken against officials involved in this irregularity.
292. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide the details of the reserved price of all LoTs to the Committee and action taken in the light of recommendation of Committee against involved officials.

Non-provision of billing of Export units through solar system to A.J Textile Mills Pvt. Limited, Gadoon Amazai.

293. CEO, PESCO to submit the report on non-provision of billing of Export units through solar system to A.J Textile Mills Pvt. Limited, Gadoon Amazai within three days. CEO, PESCO that a representative from NTDC and M/s AJ Textile Mills Ltd Gadoon Amazai also accompany him and visit the site. CEO, PESCO to resolve the issue within two days and in a legalized way. The Committee also recommended CEO, PESCO to ensure the presence of CCO, PESCO in the next Committee meeting.
294. CEO, PESCO to take action against concerned officials as why there was a delay in provision of billing of Export units through solar system to A.J Textile Mills Pvt. Limited, Gadoon Amazai and report to be submitted to the Committee. CEO, PESCO to send the revised Bill to M/s AJ Textile Mills Ltd Gadoon, Amazai.
295. CEO, PESCO to provide the letter of the commitment shown by Executive PIT, Peshawar to include in revise Bill to A.J Textile Mills Pvt. Limited to the Committee and give further update in the next Committee meeting.

Massive power breakdown across the country occurred on 23-01-2023

296. The Committee unanimously decided and recommend to Power Division that report of inquiry Committee constituted by Prime Minister of Pakistan may also be submitted to the Committee within seven days. Power Division to constitute a departmental inquiry Committee on the issue of recent massive power break-out and submit its preliminary report to the Committee within seven days. Senior and reputable officers of the Power Division may include in the internal inquiry Committee. Mr. Tanvir Jafri, Ex-CEO, GENCO-1 along with one Member from NEPRA and one retired officer from NTDC may be hired to probe the recent power breakdown in the country and submit the report to the Committee. The departmental inquiry Committee will also cooperate in investigation of the Committee constituted by the Prime Minister of Pakistan.
297. Chairman NEPRA to submit the recommendation regarding hiring of an international consultant to stop the reoccurrence of power breakdown and all protection systems may also be checked in all over country by NTDC. Chairman NEPRA to provide the details related to the dates of de-licensed units in Faisalabad power Station.

298. Power Division to share the details related to the recent electricity price hikes along with last notification to hold the payments with the Committee. Power Division to notify the internal inquiry Committee and share its notification with the Committee. The internal inquiry Committee may also submit the report within seven days to the Committee. Power Division to build four or five power centers to protect the power system from tripping in future. Power Division to provide the complete details related to the agenda item in the next Committee meeting and also take action against involved officials in this incident of black out in country in the light of statement of GM, NPCC regarding human irregularity.
299. Power Division to share a copy of notifications with regard to formation of four new Committee with the Committee. Power Division to submit a consolidated report within one month.

Construction of 765KV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad i/c Grid Station along with complete tendering process.

300. The Committee unanimously decided to further discuss the issue of construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad in the first week of January, 2024.
301. Directed Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) to attend the next Committee meeting. The Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) to convene a meeting with concerned departments and remove all the short comings of both projects before attending the next meeting.
302. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended to give 20 days' time to the Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) for a comprehensive briefing on construction of 765kV Dasu Transmission line project.
303. The Committee unanimously decided and constituted a three-Member Committee headed by caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division and MD, NEPAK as its Members. The ToRs of the Committee will be to examine the tendering process of the project along with reports earlier submitted by the departments and to find out that if corrupt / mal-practices were involved in awarding of contracts in project and to obtain the views of concerned representative of World Bank (Lender) regarding tendering processes carried out as per their bidding documents / procedure and satisfaction. Power Division to submit a comprehensive report within three weeks' time and a detailed briefing on the findings of the report will be given by Members of the Internal Inquiry Committee in the next Committee meeting. In view of the importance of the matter, the Committee also decided that care taker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) shall personally brief the Committee after conducting the inquiry. The Committee also recommended Secretary, Power Division to ensure the presence of caretaker Federal Minister in the

next Committee meeting and deferred the matter to be discussed further in the next Committee meeting.

304. The Committee expressed satisfaction with the working of the Internal Inquiry Committee formed by Power Division and disposed of the matters related to awarding of contracts to (M/s Sinohydro Corporation) for LoT-I, (M/s Harbin Electric International) for LoT-II, consultant (M/s GOPA Intec) for construction of 765kV double circuit transmission line from Dasu Hydro Power Station to Islamabad I/C Grid Station.

Issue of electricity billing in four union Councils of Turbat, Balochistan

305. Power Division and QESCO may nominate their officials and one local representative will be nominated by Senator Muhammad Akram to meet and resolve the issue amicably.
306. CEO, QESCO to submit the details related to the billing details of residents of affected areas before and after the flood in the next meeting. Power Division to conduct an inquiry that how QESCO has sent bills to those legal consumers where whole infrastructure was damaged and drowned in 2007 floods. Power Division to provide the details with break up since 2007 (month wise) and officials involved in this irregularity and action taken by Power Division. Power Division to submit individual wise details to the Committee and deferred the matter to be further discussed in the next Committee meeting.
307. CEO, QESCO to ensure to the resolution of matter raised by Senator Muhammad Akram in the month of Ramzan, 2023. CEO, QESCO to meet Senator Muhammad Akram and resolve the issue amicably.

Process of appointments of Sports Officer in MEPCO

308. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, MEPCO to provide the record of all the candidates who applied for the test along with their CVs and certificates to the Committee within a week time. The Committee also recommended CEO, MEPCO to bring along Rana Muhammad Asif and Mst Razia Sultana who applied for the test in the next Committee meeting.
309. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that there is no comparison between Gold medals won at international and national level. If the international experience is not counted then it is a manipulation by MEPCO. Rana Muhammad Asif may be considered for the position of Sports Officer in MEPCO and Ms. Razia Sultana may also be adjusted on any other female post in MEPCO. A new female post may also be created for Ms. Razia Sultana in MEPCO.

Recent high inflated electricity rates / bills and its solution

310. Power Division to provide break-up and detail of installed capacity of electricity (44,943MW).
311. Power Division to provide break up of hydel of (WAPDA + IPPs) 911MW to the Committee. Power Division to convey to all departments to provide the break-up of all figures mentioned in the province wise generation FY (2022-2023) to the Committee.
312. Power Division that existing slab to be reviewed from 1-200 units monthly instead of continuously 6 months constant consumption and provide one slab benefit to the consumers using up to 200 units' electricity and they should be charged additional tariff only on the additional units over and above 200 units.

Proforma related to the details of independent power producers (IPPs) & month-wise statistics related to demand & supply of electricity from Discos from 1994 to July, 2023

313. CEO, CPPA-G to provide the details of independent power producers (IPPs) & month-wise statistics related to demand and supply of electricity from DISCOs for the last 10 years within three days to the Committee as per proforma provided by Committee.
314. CPPA-G to provide detail of capacity payment received by IPPs in maintenance period since start. IPPs may take the capacity payment in case they are operational and Power Division may take action in this regard.

ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A

315. The Committee unanimously decided to further discuss the issue of ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-II A in the first week of January, 2024.
316. Directed Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) to attend the next Committee meeting. The Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) to convene a meeting with concerned departments and remove all the short comings of both projects before attending the next meeting.
317. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended to give 20-days' time to the Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) for a comprehensive briefing on ADB project on ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-IIA.
318. The Committee unanimously decided and constituted a three-Member Committee headed by caretaker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and Secretary, Power Division and MD, NEPAK as its Members. The ToRs of the Committee will be to examine the tendering process of project along with reports earlier submitted by

the departments and to find out that if corrupt / mal-practices were involved in awarding of contracts in project and to obtain the views of concerned representative of Asian Development Bank (Lender) regarding tendering processes carried out as per their bidding documents / procedure and satisfaction. Power Division to submit a comprehensive report within three weeks' time and a detailed briefing on the findings of the report will be given by Members of the Internal Inquiry Committee in the next Committee meeting. In view of the importance of the matter, the Committee also decided that care taker Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) shall personally brief the Committee after conducting the inquiry. The Committee also recommended Secretary, Power Division to ensure the presence of caretaker Federal Minister in the next Committee meeting and deferred the matter to be discussed further in the next Committee meeting.

319. The Committee expressed satisfaction with the working of the Internal Inquiry Committee formed by Power Division and disposed of the matters related to ADB project ACSR Bunting Conductor LoT-11 A.

Miscellaneous

320. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to provide an update on the issue of excessive loadshedding and low voltage of electricity in Samarbagh and Jandool in Dir, Distt.
321. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to provide the details of arrears of bills not paid by the consumers of Distt Peshawar and Charsadda in the next Committee meeting.
322. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division immediate reshuffling of officers and staff who are out of province in SEPCO and HESCO over their misbehaviour with the local people.
323. The Committee recommended CEO K-Electric to provide an update on the issue of excessive loadshedding and major power breakdown at Kamal Park, Karachi in the next Committee meeting.
324. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEOs of SEPCO & HESCO to ensure the early recovery from federal government and sindh government departments so that circular debt may be decreased.
325. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to complete recruitment of remaining vacancies of Bill Distributor and Meter Reader.
326. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to conduct Test for the remaining posts of Bill Distributor (2500 posts).

327. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to give joining letters to the Line Superintendents (LS) in order to increase the strength to save line losses and improve over all functionality of PESCO.
328. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to conduct interview of meter readers and appoint them to bridge manpower deficiency in PESCO to improve its performance.
329. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO that candidates for the post of Bill Distributors had already submitted fee and therefore Testing Company should be recommended to announce written test schedule for Bill Distributors and eligible candidates should be recruited as per procedure, as soon as possible.
330. The Committee unanimously recommended Power Division that the culprits in the case of gun shots firing at S.E Larkana should be nominated and arrested through Chief Secretary and IG Police, Sindh. The Committee also recommended that a report in this regard from Chief Secretary and IG, Sindh should be submitted in the next Committee meeting.
331. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that details related to provision of free electricity units to all employees of DISCOs, GENCOs, NTDC and other departments related to energy sector may be submitted to the Committee in the next Committee meeting.
332. The Committee recommended and recommended that CEO QESCO should visit Quetta, Chamber of Commerce and Gwadar within a week to resolve the electricity issues and find alternate solutions.
333. The Committee unanimously decided to CEO PESCO to provide an update on the report of the Sub-Committee on the issue of appointments of line Superintendents will be reviewed / discussed in the next Committee meeting.
334. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to provide the details on the eligibility criteria of choosing medical university for conducting the engineering test in the next Committee meeting.
335. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to provide the list of the appointed SDOs to the Committee. The Committee also recommended that details related to the date of advertisement for the new post, process of hiring & criteria for appointment must be shared with the Committee in the next Committee meeting.
336. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO PESCO to provide the complete process report related to the lowest cost and eligibility given by the KMU in

the next Committee meeting to determine new advertisement for the appointments of technical and non-technical staff must be shared with the Committee in the next Committee meeting.

337. The Committee recommended that candidates who have submitted their fees in earlier test must be given chance or consideration to appear in the test. The Committee also recommended that date to apply for new posts must be extended for the candidates to apply.
338. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO GENCO-III to provide the complete details related to the Nandipur Power Project & its machinery life in the next Committee meeting.
339. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-III to provide the approved copy of PC-I, along with copy of approved award of contract and complete details of tendering process of the Nandipur Power Project in the next Committee meeting.
340. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that details of due recoveries of all DISCOs from Federal & provincial department must be provided in the next Committee meeting.
341. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, LESCO to give an estimated amount to the sponsor Mr. Rafique (Green City Housing Scheme, Barki Road, Lahore) and then the sponsor will pay in a legal way to the LESCO within one week.
342. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended acting CEO, GENCO-II to re-advertise the post of CEO-GENCO-II as soon as possible.
343. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended MD, PEPCO to submit the complete record of the recruitment process of GM (HR) PEPCO Mr. Sagheer Ahmed along with advertisement in the next Committee meeting.
344. The Committee took strong notice of the continuous absence of the Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) from the meetings and therefore no implementation on the recommendations of the Committee has been taken by the departments. Moreover, with his presence, he would have been able to listen to the concerns of the Committee about the poor performance of departments and officials of the power Division.
345. The Committee took strong notice of the lack of interest of the Secretary, Power Division in the discussion taking place in the Committee and his non-cooperative behavior during the meetings by deliberately engaging in arguments when asked to reply and defending the negative working of his officials.

346. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that instead of providing free units to the employees of power sector the amount may be adjusted in their salaries.
347. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the comparison sheet of Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, Port Qasim Power Plant and China Hub Coal Power Plant in the next Committee meeting.
348. The Committee unanimously decided not to accept the ALM test conducted by KMU and recommended Power Division to stop the results of the test and provide the report in the next Committee meeting.
349. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman NEPRA to provide the details related to the issuance of 65000MW licenses with installed capacity of 39000MW to the Committee.
350. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman, NEPRA to submit a proposal related to the royalty given to the Community in the next Committee meeting.
351. The Committee unanimously decided that reimbursement must be made to candidates, who had applied earlier for the test by 30th November, 2020. The Committee unanimously decided that there was a mismanagement from the PESCO and test should be declared null & void.
352. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to cancel the test for the post of ALM conducted by KMU.
353. The Committee unanimously decided to meet Honourable Chairman Senate over the absence of Federal Minister and Secretary, Power Division from Committee meeting and also to write a letter to Honourable Chairman Senate in this regard.
354. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the correspondence of HESCO, Board regarding the appointment of 551 (daily wages) employees within two days. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide the copy of summary send to Cabinet along with annexures to the Committee regarding the removal of previous CEO, HESCO & appointment of new CEO, HESCO.
355. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against 200 employees of HESCO for attending the political gathering within 15 days.

356. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, HESCO to provide the year-wise allocation & expenditure related to the heads of distribution of power, energy losses reduction, secondary transmission grid and repair & maintenance within a week to the Committee. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended CEO, HESCO to take action against CFO, HESCO for providing incorrect information to the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, HESCO to hold an inquiry against CFO, HESCO regarding spending of Rs.24 million on BoD as expenditure in less than six months of time from their appointment.
357. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, SEPCO to provide the year-wise allocation & expenditure related to the heads of distribution of power, energy losses reduction, secondary transmission grid and repair & maintenance within a week to the Committee.
358. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to ensure the presence of Chairman, NEPRA regarding the brief on the cheap energy in system and projects in progress.
359. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power division to refer the matter regarding illegal appointment of CFO, HESCO to the FIA for further investigation and action must be taken on former & sitting Chairman & CEO, HESCO including other officials of the HESCO for this illegal appointment.
360. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that acting charge of MD, NTDC must be given to the sitting Senior Officer of the Power Division after his retirement.
361. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, HESCO to take action against the officials (Finance & D.G, HR) involve in the issuance of Office Orders for 551 employees on which basis previous CEO, HESCO was removed and involved officers including BoD must be removed as well.
362. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the complete Minutes of the Board of HESCO regarding appointment of 551 employees (Daily Wagers) to the Committee.
363. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to share the break up of a consumer Bill in the next Committee meeting.
364. Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the progress report on the improvement of 17 Grid Stations under CPEC to the Committee.

365. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division for submission of details of departmental action taken against officials involved in conducting test of ALMs in PESCO.
366. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to write letters to FIA & NAB to finalize their inquiry with regard to test taken for the post of SDos / ROs in PESCO. The Committee also recommended that one month time must be given to them to respond back.
367. The Committee recommended Power Division to submit the proposal related to the implementation of the Bill and it will be further discussed in the presence of Minister of Energy (Power Division) in the next Committee meeting.
368. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended details of ADB Loan to Power Division related to metering system must be provided to the Committee.
369. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Chairman, NEPRA to amicably resolve the issue with the owners of small industries and submit a report in this regard.
370. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the report regarding the finalization of projected figures of FPA with NEPRA.
371. The Committee unanimously decided with the consent of Power Division and CEO, PESCO and recommended CEO, PESCO that three installments plan will be paid by owners of small industries and decision regarding surcharge will be taken by PESCO on a later date.
372. The Committee recommended that local / indigenous resources must be utilized for future coal projects.
373. The Committee unanimously decided to have a briefing on the objectives, scope and data modelling approach of IGCEP in the next Committee meeting.
374. The Committee unanimously recommended CEO, HESCO to contact previous CEO, HESCO for verification of letter issued from his office on 10-10-2014 and resolve the issue with the applicant on merit basis.
375. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to take action against CFO, HESCO & HR Department and others in appointment of 551 employees in HESCO and on which basis previous CEO, HESCO was removed.
376. The Committee recommended facilitating the cities of Ziarat & Kalat on humanitarian grounds during these harsh winter days as there was surplus of

electricity available in the country and to avoid any incident like in the case of "Murree" in future.

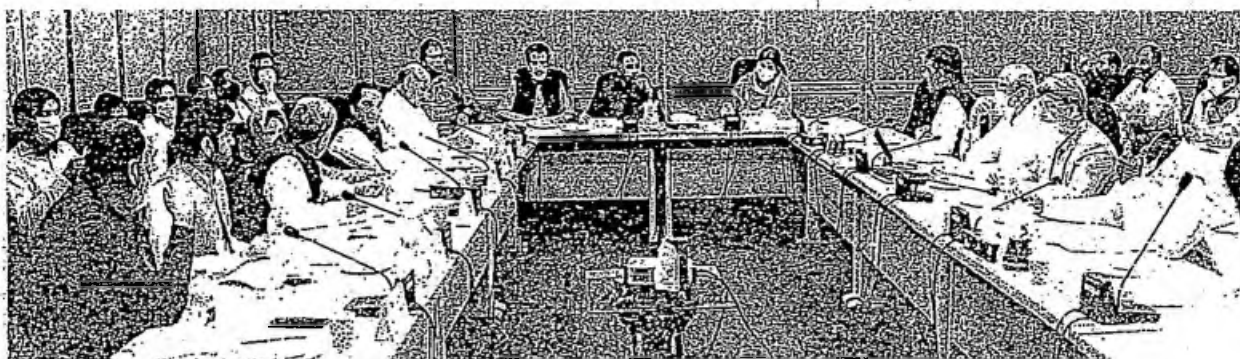
377. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, PESCO to have a meeting with the Hon. Member Haji Hidayatullah Khan and resolve the issue on priority basis. The Committee also recommended CEO, PESCO to share the report regarding 'installation of electricity poles on illegal means' with Hon. Member Haji Hidayatullah Khan.
378. The Committee recommended CEOs, MEPCO & LESCO to submit the details related to year-wise allocation & utilization (project-wise) to the Committee in the next Committee meeting.
379. The Committee recommended Power Division to take action against the HR-officials involved in the demotion of nine XEN to SDOs. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Power Division a way forward regarding the demotion of nine XEN to SDOs must be submitted to the Committee. The Committee also recommended Power Division to take action against the HR officials involved in conducting the test of ALMs earlier.
380. The Committee unanimously recommended CEO, PESCO that details of the daily wages applied for the post of AMLs must be submitted to the Committee.
381. The Committee recommended Chairman NEPRA to provide the details related to the capacity payment (break-up) made to IPPs since June, 2021 till date.
382. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to write letters to the Commissioner Hazara (Abbottabad) and Deputy Commissioner Manshara regarding award of payment to the owners of land acquired for "Suki Kinari Hydel Project" and a report may be submitted to Committee.
383. The Committee unanimously recommended the CEO, HESCO to contact previous CEO, HESCO for verification of letter issued from his office on 10-10-2014 and resolve the issue with the applicant on merit basis.
384. The Committee recommended facilitating the cities of Ziarat & Kalat on humanitarian grounds during these harsh winter days as there was surplus of electricity available in the country and to avoid any incident like in the case of "Murree" in future.
385. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, HESCO to provide the details of promotion and inquiries against Mr. Tariq Bajari and also Minutes of BoD of that meeting.

386. The Committee unanimously decided that letter may be written to Hon. Chairman Senate for issuance of Summon Notice to CEO, K-Electric to attend the next Committee meeting.
387. The Committee unanimously decided that matter relating to continuous absence of CEO, K-Electric may be sent to Senate Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.
388. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide the list of Members of BoDs in all DISCOs & GENCOs in the next Committee meeting.
389. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to submit the findings of the report related to the fire burnt incident at Guddu Thermal Power Plant. The Committee also recommended Power Division to take action against officials involved, otherwise the case will be sent to FIA & NAB through Chairman Senate of Pakistan.
390. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide the seniority list of officers working in all GENCOs.
391. The Committee recommended CEO, HESCO to take action against the staff involved in theft of electricity and in sending undue Bills to consumers and punish them accordingly.
392. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, LESCO to provide the details about the total number of illegal connections in LESCO. The Committee also recommended CEO, LESCO that independent inquiry team must be formed to look into the matter of Senator Walid Iqbal and present its report within ten days to the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that a fine should be imposed on everyone involved in theft regardless of their social status and action must be taken against involved officials.
393. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to share notification of removal of Mian Imran CEO, GHCL.
394. The Power Division to write a letter to D.G Audit regarding the audit of K-Electric. The CEO, K-Electric to provide the details related to capitalization of Rs. 474 billion, all procedure, and tendering process and complete development progress till date (project wise).
395. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to review the policy and amendments may be prepared in Wapda Act, 1958 Electricity Act, 1910 and NEPRA Act, 1997 must be made accordingly. The Committee further recommended Power Division that local owners must be involved and compensation

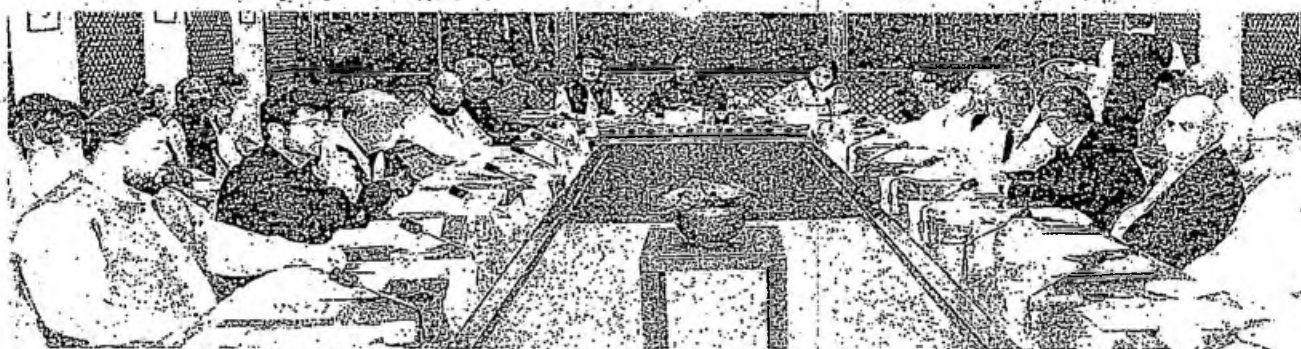
must be decided accordingly. The Committee further decided that percentage of the revenue generated from electricity must be given to the affectees.

396. Power Division to provide details on the incumbency report of Additional Secretary, Power Division from January to December 2021.
397. The Committee unanimously decided that Chairman, NEPRA, alongwith provincial Members may be summoned in the next Committee meeting.
398. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide the update and action taken against these illegal and non-experience Bods in the next Committee meeting.
399. The Committee unanimously recommended that compensations should be given to the deceased families of DISCOs' staff and general public in HESCO and K-Electric and recommended Power Division to provide a report of all DISCOs that in one year how many employees are died & affected due to electricity current and the compensations given to their families in this regard in the next Committee meeting. The Committee also unanimously decided and recommended Power Division to provide a report on the causalities of civilians and the counter measures have been taken so far.
400. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended that complete list with regard to the members of BoDs of DISCOs, GENCOs, NTDC and other departments related to energy sector may be provided to the Committee in the next Committee meeting.
401. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended CEO, GENCO-II to provide information regarding total working strength of S.Es and other technical staff in GENCO-II to the Committee.
402. The Power Division to take action against the PEPCO officials & PEPCO, BoD which are the main reason of monopoly in PEPCO & caused to establish a PPMC.
403. The Power Division to take action against Mr. Sagheer Ahmed for his working on contract basis for a year now and submit a report to the Committee.
404. The Committee unanimously decided and recommended Power Division that inquiry Members for GT-16 must be changed with regard to damaged GT-16. The Committee also decided and recommended Power Division to take action against all Members of BoDs involved in the damaged of GT-16.
405. The Committee recommended Power Division to provide bidding details of Haveli Bahadur Shah Power Plant, Bhikki combined-cycle power and Balloki combined-cycle gas-fired power plant alongwith O & M contracts details in the light of discussion of last Committee meeting.

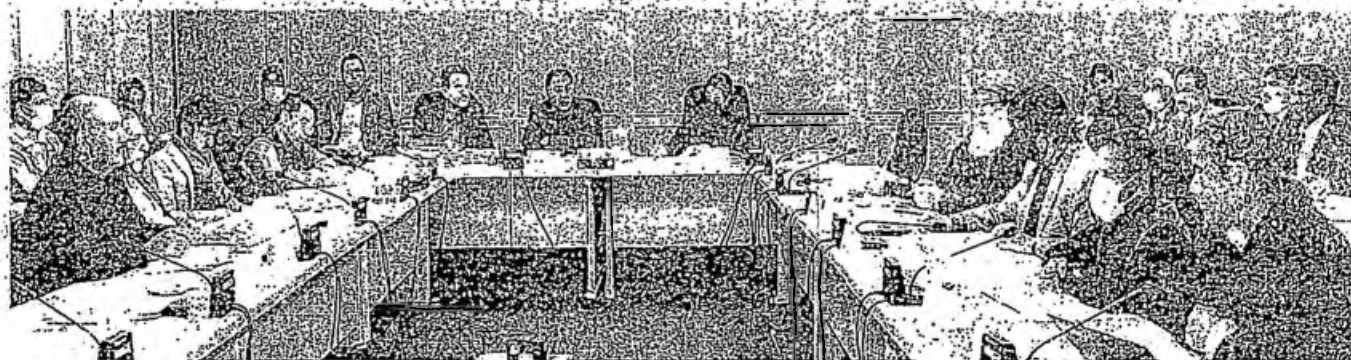
SITTINGS OF THE COMMITTEE



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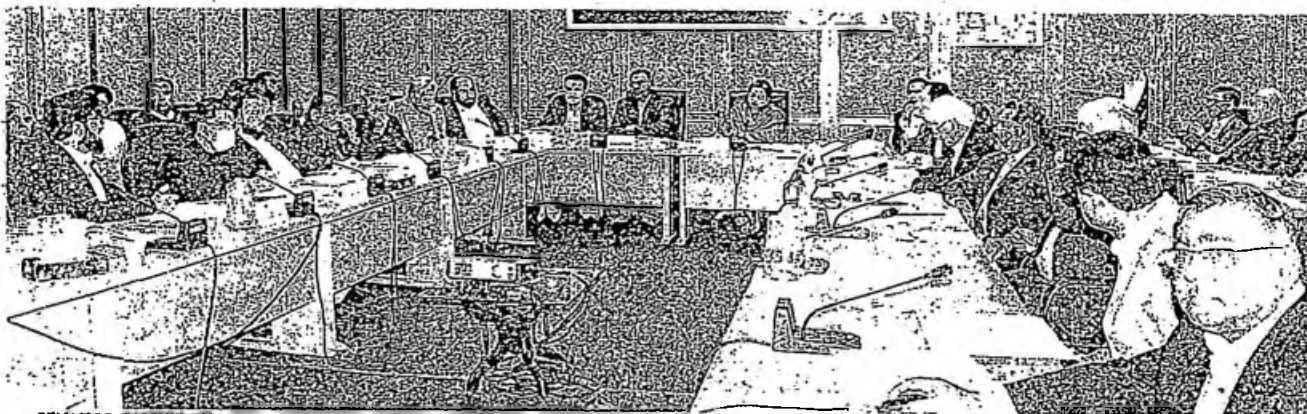
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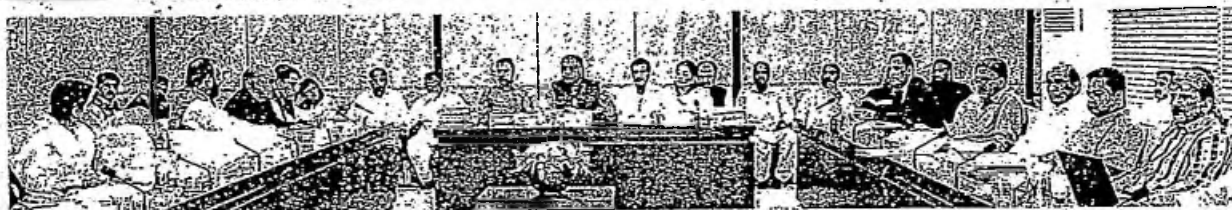
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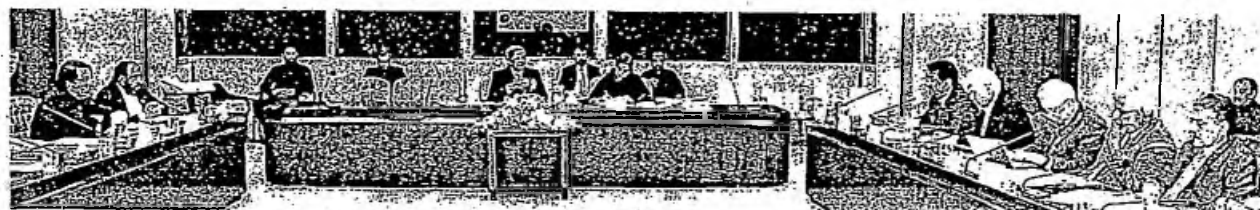


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