

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad the 10th March, 2021: The Standing Committee on Energy (Petroleum Division) met under the Chairmanship **Mr. Imran Khattak, MNA**. All members of the Committee expressed complete dissatisfaction over the passive attitude of the Ministry on the unfinished and incomplete schemes especially pending since 2015 onwards. The Committee asked that the Ministry should endeavor to get unfinished schemes revalidated after the closure of financial year. The Committee formed a Sub-Committee to resolve issues of unfinished development schemes.

2. The budgetary proposals of the M/o Energy (Petroleum Division), relating to the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for the financial year 2021-22 was discussed/scrutinized. The Committee gave its nod of approval to an amount of Rs. 4643.07 million as demanded by the Ministry. The Committee members desired that an amount of Rs.3491.580 million required for all Gas schemes which had been approved during the period from 2013-18 should also be included in this PSDP.

3. On a matter raised by Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan, MNA from Karachi regarding the removal of sports men employed in Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd. (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd. (SSGCL), the Managing Directors of both companies said that restructuring is being done and only contractual employees are being removed. On the directions of the Committee, they committed to take up the matter with their respective Boards and submit report in the next meeting of the Committee.

4. The Committee observed that OGRA has not considered the issues and difficulties faced by the people of Pabbi and Jehangira of KPK, for their request of establishing Sub-area at Pubbi and Customer Service Centre at Jehangira. On the direction of the Committee, the Chairman OGRA assured the Committee that the request will be considered.

5. The meeting was attended by MNA's Mr. Junaid Akber, Malik Anwar Taj, Mr. Noor Alam Khan, Mr. Shahid Ahmad, Mr. Jai Parkash, Chaudhary Khalid Javed, Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar, Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan, Special Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum Division along with senior officers of the relevant departments attended the meeting.



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