روزنامہ جنگ کراچی اتوار یکم جنوری 2012ء

گیس سے متعلق حکومتی پالیسی ٹیکسٹائل سیکٹر کو تباہ کر رہی ہے، جاوید بلوانی

صنعتی شعبے میں فراہم کیا جانے والا روزگار سرکاری شعبے سے کہیں زیادہ ہے

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) گیس سے متعلق حکومتی پالیسی انڈسٹریل سیکٹر خصوصاً ملکی معیشت کی ریڑھ کی ہڈی، برآمدی ٹیکسٹائل سیکٹر کو تباہ و برباد کر رہی ہے۔ یہ بات ویلیو ایڈیڈ ٹیکسٹائل فورم کے چیف کوآرڈی نیٹر ایم جاوید بلوانی نے کہی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حکومت کو پورے انڈسٹریل سیکٹر کو خصوصی ترجیحی بنیاد پر گیس فراہم کرنی چاہیے جو نہ صرف بڑے پیمانے پر عوام بشمول مرد و خواتین، ہنرمند اور مزدوروں کو روزگار دے رہا ہے بلکہ برآمدات کے ذریعے ملک کو بیش قیمت زرمبادلہ کما کر بھی دے رہا ہے۔ صنعتی شعبے میں فراہم کیا جانے والا روزگار سرکاری شعبے سے کہیں زیادہ ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دنیا کے کسی بھی ملک میں صنعتوں کو اس طرح کچلا نہیں جا رہا جس طرح حکومت ہمارے ملک میں کر رہی ہے اور یہ سب کچھ سی این جی سیکٹر کو گیس کی فراہمی کے لئے کیا جا رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دنیا بھر میں خصوصاً برآمدات میں ہماری مسابقت کرنے والے پڑوسی ممالک میں روزگار فراہم کرنے اور قیمتی زرمبادلہ کما کر دینے والے برآمدی سیکٹر کو تمام معاملات میں ترجیح دے کر اس کی حوصلہ افزائی کی جاتی ہے، برآمدی صنعتوں کو توانائی کی بھرپور فراہمی کے ساتھ انہیں مختلف سہولتیں اور ترغیبات بھی فراہم کی جاتی ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ گیس صنعتوں کے لئے شہ رگ حیات ہے جس کے بغیر انہیں چلایا نہیں جاسکتا، غریب عوام کو اپنا گھر چلانے کے لئے روزگار درکار ہے اگر صنعتیں بند ہونے کے نتیجے میں لاکھوں مزدور بیروزگار ہوئے تو ان کے گھر کا چولہا کیسے جلے گا؟ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایک مزدور کو گھر کا چولہا جلانے کے لئے گیس سے زیادہ روزگار کی ضرورت ہے اگر وہ کمائے گا نہیں تو اس کے گھر کا چولہا کیسے جلے گا؟ انہوں نے کہا کہ گیس کے موجودہ بحران کے باعث لاکھوں افراد بیروزگار ہو جائیں گے جس سے سنگین سماجی مسائل جنم لیں گے، لوگ حکومت کے خلاف احتجاج کرنے کی غرض سے سڑکوں پر نکل آئیں گے جس کو سنبھالنا حکومت کے بس میں نہیں ہوگا اور اس سے امن و امان کے مسائل مزید سنگین ہو جائیں گے۔ ایم جاوید بلوانی نے حکومت کو تجویز دی کہ صرف موسم سرما کے لئے گیس کا ٹیرف ڈیزل کی قیمت کے مساوی کیا جائے اس وقت پورے پاکستان کی پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ سی این جی پر چل رہی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پبلک ٹرانسپورٹرز ڈیزل کی قیمتوں کی بنیاد پر عوام سے کرائے وصول کر رہے ہیں لہٰذا اگر سی این جی کی قیمت ڈیزل کے نرخ کے مساوی کر دی جائے تو ٹرانسپورٹرز پر فرق نہیں پڑے گا اس طرح سی این جی اسٹیشنز سردیوں میں بھی چلتے رہیں گے۔

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"Nowhere in the world the industries are discouraged and crushed like in our country where the government is out to ruin the industry at the cost of supply of gas to the CNG sector," he regretted.

He said the government of regional countries is providing all key facilities, incentives to their manufacturing sectors, besides an adequate energy supply.

Showing concerns, Bilwani said the country could not afford rise in the existing unemployment and warned the closures of industrial units because of gas cuts would badly hit jobs. "The situation could also lead to a serious law and order dilemma," he added.

He proposed that only for winter season the tariff of gas should be raised in parity with the diesel price to protect the passengers from unjustified fares the transport sector charges from them.

"Transporters run their vehicles on CNG but charge fares on the basis of diesel price. Therefore, the CNG price should be increased in winters to discourage the transporters and save the gas for industrial and household use," the chief coordinator of value-added textile sector said.

He reiterated that industrial sector including textile one is the backbone of the national economy, which is faced with the "severest ever shortage of vital energy".

He said the gas shortage also made a large number of industrial units close production, consequently these units are being relocated to abroad as the investors want to secure their capital.

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Steps urged to overcome gas crisis

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI, Dec 31: Gas crisis is not only crippling industry, but also resulting in unemployment across the country which may lead to chaos and anarchy in all major cities and towns.

This was stated by chairman, Pakistan Apparel Forum (PAF) M Jawed Bilwani, in a statement issued on Saturday.

He said the government should wake up before it sweeps away everything because presently industrial activity is at its lowest ebb.

The gas crisis was not only damaging industrial activity but also damaging exports which are vital for country's balance of trade and earning of foreign exchange, he added.

Mr Bilwani said the value-added textile sector was already over- burdened with other costs and higher gas tariffs and shortage has made it difficult for the industry to meet its export contracts.

The employment generated by the industry, he said is even much more than the government but it seems that there was no realisation to this fact.

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He said globally and even in the neighbouring countries top priority is given to industrial sector, keeping in view enormous employment generated and huge amount of foreign exchange earned by the export sector.

All sorts of facilities and infrastructure are provided to the industry on priority but in our country, the industry is not only being neglected but all decisions are being taken at its cost.

He further said that the masses first need jobs and then anything else because without having income they even could not use CNG or gas.

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