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**Press Release**

## **Women take centre-stage in BSES' crackdown on power theft**

- **BSES women officials leading power theft campaign in Dwarka and Daryaganj**
- **BYPL launches campaign against power-theft in Daryaganj Division**
- **Delhi Police to accompany the BYPL enforcement teams**
- **Daryaganj Division has around 20,000 illegal connections**
- **Revenue loss of around 126 crore during FY 2013-2014 on account of power-theft in Daryaganj**

Women are storming the male bastion like never before. Then can a campaign against power-theft be any-different. BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) have started actively deploying women in their campaign against power-theft. This is being done keeping in mind the sensitivity of the residents. BSES' women are not only getting actively involved in the campaign against power-theft, but leading the campaign in the Dwarka and Daryaganj divisions.

### **BYPL' launches anti-power-theft campaign in Daryaganj**

Daryaganj, besides being a commercial area, is also synonymous with its rich heritage going back several decades. But this heritage is getting blemished because of power-theft. Though the over-all loss level in the Daryaganj Division is around 26%, there are certain pockets, where the loss levels are around 60%. Daryaganj has around 58,000 legal connections and around 20,000 illegal electricity connections, causing revenue loss of around Rs 126 crore during FY 2013-2014.

To crack-down on power theft in the area, BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), the discom supplying electricity in East and Central Delhi, is intensifying its crack-down on power-theft in the Daryaganj division. It has launched a campaign from today. For the purpose, several cross functional teams have been deployed, consisting of members from different departments, including Enforcement, Business, O&M and Vigilance.

Since, BSES teams often come under attack from the unscrupulous elements, while undertaking such mass-raids. At times, in absence of the non-availability of Police personnel in adequate numbers, it becomes difficult to undertake a raid in many areas. In view of this, Delhi Police personnel will accompany the BYPL teams as part of the campaign in the area.

### **Snapshot – Daryaganj**

Number of legal connections	58,000
Estimated number of illegal connections	Around 20,000
Theft levels	Around 26%, but going-upto 60% in certain pockets
Revenue loss on account of power-theft	Around Rs 126 crore

Besides cracking-down on power-theft in the area, the innovative campaign will also educate and sensitise consumers on several issues related to power-theft. They include: (i) Menace of power-theft, (ii) Ill effects of power-theft, (iii) Impact of power-theft and revenue loss on consumers and (iv) Energy Conservation.

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The areas in the Daryaganj division which will be specifically targeted as part of the campaign, include, Jama Masjid and Hauz Qazi Zone (Wall city Area), Shakur Ki Dandi, LNJP Colony, Takiya Kale Khan, 64 Khamba, Mata Sundari DDA Flats, Anna Nagar and Sanjay Amar Colony.

Since April 2014, BYPL Enforcement teams have booked around 700 cases of power-theft in the Daryaganj division and unearthed a power-theft load of over 2100 KW.

**Dwarka**

Though the AT & C losses in the Dwarka division are around 10.5%, there are certain pockets, where they are in the range of 25% to 50%. They include Kakrola, Matiala, Madhu Vihar, Mahavir Enclave, Matharam Park, Pappankalam Rajapuri and Nasespuri village, where a crack-down is currently underway. The enforcement team led by women in the Dwarka division has unearthed power-theft of over 100 KW in recent weeks, where the campaign is currently underway.

For increased effectiveness of the drive and to unearth power-theft of various types, the raids will be carried-out literally 24 x 7 - even during late-night, early morning hours and also on Saturdays and Sundays. The discom is relying on modern analytics and technology for greater effectiveness. Energy input data from the Distribution Transformers (DT) and consumer meters is being collated and analysed using sophisticated tools, by a centralized team and power-theft locations have been narrowed-down significantly with an active use of technology.