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Press Release

**Power Thieves Attack BSES Team Leaders, Injure Two
Court Rejects the bail application of the accused**

- **Power thieves attack BSES managers with sticks, rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre**
- **Two culprits arrested by the Delhi Police, one absconding**
- **High loss pockets not only cause revenue loss but also overload the distribution network**

New Delhi: The difficulties faced by discom officials while discharging their mandatory duties continue unabated. Acting on concrete information, a BSES team had gone to inspect premises in Lal Kuan in South Delhi's Pul Prahalpur, a high-power theft area in South Delhi, where the discom loses around 2-3 Million Units annually.

After detecting direct theft of electricity and booking the case against one Irfan at C 40 Lal Kuan, the team moved to the adjoining premises. Meanwhile, Akbar (father of Mr Irfan) along with the resident of C 33 (Sabbir Ansari) and his son launched an unprovoked attack on BSES' inspection team with sticks and bricks. Incidentally, a case of power-theft had already been registered against Akbar. Sabbir Ansari too had been booked for power theft in 2011.

In the ensuing mêlée, two team leaders Mr Manish Sharma and Mr Vishal Prabhakar sustained serious injuries. While Vishal received injuries on his right leg, Manish sustained injuries on his chest and leg.

Police was called by dialling 100 and reached the venue promptly. Senior BSES officials too rushed to the venue and took the injured to the AIIMS trauma centre for treatment. Subsequently, a FIR (No 114) was filed under sections 186 / 353 / 332/34 of the IPC against the culprits. While Sabbir and Akbar have been arrested by the Police, Irfan is absconding.

The arrested accused moved bail applications. These were rejected yesterday by the Metropolitan Magistrate Ms Ankita Lal at the Saket Court.

Condemning the incident, BSES spokesperson said, "Such incidents are not infrequent. Even in February this year, a BSES team was attacked and a senior official had sustained head injuries. Efforts of discom teams to check the irregularities are often thwarted by the law-defying people who function like organised gangs. Whenever discom teams reach these 'sensitive' areas, criminal elements 'gherao' them and obstruct officials in imparting their duties. Power theft has taken shape of organised crime and an even more active police support is needed to curb this menace.

Impact of power-theft

These high loss pockets not only cause revenue loss but also overload the distribution network – impacting the reliability of power supply in these areas. This overloading of the distribution network is an extra burden on the honest consumers – both financially and in getting reliable power supply

High power theft areas

Despite several measures undertaken, power-theft is still rampant in several pockets. These include Najafgargh, Jaffarpur, Mundka, Badarpur, Shaheen Bagh, Karawal Nagar, Seelampur, Mandawali, Chandni Mahal, Nand Nagari, Turkman Gate, Yamuna Vihar, Daryaganj, Dallupura etc.

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