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**Press Release**

**BYPL in association with DSLSA to organize Special Lok Adalat on Jan 14 & 15**

**Last chance for amicable settlement of power-theft cases**

- **Lok Adalat to help consumers and settle cases quickly in an inexpensive manner**
- **Maximum cases from Daryaganj, followed by Yamuna Vihar ,G T Nagar Paharganj and Nand Nagri**
- **Facility to apply for on-the-spot new connection / re-connection after clearing dues**
- **Additional benefits for those paying 'settled' amount within 7 days**

In response to consumers' requests, BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) in association with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) is organizing a two-day 'special' Lok Adalat on Saturday, January 14 and Sunday, January 15, 2017. The Lok Adalat will be organized from 10 am to 4 pm at two places simultaneously – (i) Premises of the District Court, Karkardooma and (ii) Permanent Lok Adalat Building, ITO, Near Mata Sundari College.

The two-day Lok Adalat will provide BYPL customers residing in East and Central Delhi an opportunity to settle their power theft cases amicably and on the spot, relating to both Direct Theft (DT) and Meter Tampering (DAE). Cases that are either pending or are yet to be filed in any court of law, will be taken up by the Lok Adalat.

**Facility for on-the-spot re-connection / new-connection**

For convenience, BYPL will facilitate consumers to apply for on-the-spot re-connection / new-connection, after 'settling' the case and paying their dues at the Lok Adalat. Moreover, those who pay their 'settled' dues within 7 days will be given additional benefits.

Over 31,000 letters/notices have been sent to BYPL customers/litigants with regards to the Lok Adalat. Of these, the maximum numbers of cases are from Daryaganj division. This is followed by Yamuna Vihar, G T Nagar, Paharganj, Nand Nagri and Chandani Chowk divisions.

**Last Opportunity**

This is the last opportunity being provided to these consumers to settle their power theft cases. In case of a default, the company will be compelled to initiate criminal proceedings against these consumers under the relevant provision of Electricity Act, 2003.

**According to a BYPL spokesperson,** "Consumers are requested to make full use of this unique opportunity to amicably settle their power theft related disputes. There are twin advantages in settling cases through such Lok Adalats; they help settle cases at a quicker pace and are

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mutually settled between the two parties. They also help the litigants escape from a time-consuming legal process. It also reduces the pressure of mounting cases on the judiciary.”

Customers desirous of settling their power theft cases can either attend in person or through their Advocates / Authorised representatives. They should carry their Photo Id and a copy of their theft bill.

To reduce the response time to dispose off cases, a total of 18 Courts will be set up for the purpose. BYPL is making special arrangements and setting up 16 Help Desks – manned by specially trained officials.

Post their ‘settlement orders’, consumers will be given sufficient time to pay their bills at the designated BYPL Enforcement offices. After that, they will get the No Dues Certificate. Moreover, keeping with BYPL’ pro-environment policies, this two-day Lok Adalat promises to be “green” and an environment friendly affair. There will be no physical movements of files. All relevant case documents and files will be accessible from the computers that will be deployed for the purpose. This two-day “green” Lok Adalat is expected to save over 30,000 A4 sheets.

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