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**Press Release**

**BYPL Lok Adalat amicably settles 2700 power theft cases, amounting to over Rs 20 crore**

- **Paperless Lok Adalat also saved over 40,000 A 4 sized sheets**
- **BRPL and BYPL Lok Adalats in Dec. & Jan. settled nearly 5000 power theft cases, amounting to over RS 40 crore**

New Delhi: On January 14 and 15, all roads led to premises of District Court, Karkardooma and Permanent Lok Adalat Building, ITO), literally! At these two locations, BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) in association with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) had organised two-day special Lok Adalats to amicably settle power theft cases.

Surpassing all expectations, the BYPL Lok Adalats, saw over 2700 cases of value over Rs 20 crores being settled. The two-day 'green' Lok Adalats also managed to save over 40,000 A4 size sheets.

The Lok Adalats, besides being an unprecedented hit, were also a great leveler. People from all walks of the society such as Shopkeepers, Industrialists, Businessmen, Showroom owners, Guest house owners, and even Housewives, made a beeline for the special Lok Adalats. From High-end cars to cycles – customers arrived at the venue in every conceivable means of transport.

The just concluded Lok Adalats provided BYPL customers residing in East and Central Delhi, a one-time opportunity, for an amicable and on-the-spot settlement of their power theft cases, relating to both Direct Theft (DT) and Meter Tampering (DAE). Cases that were either pending in any Court of Law or are yet to be filed in any Court of Law were taken up in the Lok Adalats.

For convenience of its consumers, BYPL had facilitated consumers to apply for on-the-spot re-connection / new-connection, after 'settling' the case and paying their dues at the Lok Adalats. Moreover, those who pay their 'settled' dues within 7 days were given additional benefits.

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

**At the successful completion of Lok Adalats over the week-end, BYPL spokesperson said,** "Consumers were given last opportunity to settle their power theft cases. Consumers, whose cases were settled, have been given sufficient time to pay up. Infact, we have adopted a very humane approach and even allowed many to pay in instalments. In case of a default, the company will be compelled to initiate criminal proceedings against the defaulters under the relevant provision of Electricity Act, 2003."

BRPL and BYPL Lok Adalats organised in December 2016 and January 2017, amicably settled nearly 5000 cases, amounting to over Rs 40 crore. These consumer friendly events provided consumers a cost effective and a one-stop-setup for settlement of their power theft cases. Moreover, the exercise was a win-win for everybody. For the consumers, it meant an opportunity to amicably settle their cases and an escape from a prolonged legal process. For an over worked judiciary, it meant some burden off their Courts. For BSES, it meant, more people coming into the billing net.

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