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**Press Release**

**Monsoon Advisory**

**Simple precautions will go a long way in keeping Delhi safe**

- **BSES fully geared for monsoons by undertaking extensive preventive maintenance**
- **Undertaking measures to minimise moisture related breakdowns**
- **Power theft by hooking can be a serious safety hazard, especially during the monsoon months**
- **BSES advises consumers to keep a “Tester” handy at home and install an ELCB**

Monsoon is round the corner. Besides a respite from the dreaded heat-wave, at times, the rainy season also brings its own set of unique problems and issues. Adhering to simple safety guidelines, BSES and its customers, together, can help ensure safe and incident free monsoons. In order to safeguard human lives and equipment, at times, it also becomes necessary to switch off the electricity supply to an affected area as a precautionary measure.

To ensure that BSES’ over 34 lakh customers enjoy the pleasant weather and an incident free power supply, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), are undertaking all possible measures. BSES discoms are fully geared for the monsoons by undertaking extensive preventive maintenance. To minimise the incidence of moisture related breakdowns, BSES discoms are also taking active measures to minimise the accumulation of moisture in the Grids and Panels.

**Advisory for customers**

Due to water-logging, chances of electricity related mishaps and incidents are especially high during the monsoon season. Simple precautions will help the consumers stay safe and go a long way in ensuring incident free monsoons:

- Stay away from electrical installations like electricity poles, sub-stations, transformers, streetlights etc
- Caution children from playing near electricity installations, even if they are barricaded
- Caution children from playing in parks that are water logged.
- Do not touch electrical appliances with wet hands
- Keep a “Tester” at home. If a switch is wet, do not touch it. First use a “Tester” to check if there is an electricity leakage. If need be, call your electrician
- In the event you notice any fallen cable, pole or exposed wiring, please inform 399 99 707 (for South & West Delhi) and 399 99 808 for (East & Central Delhi) areas

**Power Theft**

Power-theft by way of hooking into an electricity system can, and often poses a serious safety hazard, especially during the monsoon months. Despite BSES putting-up insulated conductors (instead of the bare conductors), anti-social elements indulging in power theft puncture the over-head electricity cables and illegally hook on to our systems - jeopardizing the lives of people around them. Invariably these ‘hooked on’ wires are not insulated or properly fixed, in case of windy or rainy weather, they can fall-off, and cause grievous injury or even fatalities.



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BSES teams on a regular basis remove large quantities of illegal wires from our overhead systems and yet unscrupulous elements callously and carelessly manage to hook again and again, creating potentially hazardous conditions.

### **Appeal to consumers**

BSES appeals to all citizens of Delhi; to please report / resist and convince people not to illegally draw electricity by hooking on to mainlines or electrical road side equipment. Citizens / RWA's are requested to immediately alert BSES by calling 39999707 (BRPL) and 39999808 (BYPL) or inform the Police. This will enable necessary action to be taken.

**According to a BSES spokesperson,** "We urge all to alert BSES in case somebody comes across fallen trees / branches on electricity wires due to rain or strong winds. This will enable us to take prompt corrective action. We also request people to stay away from an electric pole or an electric installation, if it is surrounded by water."

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