

New Delhi May 23, 2014

Press Release

**BSES discoms form ‘Vigilance’ Flying Squads
to crack-down on power-theft at night**

- **12 Flying Squads –6 each in BRPL and BYPL - formed as part of BSES’ crack down on power-theft**
- **Flying squad members under-go extensive training in analytics and power-theft detection**
- **Over 3330 KW of power-theft load unearthed; over 750 cases booked during night and early morning inspections in the last few days**
- **Unearthed power-theft enough to power over 800 middle class homes**

To further intensify their campaign against power theft, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) have formed ‘Vigilance’ Flying Squads to unearth power-theft during the night and early morning hours. A total of 12 Flying Squads – 6 each in BRPL and BYPL - have been constituted in the last few days.

These Flying Squads work in close coordination with the BSES Enforcement Teams. Each squad typically comprises of around 5-6 people depending on the area and heavily relies on analytics and physical verification to detect power-theft. Besides an engineer, a flying squad also consists of linesmen.

Prior to their deployment to this role, each and every member of the Flying Squad undergoes extensive training in power-theft detection and the use of analytics. The leads, which these squads generate, are passed on to BSES’ enforcement teams for follow-up action.

A Flying Start

The Flying Squads have literally gotten-off to a flying start. As a result of their inputs, over 100 raids have been conducted during the night and early morning hours in the last few days. This has led to the detection of over 3330 KW of power-theft load, booking of over 750 cases. This quantum of power theft load unearthed is enough to power over 800 middle-class homes. Keeping in mind the sensitivity, at times, depending on the type and place of the power-theft raid, women guards also accompany the raiding teams.

BSES teams often come under attack from the unscrupulous elements, while undertaking mass-inspections. To protect them, many of the inspection teams during the night and early morning hours are being accompanied by Delhi Police personnel, who are extending full cooperation.

Some of the areas where the inspection have recently been conducted include: **West Delhi:** Janakpuri, Vikaspuri, Jaffarpur, Najafgarh, Nangloi and Uttam Nagar **South Delhi:** Mehrauli, Govindpuri, Ghitorn, Dakshinpuri, Tughlakabad, Munirka and Ayanagar **East and Central Delhi:** Jhilmil Colony, Kalyanpuri, New Ashok Nagar, Gazipur Village, Trilokpuri, Raghubar Pura, Gandhi Nagar, Daryaganj, Chooriwalan Chandni Chowk, New Qasabpura Paharganj and Karawal Nagar.

Power-Theft can lead to trippings

Power-theft also inconveniences the honest consumers. They lead to a severe over-loading of the distribution system (transformers / feeders), resulting in trippings and is also a potential safety hazard. This dangerous over-loading of the distribution system can also damage the distribution equipment. These 500+ mass raids will also assist in checking this menace.

BSES' campaign against power-theft

With over 500 mass raids planned over the next three months, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) have launched one-of their biggest crack-downs on power-theft in recent times. For increased effectiveness of the drive and to unearth power-theft of various types, the raids are being carried-out literally 24 x 7 - even during late-night, early morning hours and also on Saturdays/Sundays. To begin with, this campaign will continue for a period of three-months and over 150 areas will be targeted across South, West East and Central Delhi.

BRPL and BYPL, Delhi's premier power distribution companies are committed to ensuring quality and reliable electricity supply to all their consumers.
