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Press Release

In a major breakthrough, 2 impostors masquerading as BSES officials arrested in South Delhi; FIR registered

- **Law is getting tough on imposters. Over 30 ‘impostors’ caught in the last couple of years**
Impostors target unsuspecting consumers
- **Consumers are advised to ask for the Identity Card of officials, claiming to be from BSES**
- **Consumers are advised to inform BSES / Police should they notice anything suspicious**
- **Four imposters from New Rajendera Nagar in Central Delhi and three from Sarai Julena in South Delhi were arrested recently**

In a major breakthrough, two impostors, masquerading as BSES officials and carrying fake I Cards have been arrested in South Delhi’s Tughlakabad Extension on August 21, 2017. They were part of a gang, targeting unsuspecting people with their ingenious methods.

In the present instance also, posing as BSES ‘enforcement’ officials, 4-5 ‘officials’ visited a residence of one Mr Narendra Kumar in South Delhi’s Tughlakabad Extension, ostensibly to check the meter. Proclaiming that the meter was tampered, they tried to scare the resident - of the impending Rs 5 lakh fine that he will have to pay for power-theft. To give an impression of genuineness; they did videography of the place to ‘capture’ power-theft. Scared, the resident ‘settled’ the case for Rs 12,000 (through the original demand was for Rs 18,000).

As the luck would have it, genuine BSES officials were also working in the vicinity. Hearing the story of his duped neighbour and suspecting something amiss, an attentive shopkeeper alerted others to these impostors’.

Realising the sudden change in the ground situation, these ‘impostors’ tried to beat a hasty retreat, but only after pocketing the money. Overpowering them, the local residents managed to catch two ‘impostors’ – Sonu Kumar and Dhan Singh. Other impostors managed to get-away in the mêlée. Police was called and they were handed-over. A search has been launched by the Police to apprehend the absconders. A FIR (No 0331) has been registered at the Govindpuri Police Station u/s 419/420468/471/34 of the IPC.

In another case, this time in Dilshad Colony, ‘impostors’, masquerading as BSES officials tried to con a resident. But the alert customer, sensing something amiss, called the Police. But before the Police could arrive, the ‘impostors’ fled. With help of the CCTV footage, the Police is trying to nab them.

Crackdown on Impostors

BSES discoms have further intensified their crackdown against ‘impostors’. In the last few months, seven impostors masquerading as BSES officials have been apprehended and FIRs registered. Four of them from New Rajendera Nagar in Central Delhi and three from Sarai Julena in South Delhi. Moreover, in the last couple of years, over 30 of these ‘impostors’ have been apprehended with active help from the Police.

Advisory for residents



“We have been routinely urging our consumers to be wary of such unscrupulous elements. We once again appeal to our consumers not to get intimidated or induced by the threats and false assurances of the ‘impostors’ and not give them any money – whatever be the reason. All Enforcement (fines and penalties) and Commercial payments are to be made only at designated BSES offices” said a BSES official.

“Consumers are advised to ascertain and verify the identity of persons, claiming to be from BSES, who visit their premises. We request consumers to ask for their Identity Cards and look for the following to ascertain its genuineness: (i) BSES Logo (ii) BSES Hologram (iii) Date of Issue (iv) Validity (v) Photograph (vi) Signature of authorized signatory (vii) Signature of employee (viii) Employee Number / I Card Number (ix) Name / Logo / Address of the Contractor and (x) Lamination”

“If consumers have any doubt or notice anything suspicious, they should immediately alert the nearest

BSES office or call 262 73311 / 39999707 for BRPL and 8010930719 / 39999808 for BYPL or inform the local Police on # 100”.

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