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Press Release

Mob Attacks BSES Team Engaged in System Improvement in West Delhi

BSES official, a retired ACP, sustains serious head injuries

- **BSES team of 20 was accompanied by two women**
- **Mob attacked the BSES team with iron rods**
- **Area (Kamruddin Nagar) has 55% power-theft despite efforts to control it**
- **Area infested with illegal plastic factories causing heavy pollution**

The difficulties faced by discom officials while discharging their mandatory duties have come to the fore once again. Yesterday, a twenty member BSES team, that included two women, was undertaking a routine loss reduction / system improvement exercise in Kamruddin Nagar (Mundka), a high-power theft area in West Delhi. The team was also accompanied by Delhi Police.

Pre planned attack

Irrked by the attempts to improve the distribution system and curb power theft, a mob of around 15-20 unscrupulous elements gathered and a few amongst it brutally attacked the team with iron rods. In the ensuing mêlée, a BSES official (and a retired Delhi Police ACP), Mr Santosh Kumar Singh, sustained serious head injuries. He was rushed to the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, where he was administered six stitches. A FIR (No 0102/2018) has been filed at the Nihal Vihar Police Station u/s 186/353/332/308/34.

The mob attacked the BSES team when the two accompanying Policemen had gone for lunch. This shows the attack pre planned.

Condemning the incident, BSES spokesperson said, “This is not an isolated incident. Efforts of discom teams to check the irregularities are often thwarted by the law-defying people who function like organised gangs. Whenever discom teams reach these ‘sensitive’ areas, criminal elements ‘gherao’ them and obstruct officials in imparting their duties. Power theft has taken shape of organised crime and an even more active police support is needed to curb this menace.

High power-theft area infested with illegal plastic factories

Despite intensive efforts to reduce power theft, Kamruddin Nagar (a prominent area in Division Mundka) continues to have power-theft of around 55%. The area is infested with illegal plastic factories, which are not only running for stolen electricity, but also cause heavy pollution. They are also a huge safety hazard.

High power theft areas

Despite several measures undertaken, power-theft is still rampant in several pockets. These include Najafgargh, Jaffarpur, Mundka, Badarpur, Shaheen Bagh, Karawal Nagar, Seelampur, Mandawali, Chandni Mahal, Nand Nagari, Turkman Gate, Yamuna Vihar, Daryaganj, Dallupura etc.

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