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**Press Release****84 convicted for power-theft + 45 get Jail + Penalized Rs 5.6 crore in fines****Industrialist, Businessmen, owners of a Bottling Plant, Gowdown, Tailor, Shopkeeper, Jute bag manufacturer, landlord & his tenant among those convicted and sentenced**

- **Of those Jailed, 38 awarded Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) & 7 Simple Imprisonment (SI)**
- **Jail terms vary between 5 months and 3 years**
- **Penalty amount (Civil Liability + Fine) ranges from Rs 5,000 to over Rs 1 crore**
- **Power-theft is a social menace which impacts the honest consumers**
- **BSES discoms appeal to their consumers to help the discoms in their fight against power theft**

What is common between an Industrialist, Businessmen, Owners of Bottling plant owner, Welding works owner, Factory owner, Tailor, Shopkeeper, Gowdown Owner, Jute bag manufacturer and even a landlord and his tenant? For one, they have all been convicted for power-theft. In the last 18 months, around 84 power thieves, cutting across the social strata and areas have been convicted by the Special Courts of Electricity in Dwarka, Saket and Karkardooma.

“Analysing the data presents interesting trends. Of these convictions, 44 people have been sent to Jail - 38 for Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) and 7 for Simple Imprisonment (SI) - for terms varying between 6 months and 3 years. 18 power-theft accused have been sentenced till ‘Rising of the Court’ (TRC) and 13 have been awarded conditional SI, in case they default in paying their fines. The quantum of penalties (Civil Liability + Fines) ranges between Rs 5000 for a residence for domestic power theft to over Rs 1 crore for an Industrialist. Cumulatively, they have been penalized (Civil Liability + fine) around Rs 5.6 crore.” said a BSES official.

**At a Glance (Jail Term)**

Sentence term	36 months	24 months	18 months	12 months	Upto 6 months	Total
No of months	5	21	3	9	7	45

Most of those convicted – 78 to be precise - were stealing electricity by way of Direct Theft (DT), 5 were stealing by way of Meter Tampering and 1 for stealing electricity material. Moreover, there is almost an equal split between domestic (28), commercial (29) and Industrial (27) cases.

**West:** 39 cases have been convicted in West Delhi. Of these, 3 were awarded RI and 3 SI. 13 convicts were awarded SI in case they default and an equal number were sentenced till ‘Rising of the Court’. The maximum number of convictions are from the Najafgarh Division (10), followed by Dwarka (7), Vikaspuri (5), Mundka (4), Nangloi (3), Jaffarpur (3). Other divisions / areas include Janakpuri, Palam and Janakpuri.

**South:** 27 cases have been convicted in South Delhi for power-theft. Of these 21 have got RI, 1 SI and 5 were sentenced ‘Till Rising of the Court (TRC)’. In South, maximum number of cases - 6 each - belong to the Khanpur and Sarita Vihar divisions. They are followed by the Alaknanda Division (4), Nizamudin (3) and Vasant Kunj (3) divisions. Other divisions/ areas include, Nehru Place, Hauz Khas, Saket and R K Puram.

**East and Central:** 17 cases have been convicted by the Special Court of Electricity Karkardooma. Of these, 14 have got Rigorous Imprisonment and 3 Simple Imprisonment (SI). The maximum number of convictions belong to the Dilshad Garden Division (4), followed by the Karawal Nagar (3), Nand Nagri (3), Jhilmil (3) and Yamuna Vihar (2). Other divisions/ areas include Mayur Vihar and Daryaganj.



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According to a BSES spokesperson, “Power theft is a social menace, which impacts the honest consumers. BSES appeals to its consumers to help the discom in its fight against power theft and report it on 399 99 707 (BRPL) and 399 99 808 (BYPL). Their identity, as always, will be kept confidential”

“Since July 2002, BSES discoms have booked over 2.5 lakh cases and unearthed a power theft load of over 7.65 lakh KW. Over 1400 people have been sent to Jail”