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**Press Release**

**Property Dealer And His Goons Attack BSES' Network Team, Two injured**

**Suspects apprehended and are being questioned**

New Delhi: The difficulties faced by discom officials while discharging their mandatory duties continue unabated. In the latest incident, members of BSES Yamuna Power Limited' (BYPL) Network teams were attacked by a property dealer and his goons in East Delhi's Shastri Nagar, Geeta Colony. This is not an isolated incident. In another incident recently; a BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) team had been attacked in Jhatikra Village in Najafgargh, West Delhi, injuring three officials.

East Delhi: Attacked for sprucing-up the network and removing illegal wires

The unprovoked attack on the Network team took place when they were simply doing its job of sprucing-up the local network and removing the illegal wires in Shastri Nagar, Geeta Colony in East Delhi. Everything was going on smoothly, till they started removing illegal wires from an electricity pole near house number 22/23, Khasra Number 38, Shastri Nagar. The goons suddenly came-out of the shop of a local property dealer and physically attacked them, injuring two. They were joined by the property dealer himself.

They not only made a linesman fall-down from an electric pole, but also hit his head viciously with a metal equipment, gravely injuring him. He had to be taken to a local hospital. Unable to fend-of the attack, the BYPL' team dialled 100 and called the local Police. A FIR (no 0022) was registered at the Geeta Colony Police Station. The local police have apprehended a few suspects in this regard and are questioning them.

West Delhi: Attacked for detecting power theft

Recently, a BRPL inspection team, comprising women officials, was attacked by unscrupulous elements in Najafgargh's Jhatikra's Village, injuring three people, including the team leader. Basis firm information, the team had detected and booked two-cases of power-theft in the area. Suddenly, a local villager summoned and instigated a mob of 50-60, who manhandled the team and attacked them with stones and rods. The team was attacked even when being accompanied by Delhi Police personnel. This shows the brazenness of the unscrupulous elements. A FIR (no 0055) was subsequently registered at the Chhawala Police Station.

**Condemning the incidents, BSES spokesperson said,** "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”.

## **Impact of power-theft**

These high loss pockets not only cause revenue loss but also overload the distribution network – impacting the reliability of power supply in these areas. This overloading of the distribution network is an extra burden on the honest consumers – both financially and in getting reliable power supply.

## **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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