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Press Release

Mob attacks BSES' Inspection and Delhi Police teams in West Delhi

- **Four officials, including a Delhi Police Sub-Inspector sustain injuries**
- **FIR has been registered and two attackers arrested**
- **Fifteen BSES officials, including 3 lady officials, were undertaking exercise to control organised power theft**
- **Around 20 Delhi Police personnel were accompanying BSES team**

The difficulties faced by discom officials while discharging their mandatory duties have come to the fore once again. Last evening, members of BSES Rajdhani Power Limited's (BRPL) inspection team were attacked and roughed-up by a mob of unscrupulous elements in Mundka (Village Ranholla) in West Delhi. Such brazen was the attack that the presence of around 20 Delhi Police personnel accompanying the BSES team in this high power theft area did not deter the mob. This attack was undertaken by people who are indulged in power theft in an organised way.

According to a BSES spokesperson, "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 teams reach these 'sensitive' areas, unscrupulous elements 'gherao' them and obstruct officials in imparting their duties.

"Power theft has taken shape of organised crime and active police support is need to curb this menace"- **added the spokesperson.**

A fifteen member BSES inspection team, that included three women, was undertaking a loss reduction exercise in the area. Irked by the attempts to curb power theft, a mob gathered and started pelting stones on the team. Three BSES officials and one Delhi Police Sub Inspector were injured and scores of vehicles damaged in the incident. Taking quick action, Delhi Police has registered FIR and arrested two villagers.

Despite intensive efforts to reduce power theft, Village Raholla (a prominent Village in Division Mundka) continues to have massive losses of around 40%. In the last two years, around 450 cases of power theft having a connected load of around 1200 KW have been unearthed in the area.

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