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**JODHPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED:JODHPUR
(DEPTT.OF COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS)**

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dt.21-04-2001**O R D E R****INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST PILFERAGE OF POWER**

The phenomenon of theft of electricity has been growing over the years and has now assumed alarming proportions. It would not be out of place to state that T&D losses, both technical and non technical, are the single largest cause of the huge losses incurred by the power sector. Reduction in T&D losses, not only reduces the losses of the Electricity Companies but also necessitates a lower level of increase in tariffs. In other words, high T&D losses, particularly due to theft of electricity has been jeopardising the financial condition of the distribution companies, adversely affecting power supply to honest consumers and also increasing their financial burden in the form of increase in tariffs. The Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission, in its recent order dated 24-03-2001, has directed that T&D losses require to be brought down by 20% within a 5 year period. In the financial year 2001-2002 T&D losses are to be reduced by 5.4%. It has therefore, become necessary to take effective and sustained steps for containing the phenomenon of illegal withdrawal/extraction of electricity by different categories of persons/consumers in the State.

While in the past sporadic and effective actions have been taken by the erstwhile RSEB to detect and prevent theft of power but the present situation warrants for a 'never-before' effort to detect and deal with the situation with firmness and resolve. To achieve this end, it is proposed to launch an intensive vigilance campaign w.e.f. 01st May, 2001. The following guidelines are being issued in public interest for observance during the campaign:

1 Chief Engineer(O&M), Jodhpur Discom would be the overall incharge of the campaign and would supervise and monitor the progress achieved (proforma attached) and report to the CMD on a weekly basis.

2. The Superintending Engineer(O&M) will be the nodal officer for his circle. The vigilance staff will be primarily responsible for organising the campaign. Superintending Engineer(O&M) should invariably reinforce the vigilance wing with officers drawn from other wings like O&M etc. for conduct of effective operations during the campaign period.

3. The operations should be meticulously planned in consultation with the district administration and all police resources, both within the distribution companies and the local police should be optimized. Vehicles should be drawn from various wings as well as taken on hire, wherever necessary and deployment of ex-servicemen drawn from Soldier Welfare Board etc. arranged.

4. The efforts should not be to fulfil numerical targets in terms of number of checking organised but to concentrate on those indulging in rampant theft of electricity as well as on large defaulters. The objective is to catch the large fish, take stringent action against them, give wide publicity to such action so as to serve as deterrent for the large number of defaulters and persons engaging in theft of electricity, as it would never be possible to cover the whole target group.

5. The performance of the officers during the campaign should be assessed on the basis of amount of revenue collected, number of cases of disconnection including removal of service line alongwith meter and not on the basis of number of checking organised. Towards this end, consumers defaulting in payment of electricity bill of more than Rs.5000.00 should be targeted for disconnection of power supply. If dues are not paid on the spot, their service lines and meters be removed.

6. During the vigilance operation, checking of defective meters, stopped meters, burnt meters, tampered meters must be organise and such meters seized immediately and replaced on the spot.

7. All the PDC cases should also be checked on priority and recoveries effected.

8. Either in theft cases or in large default cases where compounding charges are not paid by the consumers, FIRs should invariably be lodged with the local police station.

9. As in large number of cases theft of electricity is carried out in the night hours or odd hours during the day, such operation should also be carried out during night hours or in such odd hours.

10. In some cases, it is widely known that Kachhi Basties in urban areas and villages in rural areas are either wholly or substantially indulging in drawing power by directly tapping or "hooking" on to the LT lines. Such cases should be dealt with firmly.

11. Likewise theft of electricity by road-side restaurants/Dhabas throughout the State should be checked. The checking of such consumer premises in the evening and night hours by the mobile teams, to be constituted for the campaign, should be made obligatory.

12. Checking of MIP and HT consumers should also be undertaken by XEN(MT) and AEN(MT) for making actual and realistic assessment.

FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CAMPAIGN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS(O&M) ARE HEREBY AUTHORISED

a) to hire security personnel from private security agencies in requisite numbers on competitive basis, however, preference may be accorded to ex Service Personnel, list of which is available with the Soldier Welfare Board.

b) to hire jeeps in requisite numbers on rates already approved by the Collector or on competitive basis.

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copy submitted/forwarded to the following for kind information:

- 1) The Secretary (Energy), Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- 2) The Zonal Chief Engineer(O&M-JDZ-BKZ), Jd.V.V.N.L., Jodhpur/Bikaner
- 3) The Chief Accounts Officer/Financial Advisor, Jodhpur Discom, Jodhpur
- 4) Superintending Engineer(O&M-CC-DC/PP&M/MM&C/M&P/BFL), Jd.V.V.N.L., Jodhpur/Pali/Churu /Barmer/ Hanumangarh/ Ganganagar/Bikaner/Jaisalmer: With the request to endorse copy of above Order amongst all the Executive Engrs./ Astt Engrs./AROs under your control.
- 5) Superintending Engineer(Power), RIICO, Jodhpur.

INTENSIVE VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLEGAL
EXTRACTION OF ELECTRICITY

(01-05-2001 to 30-06-2001)

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DATE:.....

O&M CIRCLE:.....

S.NO.	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
1)	Total No.of operations/checking carried out during the week	
2)	No.of theft detected	
3)	i)No.of cases compounded ii)Amount of compounding realised	
4)	No.of Cases i)disconnected ii)service line removed iii)meter removed	
5)	No.of FIRs lodged	
6)	No.of cases in which action taken by the local police	
7)	consumers defaulting in making payment of energy bills i) No.of cases checked ii)No.of cases disconnected. iii)Amount recovered iv)Service Line & Meter removed	
8)	No.of violent events reported during the week.	

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