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TRANSPORT UNDERTAKING
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BEST UNEARTHES MAJOR POWER THEFT

Mumbai, 28 - A mass raid was conducted by vigilance squads of the BEST Undertaking on 23-04-2015 at Coal Bunder hutments, New Tank Bunder Road, Darukhana, Mumbai - 400 010. Chief Vigilance Officer along with 6 Nos. of vigilance teams comprising of 90 persons were deployed in the raid. Police protection was taken from Sewree Police Station with due co-operation from Shri. Kirankumar Chauhan, DCP (Port), Sr. P.I. - Sewree Police Station, Shri. Bhure, P.I., Shri. Thorat & PSI, Shri. Randive.

Total 32 hutment dwellers were found using direct/ part direct supply in the vicinity of cabin Nos. 768/143 & 768/150. Total energy loss was estimated to 42571 units. The vigilance claim or loss to the undertaking was worked out to Rs.6,21,387/- and total compounding charges of Rs.88,000/-. Police case vide FIR No. 11/15 was registered with Sewree Police Station against 36 accused and 6 Operators (Bijalee Mafias). Very stringent action against Bijalee Mafias is being taken as per provisions of Electricity Act, 2003. These mafias are duping lacs of rupees revenue to the BEST Undertaking. The estimated revenue loss due to direct supply at

locality reported is Rs.64 lacs per year. The entire direct supply network was destroyed by removing & confiscating about 5000 mtrs. of wires with the help of Aerial Lift Van. The Police Department is investigating into the case and arrest of many people involved in theft as well as "Mafia" is now imminent. As per the provision of Electricity Act, 2003, the accused/ mafia can face imprisonment and fine upon conviction by the Special Court.

From 23-04-2015 to 25-04-2015, about 550 requisition forms pertaining to new connections were distributed in the locality to encourage people to come forward to take new meter connections instead of opting to direct supply from the Bijalee Mafias.

Special arrangements have been made at Customer Care "E" Ward Office, Wadala, for giving new connection in the area under the direct supervision of senior officers.

BEST management has appealed that people should take the legal/ authorized electric supply from the BEST Undertaking. In the event of failing to do so, BEST Undertaking will be compelled to give forced load shedding in the locality.
