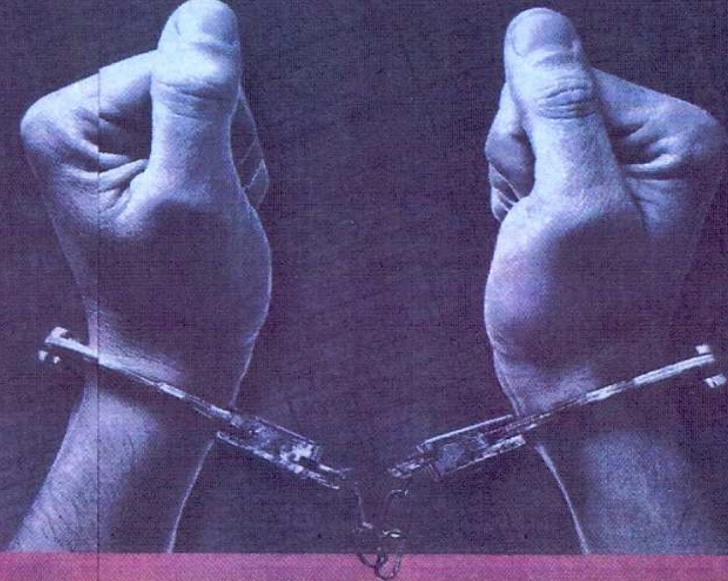


ELECTRICITY THEFT NO BAIL – NO COMPROMISE LAWS MADE TOUGHER



PARLIAMENT HAS AMENDED THE ELECTRICITY ACT TO ENSURE SEVERE PUNISHMENTS FOR POWER THEFT

PUNISHMENTS UNDER THE NEW LAW:

- Non-bailable, non-compoundable arrest without warrant
- Rigorous imprisonment for up to 7 years
- Fine up to Rs. 10 million
- Defaulter's property may be confiscated & auctioned to recover outstanding bills

POWER THIEVES – BE WARNED:

- Get your tampered meters replaced
- Stop tampering with transmission lines and install meters
- Pay your default bills and get your connections restored
- Stop commercial activity on domestic meters

CLAUSE	CRIME	PUNISHMENT
462 H	Abstraction or tampering etc. with transmission	Rigorous imprisonment for 3 years or fine up to Rs. 10 million or both.
462 I	Abstraction or tampering etc. with distribution or auxiliary	Rigorous imprisonment for 3 years or fine up to Rs. 3 million or both.
462 J	Interference, improper use or tampering etc. with electric meter by domestic consumer	Imprisonment up to 2 years or fine up to Rs. 1 million or both.
462 K	Interference, improper use or tampering etc. with electric meter by industrial or commercial consumer	Imprisonment for 3 years or with fine up to Rs. 6 million or both.
462 L	Interference, improper use or tampering etc. with electric meter by agricultural consumer	Imprisonment for 2 years or with fine up to Rs. 2.5 million or both.
462 M	Damaging or destroying the transmission lines, distribution lines, electric meters etc.	Rigorous imprisonment for 7 years and with fine not less than Rs. 3 million