



Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.

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Sub : Vigilance enquiry in theft of energy cases -  
Conducting of

Ref : T.O. No. VS/ToE/Enq/38 dt. 5.1.2011  
(r/w circulars mentioned therein)

As per directives contained in above circular, the Vigilance Wing is expected to conduct open vigilance enquiries in all the cases of theft of energy irrespective of the quantum of value of theft. This includes the cases detected by the FS Units of this Directorate as also O&M authorities in the field. Instructions were also issued to furnish details of the cases detected by the FS s also the O&M authorities, immediately, as per format, so as to facilitate ordering of vigilance enquiry into the same.

During the last five months, it is observed that this Directorate has hardly received any cases of theft energy in the given format which means that the vigilance personnel have not taken the matter seriously. However, I have taken the matter of non-submission of their reports by all concerned, including Dy. Directors/Asstt.Directors/Dy.EE seriously in view of collective responsibility involved. Due to this lapse, this Directorate could not conduct enquiries in such cases leaving the defaulters scot-free.

This Directorate has taken a review of number of cases of theft of energy detected vis-à-vis the modus operandi involved in such cases. Every month, the FS s detect more than 300 cases of theft of energy besides by the O&M authorities. The modus operandi as reported in the cases are like Meter slow by 73%, Terminal shorted, Resistance inserted, gear locked to stop counter, keeping magnet/x-ray film, current coil reduced to slow the meter, meter bye-pass, C.C. turns reduced, loop inside the meter, PT locked open, neutral switch, neutral found disconnected before meter etc.

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Taking into consideration the quantum of energy theft cases detected every month and the availability of officers for conducting enquiries in all the cases, it has now been decided to NOT conduct vigilance enquiries in all those cases in the following categories wherein it is difficult to pin point the criminal conduct/connivance on the part of company employees in such theft cases.

1. All cases of theft of energy in which direct connections taken by hooking lines except for industrial and construction purposes.
2. All AG. Connections
3. All cases of theft of energy irrespective of M.O. involved and in which the assessment amount is less than Rs.50,000/-

NOTE : In case a LAQ/LCQ is raised in any of the above category of cases of theft of energy, such cases should be taken up for expeditious enquiry and report.

The Dy. Directors and in-charges of vigilance units are directed to take following action.

- To categorize the cases of energy theft for conducting vigilance enquiries from January 2011
- Submit such cases as per format circulated vide above circular (If any of the case/s has/have already been sent, no need for further submission but ensure that cases are not left out)
- Prepare and keep record of such cases received for enquiry from HO (as has been done in vigilance enquiries by them earlier).
- Conduct open vigilance enquiry as per orders.
- Submit monthly/quarterly/yearly progress reports about receipt. Disposal etc. (as has been done in vigilance enquiries by them earlier).

They are further directed to follow the instructions scrupulously and submit reports from time to time.

~~(Jagan Nath, IPS)  
Spl. IG of Police  
& Director, V&S~~

To

The Dy. Directors MSEDCL (MR) Kalyan, (PR) Pune (NR) Nagpur

- They are further directed to prevail upon the Dy. EEs to send the details of energy theft as per format under intimation to this office.

The Asstt. Directors Zonal V&S Units, MSEDCL, Kalyan, Kolhapur, Pune, Nasik, Aurangabad, Nanded, Nagpur

Copy to:

The Asstt. Director (HQs), MSEDCL, Mumbai

He is directed to process the first hand information about detection of theft of energy, INDIVIDUALLY, and put up for orders of Director, V&S for conducting vigilance enquiries and further to submit reports of Dy. Director, when received, together with scrutiny note for final orders. In case of delay in submission of report by concerned, he should issue necessary reminders from time to time.

~~and also report monthly, quarterly and  
and put up the same to the Director V&S for perusal~~