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TPWODL Appeals to All Consumers and the Public at Large to Help Prevent Theft of Electrical Equipments

Burla, September 16, 2025: TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), the power distribution company, has expressed serious concern over the repeated incidents of theft of electrical equipment in its supply network. Over the last four years, more than 47 such cases have been reported under the Sambalpur East Electrical Division, particularly in areas like Rengali, Parmanupur, and Laida. The Rengali section alone witnessed 29 theft cases in the past three years, while Laida and Parmanupur each reported 9 cases.

The company highlighted that theft of electrical equipment not only causes huge financial losses but also severely impacts thousands of electricity consumers. Essential services such as irrigation projects, drinking water supply, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities face disruption in uninterrupted power supply due to such incidents. These losses are much more than the financial loss of the distribution company.

To restore services, the cost towards replacement of equipments for restoration of electricity supply is added to the company's annual expenditure and reported to the Hon'ble Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission. Meanwhile, FIRs have been lodged in the concerned police stations, and reports have been submitted to senior police officials for necessary action.

TPWODL is here with appeals to all electricity consumers and the general public at large to extend their cooperation in protecting power infrastructure. If any such incident of theft of electrical equipment is noticed, all are requested to immediately inform to the nearest TPWODL office, company employees, or the local police.

"Electrical equipments are purchased from the revenue paid by the electricity consumers, and they are meant to be used by electricity consumers. These properties are national assets. Safeguarding these infrastructures is not only the responsibility of the company but also of every citizen.

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