

Power firm bid to check theft

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Gaya: India Power, the franchise holder for power distribution in Gaya town, Bodh Gaya and Manpur areas of the district is struggling hard to prevent power theft and transmission and distribution (T&D) losses.

Theft is the major component of T&D loss in the district. Factors like old cables, improper earth work, deficiency of insulators and separators, antiquated fittings etc also contribute to T&D loss.

However, as per the compa-

ny's annual report, T&D losses have come down from 60% to 46% during the last one year. In the financial year 2014-15, the loss was 60%, while in the financial year 2015-16, it has come down to 46%. "Though it is at 46%, the general acceptable limit is just 10% and anything above the acceptable limit falls in the power theft category," said sources.

Massive power theft continues in several localities of the town. The company, on an average supplies 55 million units per month to its 1.5 lakh consumers of domestic and other

categories including commercial consumers.

The company, according to its deputy general manager Rakesh Ranjan, is making an all out effort to end power theft. The most common methods of power theft include direct hooking from the supply cables, meter by pass and analog meter reversal.

"The company, as of now focuses on replacement of old analog meters with state of the electronic meters and replacement of naked aluminium cable with aerial bunch cable," he said recently.