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Theft of Electricity is a cognizable offence under section 135 of Electricity Act 2003.

Section 135. Theft of electricity. - Whoever, dishonestly,-

- (a) taps, makes or causes to be made any connection with overhead, underground or underwater lines or cables, or service wires, or service facilities of a licensee or supplier, as the case may be; or
- (b) tampers a meter, installs or uses a tampered meter, current reversing transformer, loop connection or any other device or method which interfaces with accurate or proper registration, calibration or metering of electric current or otherwise results in a manner whereby electricity is stolen or wasted; or
- (c) damages or destroys an electric meter, apparatus, equipment, or wire or causes or allows any of them to be so damaged or destroyed as to interface with the proper or accurate metering of electricity; or
- (d) uses electricity through a tampered meter; or
- (e) uses electricity for the purpose other than for which the usage of electricity was authorized,

so as to abstract or consume or use electricity shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both:

PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM THEFT OF ELECTRICITY

If any such offence is being committed by any person in your locality, please do inform to 'Central Electricity Theft Control Centre' at Guwahati at phone no 96780-05171. Identity of the informer will be kept secret.

Please remember that theft of electricity

- Causes overloading and unbalancing of distribution transformers resulting in premature damage affecting power supply to the legal consumers.
- Causes voltage fluctuation/reduction leading to poor performance of all electrical appliances including partial/permanent damage to lamps/fan/TV/Freeze etc.
- Causes loss of revenue to the electricity utility, which in turn burdens the legal consumers in terms of hike in tariff.
- Causes power crisis compelling the utility to resort to power cut to the legal consumers.

PLEASE CO-OPERATE WITH US TO CURB THEFT OF ELECTRICITY.

ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED.