

Session Court rejects bail in power theft case

- **Accused booked for third time in power theft case, first case was registered in 2013 followed by June 2014 to recent on 24 Nov 2021**
- **Court Orders judicial custody for 14 days**
- **Multiple FIR being lodged against accused Aazamali Zakirali Sayyed**

Mumbai, January 10, 2021: The Hon'ble Dindoshi Civil and Session Court recently rejected bail application of accused Aazamali Zaikrali Sayyed and remanded him to fourteen days judicial custody. The hon'ble Court rejected the bail as the accused found repeating the crime. Electricity theft is a social menace and is taken very seriously these days by law enforcing agencies.

On November 22, 2021, accused Aazamali Zakirali Sayyed was booked for third time for theft of electricity. Basis AEML filed an FIR at Meghwadi Police Station, Jogeshwari East against him on November 24, 2021. An assessment was raised for the period 24 July 2021 to 22 November 2021 for 4766 units amounting to Rs. 93,134 (Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-four Rupees) against Sayyed. On 20 December 2021 the accused Aazamali Zakirali Sayyed was produced before the Hon'ble Judge Shri. S.U. Baghele, ASJ, (Assigned powers of Special Court- Electricity). The investigation officer filed Remand Application No. MSEB 17/2021 titled as The State of Maharashtra, Meghwadi Police Station, (SPL, LAC 128/2021) Versus Aazamil Zakirali Sayyed. The Hon'ble Court sent the accused to Police Custody till 22 Dec 2021. A payment of Rs. 93000 was received from the consumer on 28 Dec 2020. Subsequently on 31st December, 2020 the Hon'ble Court passed Order on bail application and rejected the same. The Hon'ble Court observed that accused Aazamali Zakirali Sayyed (Customer Account number 151711758) is a serial offender.

In the past Adani Electricity Mumbai Limited (AEML) has booked the accused on multiple occasions. He was first booked in July 2013 for non-payment of bill and post disconnection, AEML on 26 June 2014 found, that he was taking direct supply for his residence and commercial (clinic) activities. He was booked U/S 135 of Electricity Act, 2003 and FIR was lodged for theft of electricity on 10 March 2015. Civil liability was worked out for the period 10.07.2013 to 26.06.2014 for 7918 units amounting to Rs 145315.43/-



Later accused applied for new connection in 2017 and new meter was released in name of Mr Azam Ali Sayyed (CA No. 152403580) on 27.03.2017. Old arrears on account No 151711758 amounting to Rs 180,000 was then transferred in his new account no 152403580. However, this connection too got disconnected in May 2018 due to non-payment of electricity dues. Consumer was again booked for theft of electricity on 23.07.2021 and assessment was raised for the period 23.07.2020 to 23.07.2021 for 15304 unit amounting to Rs 304,468.08. FIR for the offence was lodged on 27.07.2021. The accused was arrested and summoned judicial custody for 8-9 days & at then released on bail by Dindoshi special court.

Commenting on the judicial custody given by Hon'ble Court, AEML spokesperson said, "We are happy with the decision of Hon. City Civil and Sessions court rejecting bail application of offenders indulged in electricity theft and it will go a long way in sending a strong message to those engaged in electricity theft. We also like to express our gratitude to officers and staff of Meghwadi police station for their prompt action and apprehending such offenders."

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