

Penal provisions in the Electricity Act 2003

Section No.	Description	Criminal punishment tenure in months	Criminal punishment, amount in INR
135	Theft of Electricity	6 months to 5 years	More than six times the financial gain on account of the theft
136	Theft of electric lines and materials	6 months to 3 years	Subject to discretion of adjudicating officer
137	Punishment for receiving stolen property	Up to 3 years	Subject to discretion of adjudicating officer
138	Interference with meters or works of licensee	Up to 3 years	Up to 10,000 (5,000/day in case of a continuing offence)
139	Negligently breaking or damaging works	NA	Up to 10,000
140	Penalty for intentionally injuring works	NA	Up to 10,000
141	Extinguishing public lamps	NA	Up to 2,000
142	Punishment for non – compliance of directions by appropriate commission	NA	Not exceeding 1,00,000(6,000/day for continuing failure)
146	Punishment for non – compliance of orders or directions	Up to 3 months	Up to 1,00,000 (5,000/day for continuing failure)
149	Offences by companies	Subject to discretion of adjudicating officer	Subject to discretion of adjudicating officer
150	Abetment	Up to 3 years	Subject to discretion of adjudicating officer
152	Compounding of offences	NA	A sum of money by way of compounding of the offence