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To

The Editor,
The Times of India,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder of news item i.e. **" Nirbhaya tragedy triggers surge in gun licence requests from women."**

Sir,

Apropos the captioned byline news item which has appeared on the front page in your esteemed newspaper today i.e. 01.01.2013, the headline and contents of the news item are factually incorrect and misleading as only 3 women have applied for fire arms licence after the incident.

It is also clarified that the 'Nirbhaya tragedy' has not triggered any surge in licence request from women as reported by your esteemed newspaper. The figure carried in the news item i.e. 274 applications since Dec.18, 500 in all of 2011 is far from the actual number of applications received in the Licensing Branch of Delhi Police during 2011 and till date in 2012.

As many as 51 applications were received from women and 33 out of them were granted licences during the year 2011. While during the current year, the Licensing Branch of Delhi Police has received 44 applications from women and 24 out of them have been granted licence.

After the incident referred to only three applications have been received from women for arms licences. Two women have visited the Licensing Branch of Delhi Police at PS Defence Colony building, one for fresh licence and another for renewal of licence. In view of the above, it is wholly incorrect to report that the unfortunate incident has triggered surge in gun licence request from women.The news item caters to sensationalism and unnecessarily creates panic, particularly among the women folk and society in general. In the given surcharged atmosphere, the correspondent would have done well to verify the facts with the authorized officer, before filing a report on such a sensitive matter.

It is, therefore, requested that our rejoinder may kindly be published with the same prominence in your daily to set the record right and to remove any misconception of the ground reality amongst your readers.

Yours faithfully,

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