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To

The Editor-in- Chief,
The Sunday Guardian,
New Delhi.

Subject:- **Rejoinder to the news item "27 YEARS,10 COMMISSIONS, BUT NOT ONE '84 RIOTS ACCUSED PUNISHED".**

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Sir,

This refers to the captioned byline News item appeared in your esteemed Newspaper on 10.6.2012. The news item does not present the facts properly.

It is clarified that the Government of India appointed on 26.4.1985, Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the allegations in regard to the incidents of organized violence which took place following the assassination of the Late Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi; and to recommend measures which may be adopted for preventing the recurrence of such incidents. Later, the erstwhile Delhi Administration appointed Kapur- Mittal Committee; Jain-Aggarwal Committee; and R.K. Ahuja Committee and appropriate action was taken on their findings.

It is factually incorrect to say that no one has been convicted for the killings of Sikhs in Delhi. A total of 442 accused persons have been convicted by various Courts in Delhi and 1 case is pending trial. Of these 442 convicted persons, 49 have been convicted for life imprisonment and 3 for imprisonment of more than 10 year. Also, as many as six Delhi Police official have been awarded punishment for various lapses during 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

In pursuance to the recommendations of Justice Nanavati Commission of Inquiry, the Government has taken all possible steps within the ambit of law in consultation with Ministry of law to bring the guilty to book, wherever the Commission has named any specific individual as requiring further examination or specific cases requiring reopening and reexamination. The CBI was assigned the investigation/re-investigation of the cases against certain political persons. The CBI has completed investigation/reinvestigation of seven cases registered against them. Out of these seven cases, closure reports have been accepted the respective Courts in two cases and rest five cases are at various stages of trial.

It is, therefore, requested that the rejoinder to the news item may please be published in order to put the matter in proper perspective with the same prominence for your esteemed readers.

Yours faithfully,

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