OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DELHI.

No. 624/PRO/PHQ dated Delhi, the 20.10.2014.

To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times,
Hindustan Times House,
18-20, K.G. Marg, New Delhi.

Subject: Rejoinder regarding News Clipping published in Hindustan Times dated 19/10/14- "90-yr-old seeks justice for 'abducted' granddaughter.

Sir,

Subject cited news caption was published on 19/10/2014 in Hindustan Times regarding kidnapping of a 12 years old girl by a 35 year old neighbour. It alleges that the matter was reported to Hauz Khas police station by the grandmother of the kidnapped girl but the local police allegedly had not paid any heed to her complaint.

In this regard, it is stated that on 24/08/2014, the complainant (victim's mother, aged – 39 yrs) approached PS Hauz Khas with a complaint, wherein she stated that her daughter, aged 15 years was missing since 15/07/2014 and one of their neighbours had received a phone call from her on 08/08/2014. They suspected that one of their neighbours might have enticed their daughter to go with him. In this regard, a case was registered on the compliant of mother on the same day vide FIR No. 935/14 dated 24/08/2014, u/s 363 IPC at PS Hauz Khas and investigation was taken up. During investigation, accused Monu, age 24 years s/o MithaiLal, r/o Gonda, UP, was arrested from Ghonda on 17/10/2014 and the minor girl was recovered from his house. The girl was brought to Delhi and was medically examined and counselled. She was also produced before the Child Welfare Committee on 17.10.14 and her statement u/s 164 CrPC was recorded by Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate. Based on her medical report and statements, Section 376/366A IPC and 6 POCSO Act was also added in the present case and the maternal aunt (mausi) of the accused was also arrested for enticing the girl to marry accused Monu.

The report published by the newspaper is factually incorrect and was published without verifying the facts from the police station. The report is far from ground realities as verified from existing records of the PS on following aspects -

1) The grandmother of the victim never came to police station as she had expired 3 years back.

2) No other complaint, reminder or any reference was received regarding any grievances of the complainant except complaint dated 24/08/2014, on which the case was registered on the same day.

3) At no point of time, the complainant was abused in the PS or turned away.

4) The complainant has never mentioned to the Investigation officer or has given any complaint regarding stalking of her daughter by the accused.

5) The complainant never received any call from her daughter, in fact call was received by a neighbour and victim never mentioned any fact regarding physical or sexual assault.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts related to the matter may be published with the similar prominence in order to put the report in its proper perspective for the benefit of your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to exercise restraint in filing unverified reports.

Yours sincerely,

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Delhi Police, Delhi.