OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. /PRO/PHQ dated, New Delhi, the _____

To

The Editor,
Times of India,
Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder about news item "***Kattas to Colts : Blame the spiraling crime graph on unlicensed arms***".

Sir,

This refers to the above captioned news item appeared in Times of India today dated 2-7-2008. The news has been found to be factually incorrect and misleading

Crime in Delhi is under control and in fact declining and there is no spiraling crime graph as has been indicated in the caption itself. Heinous crime has fallen by 8.87 % with 1028 cases during the year 2008 (upto 29th June) as compared to 1127 cases in the corresponding period of last year. Likewise non-heinous crime has fallen by 12.12% with 22932 cases during the year 2008 (upto 29th June) as compared to 26095 cases in the corresponding period of last year. The head-wise comparative crime statement is enclosed herewith, which is self-explanatory.

The news item also states that more than eight times in the city and more than 90% of crimes in Delhi are committed by using unlicensed guns. It is clarified that the use of fire arms in crime is minuscule as a percentage of the total crime committed.

It is further written in the report that the use of fire arms reflected rising at an alarming rate. This is factually incorrect as in the first half of 2008 only 164 cases have been reported in which fire arms were used as against 165 cases in the corresponding period of the last year. It is also mentioned in the article that hundreds of illegal arms factories have sprouted in the remote corners of Delhi. There is no incidence of any illegal fire arm factory in Delhi now or in the recent past.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with the same prominence for your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to get the facts verified from the concerned authority before publishing such sensitive matters which tends to cause alarm among the general public.

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