OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI.

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To

The Editor
Hindustan Times
New Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder of news item i.e. **" How cops fudge vehicle theft figures."**

Sir,

Apropos the captioned byline news item which has appeared in your esteemed newspaper on 8.8.2012. The headline and contents of the news item are factually incorrect and misleading.

It is pertinent to mention here that cases are registered under the appropriate section of the law according to the facts and circumstances of each matter. Police registers cases under 406 IPC only when a complainant states that he had parked his vehicle in an authorized parking lot and had entrusted it to the attendant/contractor against a proper ticket. It is only when such a vehicle is stolen then the responsibility of the contractor to whom the vehicle was entrusted comes in and he is booked under 406 IPC, especially if the complainant mentions the fact in his complaint.

It is also pertinent to mention that in entire Delhi, there are only 26 Cases registered under section 406 of IPC as compared to the total figure of 8802 cases of vehicle theft registered u/s 379 IPC. The figure is minuscule and does not help the police in bringing down the Motor Vehicle Theft figure at all. Hence, it is incorrect to report that the police register cases u/s 406 IPC (Criminal beach or trust) instead of u/s 379 IPC with intention to bring the M.V. Theft cases graph down. Needless to say, such unverified reporting incorrectly shows the Delhi Police in poor light.

In view of the above stated facts, it is requested that this rejoinder may 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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