OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,

PTI,

New Delhi.

Subject: - Clarification of news item i.e. "Delhi Police procured 176 excess Bomb detection kits for CWG."

Apropos the news-item "Delhi Police procured 176 excess Bomb Detection kits for CWG" reported by your esteemed news agency of 25th October, 2012 the details of facts behind the procurement of bomb detection kits are as under:-

A Steering Committee headed by Shri R. Narayanaswami, Special Advisor, Commonwealth Games, GNCTD was constituted to go into the procurement of security equipment for the Commonwealth Games which included items like CCTV cameras, road blockers, boom barriers, boom bollards, tyre killers etc. as the initial projection made by the ECIL was found to be highly exaggerated. This decision had been taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs in a Committee which was headed by the then Union Home Secretary who had pointed out that the ECIL was unnecessarily and arbitrarily deciding on the Bill of Quantities (BOQ) of these equipment. As a result, a joint exercise was to be carried out by a Steering Committee which also included the then DCP/Commonwealth Games from Delhi Police. The Committee went from venue to venue and drastically cut down the requirement. In one of the meetings of Steering Committee, Delhi Police representative had categorically pointed out that from the Bill of Quantities equipment like DFMDs, HHMDs and X-ray scanners should be deleted as these equipment were being procured by the Delhi Police itself depending upon our specific requirements and their legacy value. Subsequently, when the issue of procurement of Portable Explosive Detectors (PEDs) came up, Delhi Police representative in the Steering Committee wrote a letter clearly stating that this item should be deleted from the BOQ of the ECIL, with copies marked to the ECIL, Special Advisor, Steering Committee, Commonwealth Games and Ministry of Home Affiars. The same procedure was followed for communicating information about other security equipment. On a similar letter written to the ECIL with copy to Spl. Advisor, CWG, GNCT, Delhi, M/s ECIL had dropped the procurement of HHMDs, DFMDs , X-ray Scanners etc. Therefore, to put the blame on the Delhi Police for the excessive and unnecessary procurement of PEDs, is misplaced and unfair.

Notably, whatever security equipment was got procured by the Delhi Police through the ECIL, the specifications were given by the Delhi Police. At no stage did the Delhi Police prescribe the specifications for the procurement of PEDs. Therefore, it is not understood under what circumstances and why the ECIL made this procurement.

Also, it may be worthwhile to point out that apart from MO-8 Explosive Detectors in the stocks of Delhi Police, many more were borrowed from Para-military forces and State Police Forces and we constituted 108 Anti-Sabotage Checking Teams which were deployed stadium-wise. All this was done so that unnecessary expenditure of public money is not incurred and optimum utilization of existing resources is carried out.

It may also be noted that no communication whatsoever was received from the ECIL regarding the procurement of PEDs by them nor the prices thereof. In the month of August, 2010 the ECIL wanted to carry out a training programme for handling of the security equipment. Again, it was pointed out to them that no training need be imparted to the Delhi Police as the equipment were being procured by the Delhi Police themselves. A letter to ECIL dated 26.10.2012 was sent under the signature of the Jt.CP/CWG-Security.

On a subsequent date, much after the CWG, M/s. ECIL had given few PEDs to Delhi Police on loan basis for use during the World Cup Cricket Match held in Delhi. During the event, the performance of the PEDs was found to be unsatisfactory and a report had been sent by the Police Headquarters to the MHA.

Under the afore-said circumstances, it is clarified that the Delhi Police at no stage asked the ECIL to procure Portable Explosive detectors, leave alone requisitioning them in excess of our requirement. We managed the CWG arrangements from our existing stock of PEDs and by borrowing them from Central Para Military Forces and states.

In view of the above-stated facts, it is requested that our rejoinder may kindly be published with the same prominence in your daily to set the records straight.

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Yours faithfully,

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