OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI.

No /PRO/PHQ, dated Delhi, the /2012.

To

The Editor,
The Times of India,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder regarding News item **"Deadly Tuesday: 9 murdered in Delhi".**

Sir,

Apropos the captioned news item that appeared on the front page of your esteemed newspaper on 25th July, 2012. The headline of the news item and its related contents are factually incorrect and misleading.

The headline of the news item suggested that 9 murders had taken place in Delhi on Tuesday, which is factually incorrect. The details of the incidents mentioned in the news item are also not correct.

It is clarified that 6 cases of murder were reported across the city on Tuesday i.e. 24.07.2012 and not 9 as reported by your newspaper. The concerned reporter has clubbed other categories of 3 cases of deaths with murders without verifying the facts from us. It may not be out of place to mention here that as many as 543 cases of murder, with the average of 1.49 cases per day in Delhi were registered during the year 2011. During 2012, upto 25th July, a total of 298 cases of murders have been reported as against 314 cases during the corresponding period of 2011. Thus, in reality, there is a decrease in the number of murders in 2012 and only 1.44 cases have been reported on an average per day during 2012. Therefore, incidents that took place on Tuesday i.e. 24.7.2012 should be seen only as an exception, which does not indicate any new trend.

So far as the remaining three cases are concerned, in the first case the victim, whose dead body was found near Doctor's Flats, Bara Hindu Rao Hospital, was that of an alcoholic who had a medical history

of epileptic fits. In the second case, an unidentified dead body was recovered from a drain near NDPL office, Rohini, bore no injury marks and the victim appeared to have fallen accidently. In the third case, the dead body of one Ajay Kumar, a drug-addict, recovered from service lane, near Metro station Jahangir Puri, bore no injury marks. Inquest proceedings under 174 Cr.P.C. have been undertaken in all these three cases.

Out of the six cases of murder, reported, three have already been solved which include the murders of two ladies in two separate incidents. A gang of four burglars have been arrested within forty eight hours (Press Release enclosed). We are hopeful of working out the remaining three cases as well.

In view of the above-stated facts and circumstances, it is, requested that our rejoinder may kindly be published with the same prominence in your daily to set the record right and to remove any misconception of the ground reality amongst your readers.

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Encls : As above.