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To

The Editor
Times of India
New Delhi

Sub: **News item titled "Man 'falls' to his death in police station" published in Times of India, New Delhi on Wednesday August 6, 2008**

Sir,

This refers to the above captioned news report published in the Times of India on 6th August, 2008.

The above mentioned news item has distorted the facts and sought to represent that one Reginald Karthak aged 30 years was brought to the Police Station R.K. Puram in connection with the complaint and jumped from third floor of the Police Station. This is totally wrong and a figment of the imagination of the writer.

On August 3, 2008 Sh. Reginald Karthak s/o Lt. Sh. S.K. Karthak age 47 years had got into the TSR No. DL-1RK-2779 of one Ram Binesh s/o Dukhan Singh forcibly at Sector-6, R.K. Puram at about 4:45 PM. As per TSR Driver, Sh. Reginald Karthak was under the influence of liquor. When the TSR Driver refused to take him, he did not get off from the TSR. The TSR Driver then took him to the nearby PCR Van which directed him to take him to the nearest Police Station.

The man was brought by the TSR Driver to the gate of the PS R.K. Puram at about 5:15 PM where he was told to get off from the TSR by him. While the TSR Driver went to park his TSR, the person disappeared. The TSR Driver searched for the man nearby and also checked from the Police Station whether he has come there but the man was not found anywhere inside the Police Station. The police personnel of PS R.K. Puram joined the search. The TSR Driver later found the man lying near the iron stair case leading to the Traffic office which is **outside** the Police Station R.K. Puram. It is pertinent to mention that the same building premises houses the Police Station R.K. Puram, Office of Traffic police, Office of ACP and office of BDS etc. The same gate is also used by the residents of Police Colony of Sec. 12, R.K. Puram. This iron stair case, under which the person was found, is **outside** the Police Station building and is exclusively used by Traffic police personnel as it leads to the office of Traffic police.



The TSR Driver identified that he was the same man. He went inside the Police Station and informed about the incident. The injured person was rushed to the Safdarjung Hospital in the TSR alongwith ASI Shyambir of PS R.K. Puram who then got him admitted to Safdarjung Hospital Emergency at 06:05 hrs. As per the MLC, the injured was unconscious with alleged history of fall. The MLC also mentions alcohol +++. The person later died at around 11:00 PM and the same was informed to the PS R.K. Puram at 12:20 Pm by Safdarjung Hospital.

It is totally incorrect to suggest that the person was brought by the police for any enquiry. He was brought to the Police Station by the TSR Driver and was later found injured by the same TSR Driver **outside** the PS building near the iron stair case leading to the office of Traffic police.

In view of the above, it would be appropriate if the correct facts on the subject are published with the same prominence in your newspaper. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to state the facts in the correct perspective before publishing such sensitive matters which tend to cause alarm amongst the general public.

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