**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI**

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To

The Editor
Times of India
New Delhi

Subject :- Rejoinder regarding the news item "100 KIDS IN 2 YEARS TRACELESS".

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Sir,

This refers to the captioned news item appeared in the Times City of Times of India, dated 9-3-2009. The report is found factually incorrect and misleading.

Briefly the news item alleges that children have been vanishing from Sangam Vihar for years and the cops have not done anything to trace them.

It is clarified that as per the police station records, in the year 2008, 24 male children of the age group 0-12 years had gone missing of which 23 were traced and only one remained untraced. In the year 2009, 4 male children age group 0-12 years have gone missing from PS Sangam Vihar and all four have been traced. Similarly 30 female children of age group 0-12 had gone missing in the year 2008 of which 25 were traced. In the year 2009, 5 female children of age group 0-12 had gone missing of which 4 have already been traced.

Similarly 71 female children of the age group of 12-18 years were reported missing in the year 2008 out of which 56 have already been traced and 15 remained untraced. While in the year 2009, 7 female children of the age group 12-18 had gone missing of which 4 have already been traced and only 3 remain missing. Hence it is totally wrong to say that more than 100 kids in two years are traceless. In fact from the data 79% of the children have already been traced and all efforts are being made to trace remaining children.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, it is amply clear that the referred news item is totally wrong and baseless. Instead of

appreciating the issue in totality of facts, the news item has caused unnecessary hiccup and misconception about the police efforts made to trace the missing children. It is therefore, requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with the same prominence for the reader of your esteemed news paper who may have misled by reading incorrect news item. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to verify the facts from the concerned authority before filing the report especially on such a sensitive matter.

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