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To

The Editor
Times of India
New Delhi

Subject:- Rejoinder regarding News item " *HC raps cop in DJB rape case*"

Sir,

This is with reference to the above mentioned news item which appeared in your news paper on 15th August, 2008 mentioning that Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) was grilled by High Court on the delay in arresting rape accused and was directed to file charge sheet at the earliest.

Crime Branch is investigating a case registered on the complaint of allegation of rape against senior officials of Delhi Jal Board. The complainant had filed a petition in the High Court regarding the investigation of the case. Considering the sensitivity of the matter, the Hon'ble High Court summoned the Jt CP/Crime to find out the steps taken by Crime Branch for impartial and expeditious investigation. The Hon'ble High Court did not pass any adverse observation against the investigation nor against the investigating officer, the Crime Branch or its senior officers, including Jt CP/Crime, while passing the order or in verbal remarks. At no point of time did the Hon'ble High Court grill any officer of Crime Branch, on the alleged delay in arresting the accused persons. The report published in the newspaper is incorrect and far from the truth. The Crime Branch has an excellent track record in solving and investigating several sensational and complicated cases successfully and impartially. The news item has been filed by the reporter without proper verification of the facts and without understanding the issues of law involved.

The reporter may be asked to verify the facts before publishing such stories and this rejoinder may be published in your newspaper with the same prominence as the impugned article for conveying the correct and factual position to the readers.

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