OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI

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To

The Executive Editor
IBN-7
Film City, Sec-16A, Noida

Sub: Rejoinder of news items i.e. Murder of woman namely Smt Madhu at her residence, Andha Mughal.

Sir,
This refers to the captioned news items aired by IBN-7 news channel reporting that one woman namely Smt Madhu Gupta had been murdered after ransacking the house at Basant Nagar Andha Mughal, Delhi, is factually incorrect and misleading.

According to the statement of Sh. Neeraj Gupta and his brother Nikhil Gupta, their mother Smt Madhu Gupta was staying alone at H. No. 18/11, Ist Floor, Basant Nagar, Andha Mughal, Delhi. The neighbors noticed that the main door of the house was closed till 11.00 AM on 17/11/10, whereas she used to open the main door by 8.00 AM daily. Suspecting something amiss, the neighbours collected and inform them about it. They came to their mother's house and found that the house was locked from inside. Hence they got the grills of the main iron gate removed. One boy was made to enter the said house through broken grills. The door of the house was found locked from inside and the keys of the house were found lying inside nearby main gate. The lock was opened from inside and both Sh Neeraj Gupta and Sh Nikhil Gupta entered the house. They found their mother lying on the cot and blood was found oozing out of her nose. They took her to a nearby Nursing Home, where the doctors told that she was already dead.
Inspection of the place of occurrence indicates that there is only one entry/exit gate of the house which was found locked from inside. The deceased was living separately from her sons and had not been visited by them for last few months. She was not supported by her sons in any way. According to the neighbours, the living style of the deceased was untidy and the scattered household articles does not suggest any ransacking. Apparently, there was no injury mark on the body. Since the sons of the deceased suspected some foul play in the death of their mother, a medical board has been constituted to conduct the post mortem.
Similarly the channel also aired a news that 7 criminals shot dead a business man at Inderlok. Whereas there was a money dispute between two parties known to each other. The accused was arrested and weapons recovered. The facts of the matter were conveyed to the senior reporter Sh. Alok Verma but despite it the news channel persisted airing the incorrect reports causing unnecessary sensation among the people at large.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances of both cases, it is requested that correct facts of the cases may be aired for the esteemed viewers of the channel who may have been misled by the incorrect reports. It will be appreciated if the reporter is also advised to verify the facts of the report from authorized officer before airing it to avoid unnecessary exaggeration and sensation in public interest.

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