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The Editor,
The Hindu
New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the news item captioned "DU teacher molested near North Campus" published in your esteemed daily on 19th March'2011.

I regret to inform you that the said story is lop-sided and is riddled with institutional bias and it suffers from personnel subjectivity. In all fairness, the story should have carried the police version also so that the readers would have got a complete panaromic perspective.

At 05.18 PM on 17.03.2011 a call of balloon throwing from H. No. F-20/20, Single Storey, Vijay Nagar was made to the Control Room at PA-100 from mobile No. 9868034224 by the complainant namely Dr. Uma Gupta (Yahan Kuch Ladko Ko Pakad Rakha Hai Jo Aane Jaane Walon Par Gubare Mar Rahe Hai). This call was passed to PCR Van C-58 at 05.26 PM. this PCR Van reached the spot at 05.31 PM and its staff met the complainant and enquired about the matter. She said that these 3 boys were hurling water balloons on passerby people. The boys aged about 14 years, 18 years & 19 years in the presence of their family members and the staff apologized and their apology was accepted by the complainant. The local police had also arrived there. She rang up the Police Control Room for the same incidence at 05.24 PM and 05.28 PM also i.e. before reaching the PCR Van.

About the reported incident, Dr. Uma Gupta had made another call of throwing of water balloons at Hudson Lane (YAHA PAR 12-13 LADKE HAI JO GUBARE MAR RAHE HAI) at PA-100 from the same mobile number i.e. 9868034224 at 06.35 PM. This call was passed to PCR Van C-59 based at Kingsway Camp Chowk at 06.42 PM from the Command Room. Another call from the same

mobile number was also made at PA-100 at 06.40 PM. PCR Van C-59 reached the spot i.e. Hudson Lane at 06.47 PM and met the complainant. Thus the van reached in 12 minutes and not after above 25 minutes as reported in your paper. 6 boys were apprehended by the PCR Van but unfortunately Dr. Uma Gupta slapped one of the boy and there was a melee. The I/C Van intervened and normalized the situation. SHO/Mukerji Nagar reached there at 07.05 PM and after listening to them, took both the parties with him to the office of ACP/Model Town. Lateron a case FIR No. 91/2011 u/s 354/509/506/34 IPC was registered at 09.05 PM. All 6 accused persons were arrested formally at 11.00 PM and subsequently released on bail at 1.05 PM.

Therefore, it is factually incorrect in the story that FIR was filed after 5 hours and half the accused were already on bail even while the FIR was being typed.

Your paper has an established reputation of being fair to the readers and that is how it has grown into an institution in itself. In the fitness of things I request you to please publish this rejoinder with equal prominence so as to dispense natural justice.

I look forward to an early action at your end.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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