OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Chief Editor
The Times of India,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder of news Item "Woman trainer raped twice in Dwarka gym"

Sir,

Please refer to the captioned byline news item appeared in your esteemed newspaper today i.e. 29.06.2011 in which a grossly misquoted statement that "prima facie, the police were not convinced about the second rape but were investigating both incidents" has been attributed to Shri Amulya Patnaik, Jt. CP(Southern Range).

It is clarified that the concerned reporter was only briefed about the facts of the incident, and the quote actually given to him was that the victim was, as per her version, first sexually assaulted on June 19, but chose not to report to the police. When she reported the matter to the police, prompt action was taken and both the accused were arrested. Incidentally, this very quote has been correctly published in the other prominent dailies. It is surprising to see that the reporter has misquoted that the police were "not convinced" about the second incident. When a sensitive case like this is under investigation, it is quite incorrect and ill-advised to have misquoted a senior police officer in this fashion. The statement attributed to the officer is strongly rebutted.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is, therefore, requested that the correct facts of the matter may please be published in order to put the matter in proper perspective with the same prominence for your esteemed readers.

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