OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DELHI

No. /PRO/PHQ, dated, Delhi the /2009.

To

The Editor,
Statesman,
New Delhi.

Sub:- "Rejoinder regarding news item " stabbed for resisting molestation attempt"

Sir,

This refers to the captioned news item appeared in the Statesman today i.e. 22-6-2009. The headline and contents of news item are factually incorrect and misleading.

2. The molestation and repeated stabbing of a woman is described in the story and the reporter has not even tried to verify whether it is correct or not. It appears that someone has given out the story deliberately to the reporter who has published it without checking facts either from the victim or the local police.

3. The correct version is that the woman was pushed in a crowded bus by one single person who was drunk and an argument ensued between the two. The drunk swiped at her and immediately jumped off the bus at Welcome area. In the process, she received a minor injury on her left temple and was not stabbed repeatedly on her cheeks. She was not robbed of her belongings. Her bag and mobile phone are still with her and our officers are in touch with her on this mobile phone. The girl's face has not been disfigured. She has only received a minor cut on her left temple. There was only one accused and he did not threaten the driver but immediately jumped off the bus and ran off into the lanes of Welcome area. The girl was also not alone but was accompanied by one person. She also did not shout or seek help from the other persons but simply had an altercation with the accused.

4. A case regarding molestation of the girl and inflicting injury with a sharp object has been registered at Police Station Seelampur vide FIR No. 233 dated 26.6.09 u/s 354/324-IPC.

5. In view of the above facts and circumstances, 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 the headline and contents of the news item.

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