OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,
Statesman,
New Delhi.

Subject: Rejoinder regarding news item "Police negligence".

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Sir,

This refers to the captioned news items appeared in the Statesman i.e. 2nd March 2009. The headline of news item and its contents are distorted and misleading.

Briefly the news item suggests that the local police of P.S. Patel Nagar and Narayana fought a jurisdiction battle for over half an hour while victim, Vicky, lay bleeding on the road. The contents of the news item are contrary to the facts.

As per record an accident took place on 28.2.2009 between 9.45 and 10 pm. ASI Om Prakash and HC Harpal of P.S. Patel Nagar, who were on routine patrolling duty noticed a gathering of people near Satya Park on Naraina Road. They found that an accident had taken place between one Motor Cycle and Tata 407. One injured alongwith two pillion riders was also present at the spot. Though relatives/ acquaintares of the injured were also present at the spot as victim was resident of the same area, but none of them had informed the PCR. HC Harpal immediately informed the PCR at 2203 hours. Simultaneously, HC Harpal, tried to send the injured to the hospital so as to save precious time which is vital for the life of the injured person. He sent the injured alongwith his relatives to Janaki Das Hospital, which is near to the place of accident. The two police personnel could not go with the injured as the crowd was agitated as the injured was a local resident. They also calmed down the crowd. It is therefore evident that the injured had been sent to the hospital even before PCR reached the spot. (PCR reached the spot at 2211 hours)

The doctor at the Janaki Das Hospital found the injured brought dead and when he intimated this to the relatives, they took the victim to the Kalra Hospital in Kirti Nagar. They reached the Kalra Hospital at

10.25 pm. MLC was prepared by the doctors in the Kalra Hospital and information was also passed on to the Police. Doctors at the Kalra Hospital mentioned in the MLC that "outraging attendants took away the dead body despite all efforts". The relatives of deceased took away the body to the 3rd hospital i.e. Metro Hospital. The relatives of the deceased also pelted stones when it was again confirmed to them at Metro Hospital that the victim was dead.

Thereafter, a case vide FIR No. 72/09 u/s 279, 304A IPC was registered at P.S. Patel Nagar. Inspector Ravinder Singh and I.O. ASI Rajinder Singh went to the residence of deceased and requested his father to allow the police to take the dead body to be sent to the mortuary for post-mortem. The crowd present there refused to hand over the body till the media arrived. The dead body of the victim was handed over to the police only after the arrival of media.

In view of the above facts and circumstances it is amply clear that the local police of P.S. Patel Nagar initiated police action immediately after the incident came to notice. There was no dispute of jurisdiction at any point of time as reported in newspaper. The injured had been sent to the nearby hospital before the arrival of PCR Vans. The Headline and the contents of the news item are incorrect and strongly rebutted. It is, therefore, requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with same prominence for the readers of your esteemed news paper who might have been misled by reading the incorrect news item.

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