OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DELHI.

No. 170 /PRO/PHQ dated Delhi, the 04.03./2014.

To

The Editor,
The Hindu,
New Delhi.

Subject :- Rejoinder to the news-item i.e. **"Arjuna Awardee loses sight in police action".**

Sir,

This is with reference to the above-mentioned byline news –item appeared in your esteemed newspaper on 01.03.2014. The headline and contents of the news-item are factually incorrect and misleading.

It is clarified that the facts, as reported in eye-witness accounts and supported by video footage of the entire incident are as follow:

1. In the evening of 27.02.2014, the police, acting on the request made by the protesters, facilitated the meeting between the office bearers of All India Disabilities Alliance (AIDA) and PA to Shri Rahul Gandhi. The meeting took place at around 7 PM at his residence.
2. However, while the meeting was underway at 12, Tuglakh Lane, a mob comprising of 60-70 AIDA protesters, gathered at office broking 3 layers of barricade corden.
3. 3 police personnel and one protester, Shri Ram Karan Singh suffered minor injuries.

It is further informed that subsequent to the incorrect and distorted representation of facts in your esteemed Newspaper, Shri Ram Karan Singh has clarified the factual position and brought on record that there was no lathicharge by the police and the injury was sustained by him during the commotion (copy of statement enclosed).

It is, also clarified that Shri Ram Karan Singh has only sustained minor abrasion beneath his left eye. He has not lost his sight as claimed in the headline of the news-item.

Needless to say, the concerned correspondent ought to have verified the authenticity of the facts from the police before publishing such types of news-item containing serious imputations against the police. It has unnecessarily cast aspersions on the working of police. Therefore, it is requested that, in future, whenever any matter involving police action is reported, necessary inputs may kindly be obtained from the concerned police authorities.

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

Yours faithfully,

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