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To

The Editor,
The Times of India,
New Delhi

Subject :- Rejoinder to the news item i.e. **"Snatching cases doubled"**.

Sir,

Apropos the news item published in your esteemed newspaper today on 13.05.2013 is incorrect and misleading.

2. The news item caters to sensationalism and unnecessarily creates panic amongst women in particular and society in general. The reporter has failed to appreciate the enormous efforts made by Delhi Police in arresting 522 snatchers against 433 in the last year i.e. an increase of about 21% and has not brought it out that Delhi Police has already solved more than 53 % of the cases. Snatching is one of the most difficult crimes to solve as the offender leaves behind no trail at the spot and it's success rate mainly depends upon the description provided by traumatized victims. The increase in snatching cases can be attributed to the steps taken by Delhi Police post the Munirka bus-gang rape of 16th December, 2012, wherein instructions were issued to promptly register complaints of women verbatim and it is a matter of record that reporting has increased only by 75% and not doubled as reported.

3. In view of the above stated facts, it is requested that our rejoinder may kindly be published with the same prominence in your newspaper to remove the misconception which may have been created amongst readers of your esteemed newspaper and to create confidence in the women-folk, who are coming forward to lodge complaints regarding snatching.

Yours faithfully

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