OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI

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To

The Editor,

Times of India,

New Delhi.

Sir,

Apropos the news-item titled “Legal eagles slam MCOCA on players” published in your esteemed daily of 06.06.2013.

Senior and respectable advocates have been quoted as opining that the invocation of the MCOCA is a knee jerk reaction to prevent grant of bail by a Mumbai court to certain persons in a different and distantly related case. The approval for invocation of MCOCA in the case under investigation by the Special Cell was granted by the competent authority before bail was granted by the Mumbai Court and, therefore, the suggestion that it was ‘knee jerk’ reaction does not hold good. It was a decision taken by us based on the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case.

Further, the impression that MCOCA has been invoked only against the three arrested players is totally fallacious. MCOCA has been invoked by the Delhi Police against all the arrested accused as well as other members of the organized crime syndicate unearthed by us. MCOCA envisages punishment for anybody who conspires or attempts to commit or advocates, abets or facilitates the commission of an organized crime. In this case, after invocation of MCOCA, our investigation is looking into the role of every member of this syndicate to identify their extent of participation. The Act has also been invoked against absconding accused persons as well as those who are known to be residing abroad to escape the reach of law.

Yours faithfully,

(RAJAN BHAGAT)

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