OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: OPERATIONS: DELHI

No. 1075 /PRO/PHQ, dated Delhi, the 01-05-2012
To

The Editor,
The Hindustan Times,
New Delhi.

Subject:- **Rejoinder regarding news items (i) "Security scare during Brics meet as police wireless sets fell silent" and (ii) "Walled City proves Tetra's Achilles heel".**

Sir,

This has reference to the above captioned news items (i) "Security scare during Brics meet as police wireless sets fell silent" and (ii) "Walled City proves Tetra's achilles heel" which appeared in your esteemed newspaper on **29.4.2012** on the front page and the second page respectively. The headlines and related contents of the news items are factually incorrect and exceedingly misleading.

Further, more the intention of reporters seems questionable given the facts that the articles appeared more than a month after a glitch surfaced which had no bearing what so ever on routine communication underway.

It is clarified that congestion was reported on the VIP Route at Dhaula Kuan during rehearsal of BRICS arrangement which was improved by putting additional TETRA base radio at the same time by the vendor at Dhaula Kuan site. It was a localized channel congestion problem in Dhaula Kuan area and not at all the complete system failure as reported in the news item.

However, there is coverage problem in certain area s of walled city which is being attended to by the vendors adding more sites in Old Delhi. However, the communication in rest of Delhi has been reported satisfactory barring certain black spots which is typical characteristic of any wireless communication technology.

The reporters did not take the trouble to verify or even confirm the "News" from a single Delhi Police Officers. Needless to say, that such type of incorrect reporting and use of words like "security scare" during BRICS meet and "communication system collapses completely", without verifying the facts, has affected the image and morale of force adversely despite making extra ordinary security arrangements during BRICS meet. While reporting so prominently on the cover page, the officer giving the information should have been quoted by name/designation rather than being referred as merely a "Senior Officer". This only means publishing a hearsay prominently for the sake of spreading sensationalism defying the accepted canons of journalism.

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

Yours faithfully,

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