OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI.

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To

Shri Sanjoy Narain
Editor-in-Chief,
Hindustan Times
New Delhi.

Subject:- Regarding News report "**Rising Crime Chart, Gang war breaks out in south Delhi, two hurt" .**

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Sir,

This refers to the above mentioned news item appeared in your esteemed newspaper today i.e 17-3-2011. The headline of the news item is factually incorrect and misleading.

The headline suggests that the Crime Chart is rising and a Gang war breaks out in South Delhi, which is absolutely erroneous.

It is clarified that the incident was spontaneous in nature and the two main quarrelling persons Rohit and Hasinuddin were known to each other. They don't have any previous criminal record. Later their friends joined the fray. The news captioned that "Gang war breaks out in South Delhi" gives a totally misleading picture in the minds of public as if two warring criminal gangs have fought with each other .

It is further clarified that the claim of rising crime chart is also devoid of correct facts. This is evident from the following chart of

Comparative crime figures in Delhi this year upto 9th March as compared with the corresponding period of last year:-

CRIME HEAD	2010 (UPTO 9TH MARCH)	2011 (UPTO 9TH MARCH)	VARIATION	%AGE OF WORKED OUT 2011
DACOITY	8	7	-12.50%	100.00%
MURDER	96	87	-9.38%	72.41%
ATT. TO MURDER	54	56	3.70%	91.07%
ROBBERY	142	113	-20.42%	76.99%
KID. FOR RANSOM	5	2	-60.00%	100.00%
RAPE	82	55	-32.93%	92.73%
TOTAL HEINOUS	**394**	**330**	**-16.24%**	**81.21%**
SNATCHING	240	197	-17.92%	61.42%

In order to place the entire issue in its proper perspective, I would also like to enumerate certain other factual information.

i) Crime per lakh of population, generally followed world-wide to compare crime, has shown a steady a decline during the decade. Total IPC crime per lakh of population come down from 392.66 in 2001 to 281.34 in 2010.

ii) Heinous crime per lakh of population has declined from 16.72 in 2001 to 11.44 in 2010.

iii) This year the rape cases have come down by 32.93% and molestation cases are down by 24.79% (upto 9th march, 2011).

iv) A total of 42 rape cases have been registered in Delhi till February 2011 as compared to 74 for the same period in 2010 (a decline

of 43%). out of this 93% rape cases have already been worked out and accused arrested. needless to mention that in almost all the cases of rape committed in this year, the accused were either known to the victim or her family and in no case, any stranger was involved. It is further reiterated that most of these cases were committed in houses/private places where victims and accused were known to each other either being relative, family member,

neighbor or friend etc. and obviously, it is not possible to prevent such crimes.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts related to the case may be published with the same prominence in order to put the report in its proper perspective for the benefit of your esteemed readers.

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