OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI

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To

The Editor,
Times of India,
Delhi.

Subject: - Rejoinder about news item "Now, snatchers go for the kill"

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Sir,

This refers to the above captioned news item appeared in Times of India dated 9-7-2008. The news item mentions that **"Recent figures also reveal that there has been a steady rise in petty crimes in the Capital"**. This is factually incorrect and misleading. Earlier on 2.7.08 similarly there was a news item mentioning **"Spiraling crime graph"** and rejoinder to this fact was also sent giving detailed facts and figures but unfortunately neither it has been published nor the continuous trend of publishing misleading reports in your newspaper mentioning a rise in crime has been checked.

Crime in Delhi is under control and in fact declining and there is no spiraling crime graph as has been indicated in the caption itself. Heinous crime has fallen by 8.49% with 1035 cases during the year 2008 (upto 30th June) as compared to 1131 cases in the corresponding period of last year. Likewise non-heinous crime has fallen by 12.08% with 24089 cases during the year 2008 (upto 30th June) as compared to 27353 cases in the corresponding period of last year.

The news item mentioned above reports 313 cases of snatching in Delhi from January Ist, 2008 to April 30th, 2008 as the basis of quoting the words of **"steady rise in petty crimes in capital"** is totally incorrect and baseless. Infact there were 371 cases were reported in 2008 (upto 30.4.08) as against 381 cases during the corresponding period of 2007 registering a decline of 3%.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with the same prominence for your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to get the facts verified from the concerned authority before publishing such sensitive matters which tends to cause alarm among the general public.

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