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To

The Editor-in-Chief
Hindustan Times
New Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder of "Initial goof-ups mar most murder investigations"

Please refer to the above mentioned news item appeared in your esteemed newspaper on 19.05.2011. The headline of the news item and related contents are misleading and devoid of facts. In the news item it has been reported that out of the 87 murder cases reported in the city so far this year, 24 still remained unsolved, which is incorrect and contrary to the facts.

It is quite surprising that instead of appreciating the painstaking efforts of Delhi Police in solving a large number of blind cases of robbery-cum-murder, kidnapping for ransom and rape etc., the referred news item put the efforts of Delhi Police in a poor light. The said stories suffer from factual errors too.

It is totally incorrect to reflect Neetu Solanki case in the category of unsolved cases. It was because of painstaking and concerted efforts of Delhi Police Crime Branch which resulted in unravelling of entire murder mystery. In this case co accused was arrested promptly and the prime accused Raju Gahlot was identified and massive efforts have been launched to apprehend him. By no stretch of imagination it will come in the category of unsolved cases.

Similarly, in a case in which a body was sent in a parcel to Ajmer, the case is being investigated by Rajasthan Police. Delhi Police is only assisting them in identifying the person who had apparently sent the parcel. This case is neither registered nor being investigated by Delhi Police.

Similarly, in the list of unsolved cases, case of Sahil Khatri, a property dealer has been cited which is totally incorrect since enough evidence has been collected to prove that the victim had shot himself. After collecting adequate evidence to the contrary a cancellation report has already been filed in the Court of Law.

Investigation in Shobhit murder case is also going on in right track and again contention of both the reporters that Crime Branch officers commented that it was too late for them to collect clues from the spot is totally contrary to the facts. In fact, whatever clues were available from the spot, had already been checked thoroughly and taken into account by the local police.

The figures of murder cases reported and solved, as cited too are not correct. In fact, in the year 2011 193 cases of murder were reported (upto 15 May) out of which 151 (78.24%) have already been solved. Whereas, last year upto this period percentage of detection was only 70.50%. The rate of detection under other heinous crime heads during 2011 (upto May 15th) and its corresponding period of 2010 are as under:

Crime Head	2010	2011
Dacoity	80.00%	93.33%
Murder	70.50%	78.24%
Robbery	80.58%	82.53%
Kid. For ransom	77.78%	100.00%
Rape	82.04%	89.27%

In some cases several months are taken to work out the case and the recent example is "**Millennium Park murder of a young lady**" which was worked out after more than a month's time after concerted and painstaking efforts made by several teams of Delhi Police.

World over the murder cases investigation takes sometimes months and years before these are solved. Delhi Police will achieve much higher percentage of detection of murder case as the year progresses.

It is relevant to mention here that the Delhi Police has been able to solve almost all sensational cases of murder and robbery-cum-murder in the past few months in Delhi by adopting a very thorough and professional approach and conducting painstaking investigation and tireless efforts done by team of highly dedicated and professional police officers. Some of the prominent cases solved by Delhi Police are listed at the **Annexure 'A'**.

It may be recalled that **Sh. Gaurav Gambhir, a jeweller was shot dead by unidentified assailants in the Lal Quarter Market of Krishna Nagar**, East Delhi on 22.02.2011. It was a sensational incident which created a sense of insecurity among the traders of the area.

Sensing the gravity of the case, various teams of District, Crime Branch and Spl. Cell were constituted to identify and arrest the criminals involved in the incident. During investigation three interstate desperate gangster namely Salim @

Imran, Rustam & Sohrab were identified for their involvement in the crime. They are notorious criminals of UP and previously involved in a very large number of cases of robbery, dacoity, murder etc. in Delhi and UP. A reward of Rs. 50,000/- on the arrest of each criminal was announced.

After painstaking efforts and great deal of perseverance, a team of Spl Cell officers succeeded in locating the movements of these desperate criminals namely Salim @ Imran, Rustam & Sohrab. They were finally arrested after a brief shoot out on 18-5-2011. **The traders of the East Delhi heaved a sigh of relief following the arrest of these desperados.**

Lastly, since there is huge credibility of your esteemed newspaper, it would be appropriate that comments of senior officer preferably either DCP/Crime or Joint CP/Crime should be obtained before publishing this kind of story headlines which totally mars the tremendous efforts made by Delhi Police in solving large number of sensational cases.

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Annexure – A

Sensational murder solved cases - 2011

- Robbery-cum-murder case of jeweler, Gaurav Gambhir at Krishna Nagar (23-02-11-Krishna Nagar)
- Blind murder case of college girl Radhika Tanwar near Dhaula Kuan (08-03-11-Dhaula Kuan)
- Double Murder of Babu and Shehbaz (06-03-11-Welcome)
- Robbery-cum-murder case of Atul Jain, cash collection agent at Shakarpur (06-03-11-Shakar Pur)
- Robbery-cum-murder case of 80 yrs. old lady Mrs. Anna Mammen (Mother of Advocate Rebecca John) at Vivek Vihar (08-03-11-Vivek Vihar)
- Murder-cum-robbery case of car driver Sandeep Mandal (21-02-11-New Friends Colony)
- Murder-cum-robbery case of cash & jewellery worth Rs. 4.5 lakhs from a jeweler Sh. Ghanshyam Dass (60 yrs.) of Maurya Enclave (06-02-11-Maurya Enclave)
- Murder-cum-robery case of a old lady Smt. Daya Kaur aged about 64 yrs. of Prashant Vihar (13-03-11-Prashant Vihar)
- Murder case of Smt. Vimla Sharma aged about 70 yrs. (08-02-11-Lajpat nagar)
- Murder-cum-robbery case of Wazirpur Industrial Area (29-01-11-Ashok Vihar)
- Robbery-cum-murder case of Sh. Subhash Chopra aged about 63 yrs. (11-03-11-PS Prashant Vihar)
- Murder case of Property Dealer “Deepak Rajora” (17-04-11-PS Bhajan Pura)
- Abduction-cum-murder case of MCD Teacher Vijay Solanki (01-04-11-PS Khyala)
- Murder case of lady in Millennium Park (23-04-11-PS Sunlight Colony)
- Robbery-cum-murder case of 87 yrs. old man Sh. Om Prakash (02-05-11-PS Ranjit Nagar)
- Murder case of Head Constable “Kailash Chander” (05-05-11-Dwarka South)