OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor
Statesman
New Delhi

Subject **Rejoinder about news item " 2 houses burgled in S-W Delhi".**

Sir,

This refers to the captioned news item appeared in the Statesman today i.e. 25.8.2009. The contents of it are found factually incorrect.

The news report states that the incidence of burglary in Amar Colony area happened in the day but no FIR was registered by the police till late in the evening. It also mentioned that the DCP/South-East Distt. Mrs Shalini Singh, refused to comment on the issue.

It is clarified that on 24.8.2009 at 13:35 hrs a PCR call was received at PS Amar Colony regarding the incident. On reaching the spot, investigating officer summoned the crime team and dog squad. Mrs Neelam Arora w/o Devinder Singh Arora, owner of 2nd floor, could give her statement only at 14.20 hours after checking the items lost and a case was registered immediately at 14.35 hours vide FIR No. 427/09, dated 24-8-2009 u/s 454/380 IPC, P.S. Amar Colony. The other complainant Mr. Abhishek Makkar, owner of 3rd floor, informed the police that though locks of his house had been broken, nothing was found stolen from his house.

It is also incorrect to say that the DCP/South-East refused to comment when contacted. The correspondent had phoned the DCP/South-East who asked him to call back later being pre-occupied at that moment. The reporter had neither informed the officer about the matter on which he wanted the comments nor called back the officer. Since the matter was not discussed, there was no question of refusing to comment.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with same prominence for the readers of your esteemed newspaper who might have been misled by reading the incorrect news item.

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