OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder of the news item "Delay in tendering leaves Delhi Police short of PCRs vans for city".

Sir,
This refers to the captioned byline news item appeared in the Hindustan Times today i.e. 10-8-2010. The headline of the news item and its contents are factually incorrect, imaginative and devoid of merits.

The news item suggests that the Delhi Police is likely to face a serious shortage of Police Control Room vans besides trained and experienced personnel to drive them around. It further states that the planning to increase a fleet of PCR vans is stuck in the pipeline.

At the outset, it is clarified that the Delhi Police has not issued any tender for purchasing the vehicles including PCR vans. In any case tenders are not issued for purchase of such vehicles. The vehicles for Delhi Police have always been procured only through DGS&D (Director General of Supply and Disposal) on Rate Contract. At present, there is no move to purchase any more PCR vans and therefore any "delay" in tendering is baseless.

Needless to say, the upgradation of the PCR system again is a continuous process. We have, in the period 2007-2009, received sanction for 3004 personnel for an additional 205 vehicles. This aside, 121 motorcycles which worked 24x7 are also inducted which have been diverted from our own resources. For the time being, we have enough PCR vehicles/motorcycles to cater to the Commonwealth Games requirements. In addition to the PCR vans, we have a large number of mobile QRTs located at very sensitive locations all over the city. The Delhi Police is for all purposes fully prepared and ready for the Commonwealth Games as well as for Safe & Secure city.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts related to this issue may be published in order to put the report in proper perspective with the same prominence for your esteemed readers. Such headlines and news items unnecessarily create wrong impression in the minds of people at large and puts the proactive efforts of Delhi Police in needlessly poor light. It also sends negative signals to participating countries who are already concerned about security issues.

Yours faithfully,

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