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To

The Editor
Hindustan Times
New Delhi

Subject:- Rejoinder of the news item **"Delhi cops, armed but not dangerous".**

Madam,

This refers to the captioned byline news item appeared in the Hindustan Times on 2-9-2010. The headline of the news item and its contents are factually incorrect and subjective.

The news item claims that "Delhi cops, armed but not dangerous. Policemen entrusted with Games defence have had little shooting practice" and also quoted incomplete and wrong figures collected from unauthorized sources. The reporter seems to have not made any sincere efforts to verify the facts and figures. Although the Gazetted Officers have not been deployed to handle the armed operations and defence duties directly, even then they have been undergoing firing practice. It is clarified that majority of Gazetted Officers have already done the firing practice recently and the remaining officers will also do their practice in the next fortnight period allotted for them.

It is further clarified that the officers and men of Delhi Police who have been deployed on Quick Reaction Teams and other duties where they are required to handle weapons are well trained in handling the weapons. They have been given special firing practice as well as refresher fire practices from time to time and it will continue in the remaining time. Needless to say, that the Delhi Police is well prepared trained and positioned to handle the security duties of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games 2010.

Such headlines and news items as published in the article under reference unnecessarily create a wrong impression in the minds of people at large and puts the proactive efforts of Delhi Police needlessly in a poor light. It also sends negative signals to participating countries who are already concerned about security issues.

Yours faithfully,

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