OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. 478/PRO/PHQ, dated, Delhi the 6-9-2010

To

The Editor
Mid-Day
New Delhi

Subject:- Rejoinder of the news item **"Thumbs Down To Police's Biometric Security System".**

Sir,

This refers to the captioned byline news item appeared at page 5 of the Mid-Day on 6-9-2010. The headline of the news item and its contents are factually incorrect and subjective.

The news item claims that "Delhi Police has received a bunch of Automated Fingerprints and palm identification systems (AFPIS).The Delhi Police has got only 15 days for dry runs at the CWG venues. And if another deadline is missed the security agencies will be in big trouble." and also quoted factually wrong information collected from unauthorized sources. The reporter seems to have not made any sincere efforts to verify the facts and also fails to understand features of the system.

It is further clarified that Automated Fingerprints and Palm Identification System (AFPIS) is an upgradation from semi-automatic Computerized system available with Delhi Police for the last one decade to a fully automatic Computerized system and has nothing to do with the security of Commonwealth Games 2010. 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 Sincerely,

(Rajan Bhagat
Public Relations Officer
Delhi Police, Delhi