OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI.

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To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times
New Delhi.

Subject:- Regarding News report " **Cycling : Security wins gold"**.

Sir,

This refers to the captioned news item appeared in the Hindustan Times today i.e 11-10-2010. The headline of the news item and its content regarding deployment of the personnel during CWG Cycling event has been exaggerated.

The news item reports that more than 15,000 security personnel guarded the event – that's one man (holding a gun) at every meter of the 14 Km route resulted in lacking spectators, which is factually incorrect.

It is clarified that despite heightened security concerns, only 3800 personnel including CPMFs and staff on QRTs were deployed in three shifts on a 14 Kms. track. Comprehensive arrangements were made. This aside men were posted along the route and barricades on both sides of the road. The effective route length for the police was, therefore, 28 Kms. as policemen on one side of the road could not cross the field of play and intervene on the other side of the road. However, there were as many as 11 public places i.e i) Rajpath – Janpath crossing ii) Imitiaz Khan – Sansad Marg T Point near All India Radio iii) Parliament Street / Rafi Marg T Point near RBI-Yojana Bhawan (outside PTI) iv) Park Hotel – Parliament Street v) Bank of Baroda Parliament Street – Hanuman Road Pt. Street vi) A Block Parking Lot vii) B-Block Parking Lot viii) C-Block Parking Lot ix) Barakhamba / Statesman House/Outer Circle x) Scindia House – KG Marg Side and xi) Scindia House Janpath Side designated for spectators for witnessing Cycling event. Hence it is wholly incorrect to suggest that excessive presence of police force played spoilsport for the event.

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.

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