**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI.**

No. 553/PA/DCP/SD, dated, Delhi the 06.05.2011.

To

Ms Usha Mahadevan,
Editor, Statesman,
A-90, Sector-2, Ishan House,
Noida-301201

Subject:- Rejoinder of the news item "**18 days on, case against realtor not registered**"

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Madam,

This refers to the captioned byline news item appeared in your esteemed newspaper on 4-5-2011. The headlines and the contents of the news item are misleading and ill-conceived.

In the news item it has been claimed that the Delhi Police had not registered a case of rape even after lapsing of 18 days, which is incorrect and distorted.

It is clarified that the undersigned had assumed the charge as DCP/South District on 2/5/2011 and subsequently addressed press conferences at district and Police Headquarters. On 3-5-2011 the undersigned organized press conference at South District following meeting with district officers in view of present security scenario. In the evening Shri Mahender Singh Manral, reporter Statesman newspaper, called me over phone and sought version on the referred matter. Since the undersigned had joined the district previous day, I told him to get the facts verified first before any comments could be made on such sensitive matter. Instead of appreciating the situation, the reporter insisted for comments. It is quite surprising that the reporter preferred filing a half-baked and subjective story on such a sensitive matter, which is wholly unethical and unprofessional.

It is further clarified that the victim has not met the undersigned as yet. However, the matter has been got verified. A case had already been registered in the referred matter at police station Mahrauli vide FIR No. 175/11, dated 18-4-2011 u/s 451/354 IPC. During investigation accused has been identified as Anand Tyagi, who is absconding. Efforts are on to arrest him.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, It is requested that the correct facts related to the case may be published with the same prominence in order to put the report in its proper perspective for the benefit of your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to exercise restraint in filing unverified report especially on such sensitive matter.

Yours sincerely,

( **CHHAYA SHARMA** )
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