OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. 624 /PRO/PHQ, dated, Delhi the 28/02/2011

To

The Editor,
The Times of India
New Delhi.

Subject:- Regarding News report "Gaffes, goof-ups! That's Kotla for you"

Sir,

This refers to the above mentioned byline news report appeared in your esteemed newspaper on 25-2-2011. The contents of the news item which claimed as under:-

1. Police had refused permission to the caterers.
2. There was a security disaster of considerable proportion when the turnstiles failed to read the barcode encryptions on passes issued to the media.

Both the issues are factually incorrect and misleading.

It is clarified that Delhi Police had not refused permission to the caterers to bring the food in. All catering items were allowed except two big containers which could not pass through the scanner. Nevertheless, the caterers were advised to bring the food items in containers which can pass through scanner. Hence it is wrong to report that police had refused permission to the caterers.

Similarly, Delhi Police has no role in respect of the operation of turnstile and reading of barcode encryptions by it. The job was to be done by the organizing authority only. The reporter has apparently filed the report without verifying the facts from the authorized officer and needlessly blamed the police.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published in order to put the report in proper perspective with the same prominence for your esteemed readers.

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