OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DELHI.

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To
The Editor,
The Indian Express,
New Delhi.

Sub: Clarification in respect of the news article dated 08.04.2022 under the caption “Delhi Police to look into issues raised by legal consultants appointed to help with investigation”.

Sir,

This is with reference to the above referred news article published on the web portal of your esteemed newspaper. The claims made in the report, i.e., cases not being marked to some of the empanelled legal consultants and delayed payments are found to be incorrect and erroneous.

Delhi Police clarifies that the cases are assigned to all the legal consultants in a regular manner and they have presently been engaged in more than 2000 cases. It may be appreciated that the cases are given to them on the basis of exigency and sensitivity of the case, and requirements of Districts/Units. DCP of the District is the competent authority to decide the matter of seeking legal advice. The overall objective is to enhance the quality of investigation during various stages of investigation, i.e., from the pre-registration of case, FIR filing, investigation and till the filing of charge-sheet. The regular expert assistance rendered by the legal consultants adds value to the investigations and is likely to further increase the conviction rate. To streamline the process, regular interaction is held on a monthly basis for smooth coordination and monitoring. Fee structure guidelines have been prescribed and payments are done in a time bound manner.

In view of the above stated facts, it is clear that the article's correspondent seems to have raised the issue out of context which unnecessarily puts Delhi Police in a poor light. Had he informed the context of the news article and checked the facts with the concerned authorized officer/s, a correct picture about the functioning of legal consultants could have been shared.

In this regard, it is worth mentioning that, in fact, it is only after the good feedback received from the field officers in the districts, that the number of legal consultants in Delhi Police has now been increased to 82.

It is, therefore, requested that the clarification may kindly be carried out in order to put the facts in a proper perspective for your viewers.

Yours faithfully,

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