OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI.

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To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times,
New Delhi.

Subject: - **Rejoinder to the headline "Top cop blames migrants for rise in crime".**

Sir,

This is with reference to the captioned headline that appeared in your esteemed newspaper today. It is felt that the headline is misleading and does not reflect the correct position.

2. It is clarified that during the Annual Press Conference held yesterday, the Commissioner of Police, Delhi, had enumerated that there are many Critical Crimogenic Factors in Delhi such as Socio-economic disparities and high influx of migrant population, Proximity in location of colonies of the affluent and the under-privileged, Urban anonymity encouraging deviant behaviour, Loosening of social structures and family control, Demographic complexities : street delinquency, Megacity life: Impulsive anger and rage, Extended hinterland in the NCR region, and Porous borders offering easy means of ingress/escape to criminal elements from across the borders etc., which have impacted the crime situation over the years.

3. Neither was the influx of migrant population cited as the only factor for rise in crime, nor did the Commissioner of Police ever use the word 'blame'. So the headline suggesting that the "Top Cop blames migrants for rise in crime" is a misrepresentation by the reporter. Since a copy of the presentation was also shared with the journalists and correspondents of your Newspaper present in the Press Conference, wherein the various crimogenic factors have been clearly given, it is surprising to see this headline in today's newspaper.

4. It is, therefore, reiterated that it is factually incorrect to report that the Delhi Police "blames" migrants for rise in crime in National Capital. Such type of headline unnecessarily gives rise to misleading impressions in the minds of the readers. The correspondent concerned ought to have appreciated the matter in totality and comprehended the importance of the entire set of crimogenic factors rather than being selective, before publishing such a headline which unnecessarily highlights only one of such factors.

5. In view of the above stated facts, it is requested that this rejoinder may be published with the same prominence tomorrow, in order to put the matter in proper perspective before your esteemed readers.

Yours faithfully,

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