OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DELHI.

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To,

The Editor
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Delhi.

This is in response to the news published in Times of India on 28.08.2015 mentioning shortcomings in 3rd Bn. The news published is grossly malicious, not based on facts and also an attempt to tarnish the image of Delhi Police by spreading falsehood. Thus, this rebuttal note:

3rd Battalion is staffed with young officers & personnel who are given 10-days Induction Course based on Court production of Under Trial Prisoners, Searching/Frisking, Crowd management, safety precautions, Gender sensitization, provision of law related to UTPs, etc. on joining. The staff is motivated and enthusiastic about their job. 3rd Bn. hosts a lot of talented personnel, there are as many as 616-Bachelor of Arts, 61-Master of Arts, 05-Law Graduates, 30-Bachelor of Science, 05-M.Sc., 48-B.Com., 02-M.Com., 01-MBA and 75-Senior Secondary.

The average age of officers & men posted in 3rd Bn. is around 35 years. The officers and men have vast experience to handle criminals, as most of them come from Districts on transfer. it is denied that only shunted staff is posted in 3rd Bn. The tenure period of posting is 2 years and after which they are invariably given choice postings.

The working conditions of 3rd Bn. are no doubt very difficult and apart from being very sensitive. The staff of 3rd Bn. travel all over the country and have also visited Singapore in the line of duty. There is an overall shortage of staff in Delhi Police and 3rd Bn. also proportionately shares this shortage. However, by intelligent man-management and by putting extra long hour duties, safe, secure and timely production of Under Trial Prisoners is ensured.

3rd Bn. staff have undergone detailed searching & frisking course and as many as 983 police officers & men have so far been trained by the experts of Security unit. This has resulted in the recovery of the following 389 prohibited articles from the possession of UTPs during their searching/frisking from January, 2015 to till date:

1	Shaving blade	01
2	Tobacco	322
3	Cash	54
4	Biddi/Cigarette	09
5	Mobile Phone & SIM	03

Furthermore, the staff of 3rd Battalion not only escort and ensure the safety & security of prisoners, but have also apprehended the prisoners who escaped from their charge. There are 03 such instances where 3rd Bn. staff successfully apprehended the following escapee in the current year:

	Name of UTP	**Escaped from & when**	**Apprehended on**
1	Mohd. Harsat Ali S/o Mohd. Jamil	Ambedakar Hospital on 25.01.2015	28.01.2015.
2	Nitin s/o Ram Karan	Dwarka Lock-up on 07.07.2015	Same day
3	Surat Singh s/o Sohan Singh	Tis Hazari Lock-up on 25.07.15.	Same day

3rd Battalion is leading the way in adoption of latest technologies and equipments as per details given below:

- Provided **33 Camcorder Video Cameras** to capture misdeeds of Under Trial Prisoners during their Court production and movement outside Jail. It also helps to keep close watch even on our staff. The analysis of video footage helps us to prove the facts & actual circumstances of the incident that take place out of sight of our staff.
- **Hidden Cameras** with recording system are installed in 27 Jail Vans to keep close surveillance over the activities of the UTPs.
- 3rd Bn. is the first unit of Delhi Police to launch SMS Alert facility to convey critical information to officers/men as well as to update them about final out-come of their applications/request.
- MHA has approved for installation of **Vehicle Tracking System** in all vehicles of 3rd Bn. on hiring basis for a further period of 03 years. It will help us check the movement of Jail Vans and other vehicles in Delhi and outside.
- Administrative Approval of MHA has been received for procurement and installation of **Bio-metric Weapon Management and Attendance System.**
- MHA has approved for procurement of **UTP Record & Monitoring Software System** to keep all data of UTPs alonwith their modus operandi, category, next date of hearing etc.
- Proposal for procurement & commissioning of **CCTV Cameras** at VPL, Linking facility with CCTV cameras already installed in Jails/Lock-up and setup of Integrated Command Control Room, has been sent to MHA for approval, as the same is a functional requirement in the present security scenario as well as to keep watch on the working of staff at Jails & Lock-up.
- Proposal for procurement and providing of **132 Cell phones** for use of escort teams deployed for outstation Court duties is at final stage in MHA. The facility of official mobile phone shall assist the officers to closely

supervise & monitor the movements of outstation escort teams and Under Trial Prisoners on fixed interval period of time.

Needless to say, such unconfirmed reports on sensitive matters like this creates unnecessary confusion and affects the image of police adversely. In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that our rejoinder may kindly be published with the same prominence in your newspaper as was given to the news-item in question so that esteemed readers of your newspaper get to know accurate facts in the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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