OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE:TRAFFIC: DELHI

No.3777/P.Sec./ Spl.CP/Traffic, Dated, New Delhi the 21-11-2014.

To

Shri Vishal Kant,
City Editor, The Hindu,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Please refer to enclosed News Item captioned **"PM's five-minute trip leads to a 3-hour gridlock"** published in "The Hindu" daily newspaper dated 21.11.14. The news item is devoid of facts. Though the correspondent Mr. Jatin Anand spoke to me at about 13.30 hrs, on 20.11.14, the views of Delhi Traffic Police has not been reflected in above news item. I had mentioned to him that it was non-peak-hour, quantum of traffic was low and there was no traffic pile up as was being claimed by him.

It is factually incorrect that the traffic remained affected for three hours till mid day. The reporter has quoted some highly placed police sources but the contents of the report as well as the so called quotes are far from facts. The entire story is based on unreliable, unrealistic and mischievous quotes attributed to "some" police officers. It appears that the reporter himself was not on the ground and has made the story out of hearsay with reasons best known to him. Delhi Police has always ensured that minimum inconvenience is caused to the public when the VVIP movement takes place and the traffic is stopped at the intersections only when it is a must for shortest possible time. After the movement of the VVIP, traffic is normalised immediately. The entire traffic arrangements are supervised and monitored at the senior level.

In view of the above mentioned facts, it is requested that this rejoinder should also be published prominently in order to put the matter in proper perspective.

Yours faithfully,

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