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This is to clarify that news reports appearing in some sections of the media referring to the disclosure of Shahzad @ Pappu, a suspect in the Batla House incident, have mentioned certain details of his disclosure and police investigations, which are not based on facts on record. This apparently has been done, quoting sources even though no such information has been shared by any official or authorized source of the Delhi Police.

Keeping in view the sensitive nature of the investigations, the Delhi Police Officers authorized to speak with the media have all along taken a stand that since the investigations are still in progress and the final report of investigation in the matter is to be submitted in the Court, it would not be appropriate to reveal details for media coverage or draw any conclusion till the investigation is completed. As and when contacted by Press Reporters, this very stand has been politely re-iterated with a request to go only for the official versions from the PRO and refrain from any reporting based on speculations or versions given by unofficial/unauthorized sources.

Such unofficial/unconfirmed reports go only to create misinformation/confusion in the minds of general public and may also seriously impede the process of further investigation in the case. It will also be pertinent to mention that such reports pertaining to the confession of a suspect are also against the spirit of the observations recently made by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in an on-going matter in the Hon'ble Court about guidelines for police-media interface.

It is requested, in the light of the above, that any further press coverage pertaining to the role of any suspect in the Batla House incident should be based only on the official versions, as and when given by official and authorized sources from the Delhi Police.

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