

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,
Asian Age,
New Delhi.

Subject: Rejoinder about news item “Security breach at Ashok Hotel” appeared in Asian Age newspaper, dated 14-10-2009.

Sir,

This refers to the captioned news items appeared in the news paper Asian Age, dated 14-10-2009. The headline of the news item is found highly misleading and likely to cause unnecessary panic. There was no security breach at the Ashok Hotel where the Commonwealth delegates were staying as claimed by the news item.

The facts of the case are that the hotel is open to the general public who are allowed to book rooms and stay there. The public who are allowed to enter and use various restaurants of the hotel after a thorough security check. It was during this security check that two young men, under the influence of alcohol, drove past the barricades at around 2.30 AM in the morning but were immediately apprehended by the security personnel present there. An immediate check of their background revealed that they did not pose any security risk. Since they had obstructed public servants during the discharge of their duties, they were booked under the relevant sections of law i.e. 186/353-IPC.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may please be published with the same prominence for the reader of your esteemed news paper who might have been misled by reading the incorrect headline of the news item.

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