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To

The Editor,  
Hindustan Times,  
Delhi.

**Subject: - Rejoinder about news item “Jungle Raj in Delhi” and “Lawless Delhi”**

This is with reference to the article “**Jungle Raj in Delhi**” and “**Lawless Delhi**” in your newspaper on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008, wherein a picture of total lawlessness has been projected, out of context of the overall crime scenario and police performance, creating a feeling of insecurity and fear amongst the people of Delhi. While 1035 heinous cases have been reported up to 30<sup>th</sup> June in 2008, it has conveniently not been mentioned that during the corresponding period of 2007 as many as 1131 cases were reported indicating a decline in such crimes by 8.5% during the current year. This aside, there has been a noteworthy decline in the incidence of heinous crimes -- Dacoity by 40%; Attempt to Murder by 20.8%; Robbery by 3%; Kidnapping for Ransom by 33.3%; Rape by 17% and Riot by 22%. Murder alone has shown an increase by 17.7%. There has also been an overall reduction in the registration of non-heinous crimes by 12%. This includes reduction in extortion by 27.6%.

The article highlights 164 cases where Fire Arms have been used in crime during the year. In fact, there has been a decline in the use of fire-arms in the commission of offences which is obvious from the fact that fire-arms were used in the commission of crime in 229 cases in 2000, 205 in 2006 and 165 in 2007 (during the periods upto 30<sup>th</sup> June).

It would be seen that crime affecting public order like dacoity, robbery, kidnapping for ransom, extortion etc. has shown a decline during the current year. There is a slight increase of 3% in snatching. As regards murder it may be mentioned that only 11 % of cases relate to crime. Around 84 % of Heinous Cases which includes murders have been solved by Delhi Police. Almost all sensational cases during the year have been solved in record time and there are positive leads which are likely to help solve the incidents of the past few days which have been highlighted in your news article.

The present year has seen the arrest of a large number of criminals who carried rewards ranging from Rs.25,000 to Rs.5,00,000. These include Brijesh Singh @ Arun Kumar Singh ( Rs. 5 lakhs ) wanted in several cases of gruesome murders and attempts to murder in U.P & Gujrat, Vijay Dahiya @ Bodha and Joginder Singh @ Joga ( both Rs.50,000 each) involved in more than 70 cases of murder, attempt to murder & robbery etc., Saleem @ Shafifuddin , Sonu @ Baba and Virender Kumar Jha @ Vinay Kumar ( Rs.25,000) involved in murders, attempt to murder, dacoity, extortion, kidnapping for ransom of Delhi U.P, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab and West Bengal and numerous others carrying lesser rewards

Some of the notable criminals arrested include Mahavir @ Don a sharp shooter of Kishan Pahalwan Gang, Ishwar Singh @ Kanchi wanted in 8 cases of attempt to murder, Deepak Maharaj @ Deepak Chaura of Kishanpal @ Fauji Gang, Khurvesh @ Pappu alongwith his associate Gaurav @ Kamal involved in more than 30 cases of murder, attempt to murder, assault on police, extortion and robbery of Delhi, Om Kumar @ Omi, Leelu Kasana and Anil Kumar @ Rana of Omi-Jeeta Gang involved in notorious interstate gang of carjackers.

Around 8 terrorists belonging to the Harkat-ul-Mujahidin, Lashkar-e-Taiyyaba, Babbar Khalsa, Khalistan Liberation Front and Harkat-UI-Jehadi-Islami have also been arrested and fire arms, explosive etc. were recovered.

Apart from the achievements in solving important cases and apprehending dreaded criminals, a concerted effort has been made to prevent crime, streamline the quality and disposal of cases under investigation, redress the grievances of citizens of Delhi and bring about an overall improvement in all aspects of police station functioning. The Beat Constable System has been revamped with accent on police-public interface and ground level intelligence collection. The Commissioner of Police visited all the 10 districts between 26.04.08 to 5.07.08 and during his interactions with district officers top priority was given to investigation and solving of cases, surveillance on criminals and development of criminal intelligence. A new dimension to public participation was introduced in the efforts towards prevention of crime. In the "Eyes and Ears" scheme rahriwalas, chowkidars, patriwalas, security guards, parking attendants, three-wheeler-taxi drivers, bus drivers/conductors, porters, shopkeepers, property agents, second hand car dealers, land-lords, members of RWA/MTA, cyber café owners, PCO owners, guest house owners, any other alert citizen etc. have been involved to provide information regarding suspicious activities of individuals and crimes. A new Toll Free No. 1090 has been activated on 18.1.2008 to enable public to share information and the identity of the person giving information is kept secret. 79 cases have so far been worked out till June 30<sup>th</sup> due to information given. A link has been created on the Delhi Police Website to enable public to share information that may help to prevent crime.

In view of the above, it would be appropriate if the correct facts on the subject are published with the same prominence in your newspaper. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to state the facts in the correct perspective before publishing such sensitive matters which tend to cause alarm amongst the general public.

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