

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times,
New Delhi.

Subject: Rejoinder regarding news item “70 vehicles stolen a day in Delhi”.

Sir,

This refers to the captioned news items appeared in the Hindustan Times, today i.e. 01 April 2009. The figures of car thefts mentioned in the news item are highly exaggerated and misleading.

The news item suggests that on an average 70 vehicles are stolen from Delhi roads in a single day. It further carries comparison of 43 to 53 car thefts per day reported during the previous years.

It is clarified that in all 869 car thefts have been reported during the current year 2009. Contrary to the report, 785 and 767 cases of car theft had been reported during the corresponding period 2007 and 2008 respectively. In any case, this works out to be, on an average, about 11 cars per day all over Delhi in 2009. It is further clarified that 8 cases of carjackings were reported in each year in 2007 & 2008.

There have been 11 cases of carjacking during the current year. The figures mentioned in the news item are exaggerated and incorrect and do not convey the correct picture to the reader.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, it is therefore, requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with the same prominence for the reader of your esteemed news paper who may have misled by reading incorrect figures carried in the news item. It may also be appreciated to advise the reporter to check the figure/data from the authorized office before filing the report in order to avoid distortion.

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