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To

The Editor,
The Times of India,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Regarding news reports **“Cops clubbed 2 Sajjan cases, hid 1 chargesheet”**

Sir,

This refers to the captioned byline news report appeared in The Times of India on 22nd April 2010. In the news items, it is reported that the Delhi Police lodged an FIR against Sajjan Kumar in order to suppress their on chargesheet against him in another case, which is wholly distorted and misleading.

It is quite surprising that despite clarifying the facts by this office through rejoinder send on 9-4-2010 with regard to the news items i.e. **“84 Riots : No action on one FIR” and “DCP summoned in riots cases”** appeared in the times of India on 7th & 8th April 2010 respectively, the newspaper still carries factually incorrect report on the matter.

It is reiterated that Shri Rajiv Ranjan, Addl. DCP/Security, and the then ACP/Special Riot Cell, had investigated case FIR No.418/91 P.S. Nangloi. The investigation was completed in all respects and a charge sheet was filed under section 173 Cr. P.C. on 19-12-94 and sent to court for trial. A supplementary charge sheet was also filed in this case subsequently. The case is still pending trial in the court of Shri V.K. Goel, ASJ, Rohini Courts.

As regards the claim in the news report that case FIR No.67/87 P.S. Nangloi was suppressed was registered on source information that three witnesses namely Smt. Updesh Kaur, Smt. Pratap Kaur and Shri Gurbachan Singh had identified a prominent politician as organizer of riots in their area. However, scrutiny of records further revealed that Smt. Updesh Kaur was already examined in case FIR No. 416/91 P.S. Nangloi which was registered on her affidavit on the recommendation of Govt. of NCT of Delhi for the same incident, and she had not alleged against anyone in that case. Likewise, Smt. Pratap Kaur

was also found to be the complainant in another case FIR No.64/87 P.S. Nangloi, and she had also not alleged against anyone.

During investigation of case FIR No. 67/87 P.S. Nangloi, there was another witness Smt. Pritam Kaur who alleged against three persons of her locality for killing her husband, two sons and one more person. The scrutiny of records, however, made it clear that Smt. Pritam Kaur was already examined in case FIR No.398/84 P.S. Nangloi and her name was mentioned in the list of witnesses in the charge sheet.

As regards the witness Shri Gurbachan Singh, it was found during scrutiny of records that case FIR No. 418/91 was already registered on the recommendation of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, based on the affidavits of Shri Gurbachan Singh and was under investigation, and therefore, there was no legal justification for having two FIRs for the same incident. After seeking legal opinion from Prosecution Branch, case FIR No.67/87 was clubbed with case FIR No.418/91 and the entire file of FIR No.67/87 was placed on the file of FIR No.418/91 along with the opinion of the Chief Prosecutor.

It is clarified that the Prosecution Branch raised objections with regard to case FIR No.67/87, P.S. Nangloi, while scrutinizing the judicial file and chargesheet of case FIR No.418/91, P.S. Nangloi. All the objections were complied with. The I.Os of case FIR No.67/87, P.S. Nangloi, Inspr. Mam Chand (Retd.) was cited as a Prosecution Witness in the list witnesses of case FIR No.418/91, P. S. Nangloi.

In the charge sheet of case FIR No.418/91, the facts about clubbing of FIR No.67/87 have been clearly mentioned with a request to the Hon'ble Court to take appropriate decision. With the conclusion of trial of case No.418/91 the logical end of the clubbed case FIR No.67/87 would automatically and inevitably be decided by the Hon'ble Court. It may not be out of place to mention here that no court has objected to the clubbing of two cases till date which is an endorsement of the action taken by the police on advice of the Prosecution Branch.

Shri Rajiv Ranjan, Addl. DCP/Security, the then I.O., has already been examined in the court of ASJ Smt. Ravinder Kaur, Patiala House Courts and cross examined by the defence. The facts about clubbing of the two cases before the Hon'ble Court was clarified and the same was recorded by the Hon'ble Court. The case was transferred to Rohini Court after bifurcation of jurisdiction.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is clear that full legal action has been taken in respect of both the FIRs in question and all accused persons against whom evidence came were

arrested and charge sheeted without fear or favour and are facing trial. It is, therefore, requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with same prominence for your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to get the facts verified from the concerned authority for objective assessment of the facts before reporting on such sensitive matters which sends a wrong message to the readers and undermines fair image and hard work of Delhi Police.

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