

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ; DELHI

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To

The Editor
The Times of India,
New Delhi

Subject:- Regarding news report "Delhi Police wants 25,000
Games Passes"

Sir,

This refers to the captioned news item appeared in the Times of India on 18-7-2010. The headline of the news item and related content of the report are factually incorrect and misleading.

The news item suggests that the Delhi Police has sought 25,000 passes from the Organizing Committee in connection with the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, which is wholly incorrect and baseless. The Delhi Police has not asked for any "Games Passes".

It is clarified that the Delhi Police has sought accreditation of policemen for the 13 competition venues. Accreditation by itself does not convey any seating right and neither has the Delhi Police sought any. While we are not disclosing the deployment of manpower, for security reasons, it is much lower than the 25000 quoted in the news article. Even this strength would be posted in four shifts as our responsibility is 24 x 7. It may be underscored that almost 75% of these individuals would be on duty at the perimeter, gates, QRTs, searching and frisking stations 'outside' repeat 'outside' the stadiums but inside the perimeter. There would also be representatives of various functional areas of the Organizing Committee, volunteers, work force from various organizations etc. located in this area, between the stadia and its perimeter. Ironically, it is the Delhi Police which has been repeatedly insisting that such functionaries including Delhi Police personnel should not be able to enter the main stadium. The Delhi

Police wants that the aisles, concourses, stairwells and lifts to be clear so that in the event of any contingency, the evacuation process is not retarded in any manner.

In view of our substantial obligation both in respect of the Games security and city wide policing, we would not in a position, in any case, to post even one man beyond what is absolutely necessary and essential at any venue.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published in order to put the report in proper perspective with the same prominence for your esteemed readers.

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