

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI**

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To

The Editor,  
Hindustan Times,  
New Delhi.

Subject:- Regarding article "Not shortcuts, please"

Sir,

The captioned article written by Maja Daruwala, Director Commonwealth, Human Rights Initiative, appeared in the Hindustan Times today i.e. 24.12.2008 is found factually incorrect and misquoted.

It is clarified that the remarks "his hands are tied by the Supreme Court" ascribed to Shri Y.S. Dadwal, Commissioner of Delhi Police are totally incorrect and baseless as he has neither made any such comments nor initiated any debate on the issue as claimed by the writer.

In the news report Maja Daruwala alleged that "the mettle of the police force would be better if senior officers like Dadwal don't feel threatened by the law and understand the value of doing their work within its parameters instead." The statement is baseless and false in nature and neither the Commissioner nor the Delhi Police has ever felt threatened by the law. It is further underlined that the allegation that "the police chief's interest in taking shortcuts and will not dilute existing safeguards in the name of counter terrorism measures" is personal, false and baseless in nature. The Commissioner of Police does not, for record, have any intention of taking shortcuts as has been baselessly alleged.

It may be also stated for record that the Delhi Police has meticulously complied with the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in 1996 in the case of D.K. Basu vs. State of West Bengal. In this regard a Standing Order has been issued and this has also been a subject which has been focused upon in various meetings of the Commissioner of Police with the officers up to the rank of inspectors. The Delhi Police, further, seeks to work only within the framework of the law.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is 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 writer is advised to get the facts verified from the concerned authority before quoting the head of the force on such sensitive matters which sends a wrong message to the readers.

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