

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,
The Times of India
New Delhi.

Subject:- Regarding News report “**At Old Delhi Station, body lies on track for 90 mins** corpse is run over again as Cops bicker”.

Sir,

This refers to the captioned byline news report appeared in the front page of The Times of India today i.e. 12.2.2010. The headline of the report is factually incorrect and distorted.

The headline suggests that the body of the deceased was lying on the track at Old Railway Station for more 90 minutes as two railway police forces i.e. GRP & RPF bickered over lifting the corpse.

It is clarified that as soon as the GRP got information about the incident, the police team rushed to the spot. The underlined portion of the story itself revealed that the station staff sent memo to GRP at 9.50am and the Kurukshetra EMU entered platform at 9.52am. Since the information was conveyed to GRP at 9.50am, it would be highly improbable to expect the GRP to reach the spot instantly and remove the body. The time between receipt of the information and the movement of the train was too little to react.

The statement of Addl. DCP/Railway carried in the news report clarifies that the body of deceased was removed after taking necessary photographs, and due investigations. Ab-initio, there is no scope for bickering in the matter since the matter of conducting inquest and its investigation is in the exclusive domain of GPR and RPF has nothing to do in this. The GRP immediately responded the moment it got the information. Hence, it is wrong to state that the body was left lying due to “bickering of the cops”.

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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