

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times
New Delhi.

Subject: - Rejoinder regarding news item "The case of missing cars"

Sir,

This refers to the captioned byline news item appeared in the Hindustan Times today i.e.16-3-10. It is reported in the news item that as many as 8,352 and 6,403 cars were stolen during the years 2009 and 2008 respectively. The reported figures of cars stolen are found factually incorrect.

It is clarified that as per record in all 4,364 and 4,712 cars were stolen during the years 2008 and 2009 respectively. Hence the figures claimed in the report are highly exaggerated and show the proactive efforts made by the Delhi Police to prevent vehicle thefts in poor light. Had the reporter verified the figures from an authorized officer the correct picture in the matter could have been presented.

It may not be out of place to mention here that numerically there has been an increase in the incidence of M.V. Thefts, but at the same time, there has also been a phenomenal increase in the vehicle population in Delhi and the incidence of M.V. Thefts, when computed in terms of per lakh of vehicle population, has actually shown a decline, having come down from 195.84 in the year 2008 to 190.9 in the year 2009.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, the correct figures of the cars stolen in the mentioned years may please be published in order to inform your esteem readers of the correct position.

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