

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI

No. _____/PRO/PHQ dated, New Delhi, the 16/07/2008

To

The Editor,
Pioneer,
Delhi.

Subject :- Rejoinder about news item "***Cops gun for S.Delhi gang with firearms***".

Sir,

This refers to the above captioned news item appeared in Pioneer today dated 16-7-2008 containing the statement of PRO, Delhi Police which is found to be partially incorrect and misquoted.

In the third paragraph of the news item the undersigned has been quoted stating that "Police have to date not identified any manufacturing unit of country made firearms in the city. ***They are investigating how the use of country-made firearms has increased in Delhi***".

It is quite surprising how the undersigned was quoted for the statement which was never made while briefing the reporter. Needless to say, such unsubstantiated statements give rise to speculation and unwarranted references unnecessarily. It is clarified that the statement "***They are investigating how the use of country-made firearms has increased in Delhi***" ascribed to PRO, Delhi Police, has not been made and denied by the undersigned. In fact I had briefed him with statistics of use of firearms in crimes in first half of the years as 229 in 2000, 205 in 2006, 165 in 2007 and 164 in 2008.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the denial of referred statement may please be published with the same prominence for your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to quote the statement which is actually made and not the otherwise.

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