

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. 187/PRO/PHQ dated, New Delhi, the 22-7-2008

To

The Editor,
Mid Day,
Delhi.

Subject :- Rejoinder about news item “Dead drunk cop mercilessly beat man with slippers ” appeared in Mid Day dated 17-7-2008.

Sir,

This refers to the above captioned news item published in Mid Day on 17-7-2008. The news has been found to be factually incorrect, misleading and tends to tarnish the image of police.

The news story states that a police Constable Ram Bharose who was in an inebriated state roughed up a man namely Pritam Lal, a car driver, for hitting him with his car at ITO red light, while the cop was crossing the road.

Contrary to the published news report the Head Constable Ram Bharose was going home after performing his picket duty at Sunder Nagar. When he was crossing the road at ITO red light, a car Indica No. HR-55 GT 3803 coming from Tilak Bridge side being driven in a rash and negligent manner runover his left foot. The driver of the car was one Pritam Lal. Since Ram Bharose got injured, he was rushed to LNJP Hospital and admitted vide MLC No. 085335/08. The Doctor opined that Ram Bharose suffered “swelling and tenderness over left foot”. He was not in an inebriated condition as per his medical examination. The driver of the car, Pritam Lal, was also medically examined vide MLC No. 085343/08 and “ No fresh external injury” was opined by the doctor.

Since Pritam Lal had runover the left foot of the Head Constable while driving the car rashly and negligently, a case vide FIR No. 187/08, date 17-7-208 U/s 279/337 IPC was registered against him at Police Station IP Estate, Delhi. He was arrested and later released on bail.

During the course of investigation it was found that Head Constable Ram Bharose had not beaten driver Pritam Lal and the same was corroborated by his MLC mentioned above.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is obvious that the reporter chose not to verify the facts before filing the report. It is therefore, requested, that the correct facts of the matter may be published with the same prominence for your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to get the facts verified from the concerned authority before publishing such sensitive matter.

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