

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

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To

The Editor,  
Hindustan Times,  
New Delhi.

Subject:- Rejoinder regarding news item "Commando-puppies to remain homeless till Games, says cops"

Sir,

This refers to the captioned byline news item appeared in the Hindustan Times today i.e. 10-6-2010. The headline of the news item is misleading and misrepresents the factual position of the matter, and unnecessarily conveys an erroneous impression about the preparedness of the Delhi Police to handle the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.

The headline claims that the Commando Puppies who are presently undergoing training at Madhya Pradesh and Punjab will remain "homeless" till Commonwealth Games because of non-availability of accommodation. This is a totally incorrect projection of the factual position about the housing of dogs in Delhi Police.

It is clarified that there are dog kennels in all the districts of Delhi besides two dog kennels of Crime Branch having adequate accommodation for dogs in Delhi Police. So far as the sanction of land at Malviya Nagar for proposed dog squad is concerned, to which the news item makes a reference, it already belongs to Delhi Police and recently the GOI has only accorded the approval for the construction of dog kennels by a Public Sector Unit under the future Modernization Plan of Delhi Police. The project will be completed well in time as per plans. It is totally incorrect to suggest that the land has been sanctioned in view of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.

It is further clarified that as per our plans a temporary dog kennel is being established at PP Shahdara building to accommodate dogs during the Commonwealth Games keeping in view our operational requirements and the proximity of location to the Commonwealth Games Village and other important locations. The physical possession of the building has already been taken over by Delhi Police from the construction wing of Public Works Department.

This will be to supplement our existing accommodation for dogs, and for the purpose of

The Commonwealth Games. Hence it is wholly incorrect to say that there is scarcity of accommodation for Commando-Puppies in Delhi Police.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts related to 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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