

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. 339 /PRO/PHQ, dated, Delhi the 28/6 /2010

To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times
New Delhi.

Subject:- Regarding News report "**Stay home during Games or face traffic jams, says top cop**".

Sir,

This refers to the captioned news report appeared on the front page of Hindustan Times i.e. 27.6.2010. The headline of the report is factually incorrect, distorted and misleading.

It is clarified that the Commissioner of Police, Delhi discussed some aspects of Traffic Management with the media representatives during his visit to Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium on 26-6-2010. When asked about the designated lanes being earmarked in specified roads for the Games family, the Commissioner of Police pointed out that it is essential in accordance with the Host City Contract 2003 and it is but natural that, as a result, traffic on the remaining part of the roads and other roads would be impacted. The Commissioner of Police said that police arrangements can only succeed with the holistic support of the public and he appealed to the public to cooperate with the police in this regard. He said that there would be substantial games traffic and commuters have various options. He stressed upon the use of the metro which would reduce traffic on the roads. He also suggested working out of travel schedules so that avoidable journeys could be postponed and unavoidable journeys could be adjusted in a manner so as to avoid the peak hours. He also said that the Delhi Police would be launching an extensive public information programme to educate all citizens regarding the DO's and DON'Ts and various traffic advisories.

At no point of time did the Commissioner of Police, Delhi say that the people should stay at home. Police is not in a position to offer such advice. What we are seeking is the whole hearted cooperation of the public for ensuing that the traffic moves smoothly during the CWG 2010 and that this event which is a matter of pride for all Indians should be a resounding success.

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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