

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI.

No. **587**/PRO/PHQ, dated Delhi the **27.11.2010**.

To

The Editor,
Hindustan Times,
New Delhi.

Subject:- **Regarding News report "The Victim was raped at least eight times"**.

Sir,

This refers to the captioned byline news report appeared in the Hindustan Times on dated 26.11.2010. The news item has carried the contents of FIR of the case verbatim by accessing the same from an unauthorized source, which is against the legal requirements apart from being unethical and greatly offending the dignity of the victim, thus further adding to her trauma.

Time and again, various courts have issued guidelines that lot of sensitivity is required to be observed while dealing with rape victim both by police and members of media. Apart from personal identity ethnic identity of the victim is not required to be disclosed. Contents of FIR are of such nature which are not to be made to the public by the media since being sensitive in nature. The publication of contents of FIR greatly undermine the dignity of the victim and further add insult to injury of traumatized victim. It is highly unfortunate that both the reporter and the desk officer did not pay any attention to such sensitivities of the victim and chose to highlight the gory details of the incident showing total insensitivity to the traumatized victim as already suffered.

It is requested that the reporter and the concerned people may please be suitably advised to exercise greater restraint in filing any such type of story which has in an attempt to sensationalize the case besides greatly offending the dignity of the victim in public eye.

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