

Preface

This Report has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of the Constitution of India.

Delhi, being the capital of India, is the centre of a wide range of political, cultural, social and economic activities. Accordingly, Delhi Police has to assume a multitude of roles and responsibilities, from providing security cover to the Protected Persons, to patrolling in neighbourhood by beat officer, from managing of traffic by Traffic Police to fighting organized crime by the Special Cell etc. The magnitude and importance of Delhi Police cannot be over-stated.

In these circumstances, it is imperative to ensure that Delhi Police has adequate police personnel, and they are sufficiently equipped with required weapons, vehicles, Bulletproof jackets, and other equipment. That there would be some shortcomings in such a major organization is also not unexpected. The issues that remain, and that have been pointed out in the report, should not, therefore, be seen by the stakeholders as a fault-finding exercise. The gaps / shortcomings have been pointed out in the spirit of constructive suggestions to realise the full potential of Delhi Police.

This report has identified several areas of concern, such as shortage of manpower especially at the police stations which results in long work hours and shortages in other resources like vehicles, equipment and physical infrastructure which impacts efficient policing. Though Delhi Police has revamped its Emergency Response System, has launched Mobile and Web Applications for ease of citizens and was improving the physical infrastructure, there is a need to upgrade its 20 year old Communication System on priority basis.

