

## **PROCEDURE TO DEAL WITH DEATH OF YOUNG MARRIED WOMEN**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,  
Home, Department,  
Circular No. MUR.0180/43SIPOL-II,  
Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032,  
Dated on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 1981.

Instances of atrocities on young married women and their deaths in suspicious circumstances are frequently noticed. Many a time, dowry is the reason for their harassment by the husband or the in-laws.

Government considers that such deaths need to be investigated in a very thorough manner so that the culprits can be brought to book and the crime of this type to be curbed. Therefore, government hereby Directs that the following procedure should be adapted in all cases suicides, attempted suicides and deaths in suspicious circumstances of married women of the age 30 (Thirty) years and below, occurring during the first 5 (Five) Years of their marriage.

- I) These cases should be treated visitable by the Deputy superintendent of police / assistant Commissioner of police, even though are initially registered as Accident deaths.
- 2) If it is necessary to conduct post-Mortem, the dead body should be taken to the nearest Government or Zilla Parishad dispensary / hospital and the post-Mortem should be conducted by a team of two Doctors. However, if two doctors are not available, the Post-Mortem may be done by a single, Doctor, but all-out efforts should be made to get a team of two Doctors.
- 3) Disposal of the Dead body without post-mortem should not be permitted except with "no objection, certificate by, the police.
- 4) The Police should not give "No Objection" Certificate until the dead body has been seen by the parents, guardians or other close relatives from the bride's side of the family. If such parents / guardians / relatives reside at distant places, they should be informed of the incident in clear terms by the quickest means possible. The dead body should be preserved at least for a period of 72 hours where facilities for preserving the dead bodies are available and at least for 24 hours if such facilities are not available.
  - 1) It may be preserved for as long duration as possible, if the process of decomposition does not start, so that the parents/close relatives could see the body before it is disposed off. If the parent's guardians/relatives fail to turn up even after giving timely intimation, the disposal of the death body may be permitted.

2) The Superintendents of Police should ensure that these instructions are scrupulously followed by all Police Officers. These instructions should be specifically brought to the notice of all Police Patils also.

By order and in the name. of the Government of Maharashtra.

Sd/-  
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Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, Home Department.

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