

Case Study: Raja Babu Murder Case (Moti Nagar, Delhi)

A) Case Background and Family Structure

Raja Babu (26) and Rinki had known each other for 2–3 years and married through Arya Samaj Mandir on **07.12.2023** despite strong opposition from Rinki's family. Raja Babu belonged to a **financially weak, marginalized family** living in Sudamapuri Jhuggi. His father runs a small table-shop, and the family lives in poor conditions without basic amenities.

Rinki's family had repeatedly threatened and assaulted the couple due to their inter-caste relationship and marriage.

B) Incident Summary

On **13.11.2024**, at around 9:30 PM, Raja Babu and Rinki were confronted by Rinki's family near a public toilet in their locality. During the confrontation, a **17-year-old minor family member** stabbed Raja Babu, leading to his death.

Despite several earlier complaints by the couple about threats, no preventive action was taken. FIR No. 0678 under Section 103(1) was registered, and the case proceeded in the Juvenile Justice Board since the accused was a minor.

C) Analysis of the Case (Key Points)

- The murder reflects a clear case of **honour-based violence**, driven by the family's refusal to accept Rinki's marriage.
- Multiple prior complaints were ignored, showing **institutional failure to intervene** in time.
- The socio-economic vulnerability of Raja Babu's family made them more exposed and unprotected.
- The accused being a minor shifted the case to **JJB Court**, limiting information shared with outsiders.
- Rinki experienced prolonged harassment and violence from her natal family prior to the murder.

D) Conclusion

The case highlights severe family opposition, long-standing threats, and systemic negligence that ultimately led to Raja Babu's murder. With the accused being a minor, legal proceedings were handled through JJB. **The case has now been closed.**