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CHANDIGARH: At a time when the debate about the blatant misuse of the Dowry Prohibition Act is gaining ground, a recent Sessions court judgement acquitting a husband in a dowry death case has once again focused attention on the issue.

While acquitting Manimajra-based businessman Ravinder Goyal (36) of charges of dowry death, destroying evidence and subjecting his wife Shilpa to cruelty, the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge MM Sharma has observed that this was not a case of dowry death and that as per the evidence presented in court, Shilpa always had suicidal tendencies and that "she was taking the minor conflicts in her matrimonial house between her and her mother-in-law too seriously."

Shilpa reportedly killed herself in November 1999.

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