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Court raps cops for trapping duo in fake dowry case

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THE LUCKNOW police, possibly, can go to any extent in favouring their 'choicest few'. They can ignore court orders, harass the innocent and even register fake cases at their own sweet will. Take the following case.

Station officer (SO) of Nagram police station KP Yadav, who claims to be "very close" to a minister of the Cabinet rank, ignored court orders and lodged a fake case under the Dowry Act to arrest innocent persons recently.

Taking serious cognizance of this, the court has ordered the Lucknow SSP to

ensure stern action against the SO and the investigating officer (IO). The court also stated that such policemen were not eligible to be posted at the police station.

The court has given a one-month deadline to the SSP for ensuring removal of the erring cops from the police station and to take action against them. The order was issued on June 23.

It's been over a week since the order was received by the SSP and the DGP Headquarters but no step has been taken in this direction yet.

SR Rawat, narrated an incident to HT Lucknow Live, saying that life was made hell for his cousin Kamlesh and the latter's parents, Sahajram and Srimati, since Kamlesh's wife Shashi Prabha left his Karauda village house around 2 pm on February 26. Kamlesh, married to Shashi in 2003, was away in Mumbai when his wife suddenly disappeared from the house.

Kamlesh's kin looked around for Shashi for two days and later, went to the Nagram police station to lodge an FIR about her missing. But, the cops turned him away refusing to file the report.

The police, later reached Shashi's parental house at Ranikhhera, Bachhrawan in Rae Bareli and intimidated them about the case. Meanwhile, Kamlesh too, was informed in this connection and he arrived in Lucknow on March 3.

On the other hand, Rawat says, Shashi's brother Vinod, instead of searching for his sister, filed an application in court requesting that a case be registered against Kamlesh and his parents. Vinod alleged that the trio had killed Shashi and had concealed her body.

However, the defense lawyer argued that Shashi was alive and was seen moving with her paramour at Bhanmau Crossing in Barabanki on March 6. References too were produced before the court in this regard. The court on April 26 ordered the police to lodge an FIR under appropriate Sections of the IPC and probe the matter.

Meanwhile, the girl reached her brother's house on May 23. But, her family members did not inform the police. While Kamlesh's parents intimidated the police about the girl's "re-appearance", the SO did not deem fit to call her to the police station and initiate action against Vinod for lodging a fake report.

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Instead, the SO summoned both groups on June 1 and forced Kamlesh to either keep Shashi with him or "face the music". Before any decision could be taken the court summoned the SO on June 15 for not submitting a report into the matter.

Soon after receiving the court order, the SO lodged a case of assault and Dowry Act against Kamlesh and his parents. The SO even arrested Sahajram and his wife and produced them in court the next day.

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