

Man held in India over wife's death By MANDEEP SINGH

A BAHRAIN resident has been arrested in India over the death of his wife of just 16 months. Anil Moturu, who works in Bahrain for the Nass Tech computer company, was arrested as he arrived in Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh, with his 23-year-old wife's body.

Mani Madhavi died in Bahrain on April 8, reportedly after collapsing at home in Manama. She was taken to the Naim Health Centre, where she was declared dead, sources told the GDN.

Her body was later transferred to Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), where a post mortem was conducted.

"The autopsy revealed no evidence of foul play or anything suspicious," said the sources.

"The death certificate issued after the autopsy gives 'cardio-pulmonary failure' as the cause of death."

Mr Moturu, 31, was arrested following a complaint by Ms Madhavi's father, Venkat Ramna, who told police he was suspicious about his daughter's death.

Her parents allege that Mr Moturu, who had brought her to Bahrain just two months ago, had given them conflicting accounts.

They said he first told them she had died of a heart attack, but later said she died after a fall in the bathroom.

The couple were married in December 2005.


Under Indian law, the death of a wife within



seven years of marriage is treated as "suspicious" if her parents file a complaint, sources said.

An investigation is normally conducted into the cause of death and the husband and his parents are "natural suspects", said the sources.

They said Mr Moturu's arrest could be the result of this provision in the law, created years ago following a spate of dowry killings.

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