

The depositions of the witnesses show that it was the petitioner, the husband of Daljit Kaur, who was present in the house when she died. There is evidence that Daljit Kaur was being ill-treated by her husband and was often beaten by him.

We have recently held in Criminal Appeal No. 1168 of 2005 decided on 28th October, 2010, titled Satya Narayan Tiwari @ Jolly & Another vs. State of U.P. that crimes against women are not ordinary crimes committed in a fit of anger or for property. They are social crimes. They disrupt the entire social fabric. Hence, they call for harsh punishment.

In our opinion, crimes of the nature which has been committed in the present case outrage the modern conscience, and they belong to the rarest of rare category deserving death sentence.

Issue notice to the petitioner as to why his life sentence be not enhanced to death sentence. Petitioner shall also be at liberty to argue the case on merits.
(Parveen Kr. Chawla) (Indu Satija)
Court Master Court Master