

About Kujadosha

In Vedic astrology, there exists a notion named Kujadosha which has been very popular among all. All the classic texts in astrology irrespective of authors indicate the presence of Kuja in the 7th or 8th house will cause loss of life partner. With this dictum, the native of the birth chart has been labelled as 'Manglik'. Is there any truth in this case? Let us examine.

Before finding the answer let us first consider the longevity and death of a person. A person's life ends at the fag end or destination of his/her Prarabdha karma. The death of a person is to be calculated from the horoscope of that person itself and not from the horoscope of his/her life partner or child, which has no bearing. Of course, this can be read out from the horoscope of the life partner or child on rare occasions. But it is to be remembered that death is only an indication and not the cause. If the partner's loss of life is indicated in a horoscope, death occurs to him/her only at the end of Prarabdha karma. Until then other attributes of the affliction of the house will sustain.

What are the dicta that indicate Kuja dosha?

When Kuja occupies the 7th house in a male chart, the 7th or 8th house in a female chart, his/her spouse will be lost, and this situation is termed Kuja dosha. Different authors have different opinions about this.

In south India, Varaha Mihira's Hora is widely used. Varaha Mihira explains widowhood mainly by positioning Kuja in the 7th or 8th houses.

उत्सृष्टा तरणौ कुजेतु विधवा बाल्येस्तराशिस्थिते ॥ (22-8)

If Sun occupies the 7th house in a female horoscope, the wife will be deserted and if Kuja occupies she will become a widow early in life.

क्रूरेष्टमे विधवता निधनेश्वरेशे यस्यस्थितो वयसि तस्य समे प्रदिष्टा ॥ (22-14)

If a malefic occupies the 8th house in a female horoscope she will become a widow, but the death will happen in the dasa or bhukti of the Navamsa lord of the 8th house. Varaha Mihira in the above-quoted dictum use “Kroora” for malefic. The interpreters explain it as Kuja because instead of ‘papa’ Kroora is used to indicate the gravity of the maleficence of Kuja. Both above dicta are that of Varaha Mihira in his Brihath jathaka. People strongly believe that if a woman whose horoscope indicates Kuja in the 7th or 8th house, marries a person that person will lose his life shortly. The lady who “kills” her life partner is termed as “Manglik”. Is this true as per Indian Vedic astrology?

My answer is – It is not totally correct. As per the dictum, it is only a matter of probability. She will likely marry a person who has less longevity if the horoscope is not verified. The remedy in such a situation is to marry a person who has known good longevity for sure. As by marriage the longevity of a person will not change, this is the best remedy. Of course, in that situation, other attributes of the house in which Kuja is posited will continue to exist.

What are the other attributes? Suppose Kuja is posited in the 7th house in a female horoscope. Also, her husband has Deerghayu. As per Varaha Mihira's Hora Chapter 18, dictum 6, If Kuja occupies the 7th house it will give results when Sun occupies the seventh house. Marital disharmony and desertion will be the result. As per dictum 7 of chapter 20 of Prasnamargam Kuja causes separation always. If the association or aspect of Saturn is also there, death will surely occur. See the dictum-

माहेये मदगे सदैव विरहो नार्या मृतिर्वा भवे-
दृष्टेऽस्मिन् शनिना निरीक्षितयुते नान्यै म्रियेतैव स

Even if the association or aspect of Saturn is involved in the 7th house afflicted Mars in a horoscope it will sustain as a strong probability of the partner's departure and death if he is Alpayu. One thing is quite sure. If the partner is having Alpayur yoga the position of Mars in the 7th house is not necessary to have loss of life. So, my opinion is that one should not get panic if the so-called "Kujadosha" is there in a horoscope.

Now let us consider what sage Parasara says about the affliction of the 7th house by Kuja.

पाताळेपि तनौ रन्ध्रे जामित्रेपि च व्यये
स्थित कुजः पतिं हन्ति न चेत् शुभयुतेक्षितः ॥

From Lagna positioning of Mars in the 4th, 7th, 8th and 12th houses will cause the death of the husband if benefic aspect or association is lacking.

In Manasagara's Jathaka padhati (11-3) same idea can be viewed with little modification. Here instead of Lagna the second house is given importance.

धनव्यये च पताले जामित्रे चाष्टमे कुजे
कन्या भर्तुविनाशाय भरतुःकन्याविनश्यति ॥

If Mars occupies the 2nd, 12th, 4th, 7th or 8th house from Lagna it will cause loss of husband in female horoscope and loss of wife in male horoscopes.

In any case, it should be remembered that these are only indications that there are some adverse results to face due to these. If the life partner has Deerghayu it will not cause death anyway.

If Mars is posited adversely, searching for a similar affliction in the forthcoming horoscope is not the solution, but find a horoscope that assures good longevity.

Before placing Mars as the malefic planet think of its relationship with Lagna. For Aries and Scorpio ascendants Mars is the Lagnadhipa, for Rishabha and Libra, Mars is the lord of the 7th house, for Cancer and Leo signs Mars is Yogakaraka. Mars's good attributes will be spoiled if it becomes the lord of Mandi occupied house and when in retrogression. The Maleficence of Mars will be more when it is weak, that is with the conjunction of other malefic planets when combust or in debility.

So, to conclude, one should not panic if Mars is posited in a horoscope, as explained above. It will remain as an indication only and in no way

cause damage to marital life if the life partner has good longevity. Remember there is no 'Dosha' named Kujadosha, the planet Mars gives good results as well as bad results depending upon the position as well as the lordship of the house it belongs to. It is unwise to label Mars as the doer of adverse results only.

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