# Legal Case Summary

Case Title: Ayyub & Others vs State of Uttar Pradesh & Another

Citation: 2025 INSC 168

Date of Judgment: 7 February 2025

Bench: Justice Sanjay Kumar, Justice K.V. Viswanathan, CJI Sanjiv Khanna

Author of Judgment: Justice Sanjay Kumar

## Parties Involved

Appellants: Ayyub & Others

Respondents: State of Uttar Pradesh and Vijay (Respondent No. 2)

## Background / Facts of the Case

The case arose from a tragic sequence involving two deaths. Ziaul Rahman, son of the first appellant Ayyub, was allegedly beaten to death by Tanu’s family due to a suspected relationship between Ziaul and Tanu. Subsequently, Tanu was found dead by hanging, and her cousin Vijay (R-2) filed a complaint alleging abetment of suicide by the appellants under Section 306 IPC. The appellants sought quashing of the charge-sheet, claiming no ingredients of Section 306 IPC were met.

## Legal Issues Raised

1. Whether the FIR and statements alleged sufficient material to make out an offence under Section 306 IPC.

2. Whether the High Court rightly dismissed the application under Section 482 CrPC.

3. Whether there was a need for reinvestigation into the events surrounding Tanu’s death.

## Judgment / Decision

The Supreme Court held that the charge-sheet and the FIR did not disclose the essential ingredients for an offence under Section 306 IPC. The statements were parroted, there was no direct evidence of abetment, and a unilateral narrative was used. The Court noted disturbing discrepancies in the timeline of Tanu’s death and the delayed FIR. The charge-sheet was deemed one-sided and the High Court’s refusal to quash was overturned. The Supreme Court ordered a fresh investigation by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to uncover the actual cause of death.

## Final Order

• Charge-sheet and proceedings in Case No. 2843 of 2023 quashed.

• Special Investigation Team (SIT) directed to reinvestigate the unnatural death of Tanu.

• Reinvestigation report to be submitted in a sealed cover by 15 April 2025.

## Case Timeline

• 02 Nov 2022: Ziaul Rahman beaten; FIR lodged by Ayyub; Ziaul dies.

• 03 Nov 2022: FIR filed against Ayyub and others for abetment of Tanu’s suicide.

• 02 May 2023: Charge-sheet filed under Section 306 IPC.

• 17 Jun 2023: Cognizance taken by Judicial Magistrate.

• 27 Jul 2023: High Court refuses to quash proceedings.

• 05 Dec 2023: Pre-arrest bail granted to Ayyub and Haroon.

• 07 Feb 2025: Supreme Court quashes proceedings and orders SIT investigation.

## Relevant Legal Principles & Precedents

• Indian Penal Code – Section 306 (Abetment of Suicide), Section 107

• CrPC – Sections 161, 482

• Key Precedents: Swamy Prahaladdas, Madan Mohan Singh, Amalendu Pal, Ramesh Kumar, M. Mohan, Mahendra Awase

## Key Takeaways

- Casual or emotional utterances do not meet the threshold of abetment under Section 306 IPC.

- A fair, impartial and multidimensional investigation is essential in sensitive cases.

- High Courts must apply settled legal principles while assessing quashing pleas.