Case Study I: Mrs. Babita

Babita is an undergraduate and 25 years old comes from a Jat family. Her father is working as a policeman. She has one elder brother. Her brother is graduate and got married. She is the youngest in the family. She lost her mother after her marriage. After 12th, Babita got married at the age of 20 years. Her husband is engaged in dairy business. Her father-in-law is policeman and mother-in-law is a housewife. She has a youngest brother-in-law.

After marriage when she went her own room at first night, she looked that her husband was ill. And he also behaves as an abnormal man with her. During early days of marriage, she noticed that her husband got feared with the voice of anything like cat's voice, dog’s voice and with the knocks of the doors. So after 10-15 days of marriage, both husband and wife started sleeping in separate rooms. Babita slept with her mother-in-law. Babita and her family members don't know about her husband disease.

Thus, she has become emotionally disturbed. Her husband blamed her for extramarital relationship and beaten her with sticks, slaps and legs. His mother also helps her own son and started abusing her in front of other family members. Additionally her husband criticized her on her looks. She felt humiliated.

After nine months she gave birth to a male baby. She was thinking that now her husband and mother-in-law will start to love her, but no change have come in their attitude towards her. Her husband started maltreating her regularly and taunted her that this son is not mine. He would taunt her everyday and humiliate her in front of his parents, who did not say anything of their son. Her husband became apprehensive and suspicious towards her. But
Babita has compromised with the situation made by their in-laws. Now she is compelled to live in this situation.

**Caste Study II: Mrs. Priya**

Mrs. Priya is 21 years old, Matric pass belonging to a Jat Family. Her father is a farmer and mother is housewife. She has one brother who is working in a workshop. She got married at the age of 18 years. Her husband is primary pass. He always beat her because he has extra-martial relationship. After one year of their marriage and birth of a girl child baby, their verbal fights become very common. Her husband's always used taunts and her mother-in-law’s behaviour was also terrible for her. After some days her mother-in-law started grumbling for dowry and started accusing her parents for not giving anything in the marriage. She felt very ghastly and talk to her husband, but who paid no attention to her complaints, instead he told her that she should accept meekly whatever her parents-in-law would say, failing which her life would be miserable. Her husband and husband's mother told her that they want Rs. 50,000 from her family.

Priya know that her parents would not be able to fulfill their growing demand. Therefore, she did not tell anything to her parents and continued to tolerate her mother-in-law's taunts. She requested her husband to intervene and stop the humiliation which he refused and beat her. One day Priya’s brother came in Priya's house and saw Priay’s mother-in-law’s behaviour and took her sister in parent’s home. But her mother-in-law reported to police that Priya run away from house with her own brother. The behaviour of Priya's Jethani is also not good for Priya. After five months, Priya come in her in-law’s family with the protection of Panchayati members. Priya’s mother-in-law taunted her in a ways “Bata Bhagwan ne Chhori Dedi eske Papa ki toh Nokri be Koni, tane kuann mein ger au ghane laad honge to ghani chori aawengi” (God gifted us with a female child, but her husband is unemployed, I will threw this girl in a
well, if we love this girl, the god will send another girls in our family”. The same behaviour was done by Priya’s grand mother on the birth of Priya, “Teenu Chhoriya ne or enki maa kai aag lagaa ke maar de, tera dusra biyaha karva dungi” (She said that kill all the three daughters and their mother by got fired them, I will remarry you). Now Priya is living in the same situation.

**Caste Study III: Mrs. Babita (Now Divorced Case)**

Babita is 27 years old Jat Lady. She is B.A. J.B.T. Her mother is housewife. She has two brothers who are in government services. She got married at the age of 23 years with a journalist of her own caste. The marriage was an arranged marriage. Her husband was five years elder to her. He has two elder married sisters and his mother-in-law is housewife and father-in-law is a police inspector. Her marriage is celebrated in a simplistic way, also call “Chunri Vivah”. After marriage, she found that her husband did not like her behaviour. Next day of marriage her husband’s sisters and mother taunted that she is not beautiful and blackish girl. After one year, she gave a birth to a male baby child. After birth of a son, she has decided to go for medical treatment for family planning and got operated because she does not want more children. When her husband and parents-in-laws came to know about this, they became angry. The dispute between Babita and her in-laws’ family increased, even her in-law’s family members tried to murder Babita. But Babita understood the planning of her murder and run away from in-law’s home to her parental home. Her parents and other members of parental family stood for Babita’s help. The matter also discussed in Panchayats but of no avail. Then Babita’s family member took important decision about the relationship of Babita and her husband. Babita filed a dowry case against his husband and his family members. Finally this relationship was broken with the help of court. When her husband came in her village, he used abusive language on bus stand against Babita and her family members. Babita's mother and villagers very badly
beaten Babita's husband. Now Babita and her son living with her own parental family. Babita's son is 5 years old and studying in 1st class. Babita is sewing cloths and doing part time job to look after her son and herself.

Case Study: IV

Sanju is 24 years old, she is 12th pass belonging to a 'Jat Family. Her father is in government job. She got married at the age of 19 years. Before marriage, her husband was suffering from cancer but Sanju and her family don't knew about this. Her husband is five years elder to her. Few days after her marriage, she came to know that her husband was addict of Alcohol. She did not like his drinking habits but tried to adjust to the circumstances. Subsequently she also came to know that her husband was not doing any work but drink all the day with his friends. Knowing that she became very upset. After some days he started to abuse her in front of other members of the family. Additionally, her husband criticized and taunted on her looks before his family members. She felt humiliated but silently tolerated such insults. Her husband started to beat her with stick and slapping. Overall, Sanju’s toleration power ends. She left her husband’s house at night and went to her parental house. After a month, her husband came in the village to take her back in her in-law’s family, but she refused to go with him. After countless requests, she was ready to go with her husband. She found that her husband had changed a lot. In the meantime she became pregnant and gave a birth to a female child, but her husband did not express any happiness on the birth of a female child. After some days her husband came in his home with heavy drink and misbehaved with her. Now, Sanju have decided not to tolerate such type of behaviour. One day she decided to report the police, but police did not help Sanju, instead of helping, they favoured Sanju's husband and his family members. Now she is compelled to live in her in-law’s house and tolerating brutal behaviour of her in-laws family.
Case Study-V: Mrs. Reena

Reena was born in a Khati (Carpenter) family with low economic background with low literacy level. Her father and mother were engaged in polethene and chappal making. She was suffering from some psychiatric problems. She married with Naveen, when she became 15 years. Reena's in-law’s knew that Reena's is suffering from some psychiatric problems but they were ready for this marriage. Violence against Reena started after few days of her marriage. Reena's mother-in-law was expecting a huge dowry because of Reena’s illness. Unfortunately the expectations were not fulfilled. Physical violence became a routine in Reena's life. After some days her husband started beating her along with the mother-in-law. One day, all her jewellery and ornaments were taken away from her. The same day, her mother-in-law reached Reena's parental house in Bahadurgarh with Reena and left her there. After some days, a telephone call came from Reena's parents to bring back Reena in in-laws home, but Reena's mother-in-law was very angry because she did not want that Reena again come in her house. Reena started leading a miserable life. She lost her confidence totally. Reena's parents decided to go to the police station and file a case against them. They want to cover this situation with Gram Panchayat. After few days of this drama, the panchayat compromised in both families. Reena’s in-laws have paid Rs. 3,00000 to Reena’s parents. Now Reena is living with her parents, but Reena’s husband got married again.

Case Study-IV: Mrs. Sonu

Mrs. Sonu, 21 years old belongs to Chamar caste (Scheduled caste), and a resident of Bohar village. She is 12th passed. Her father is working as a clerk in bank. She was very upset because her father doing interference in her married life. She had one brother and her mother is suffering from paralyses. Her husband’s and other family member’s behaviour is very good towards her,
but her father is a greedy man. He is trying to use his own daughter for money. Her father wants that Sonu should filed a divorce case against her husband. He also wanted that she also file a case of physical and mental torture against her husband and their family members. Once Sonu had gone to her parental house, her father beated her with cruelty because she was not ready to file a case against her in-laws family. Now she does not wants to go to her parental house, with a fear that his father beat her and compel her for divorce. Now she is very sad, but her husband's nature is very careful towards her. All the in-laws’s family members have good behaviour for Sonu.

**Case Study-VII: Mrs. Poonam**

Poonam is a postgraduate in Art and is 29 years old, belongs to backward caste. At present she is working as a tutor. Her father is a peon. She has two elder sibs, one brother and a sister. Poonam’s mother working as a housewife. Poonam was married at the age of 24 years. Her husband's working as a teacher in a private school as well as doing study in University. Her husband has one elder brother. His mother is quite old and his father has died. Her mother-in-law is a very simple and ordinary women she has no anger in her but Poonam's brother-in-law and his wife were misbehaving with her everyday. They beat her many times with slapping, pulling hairs, sticks, abused her in front of her parental family members. Her husbands' brother is in a good job in Armed force.

Her brother-in-laws is not living with her and her husband’s house. The main cause of this conflict is a pension of his mother. She is taking pension of her died husband. She does not want to give this amount of pension to his elder son. Poonam is a mother of two girls. She had gone through two abortions because to avoid birth of a female child. She does not want these abortions, but she was tortured by her husband because they already have two girls in their family. She felt guilty on this. Her husband's brother and his wife
always taunted her that you deserve two daughters, because you are using my mother’s pension and spend this amount alone. They want half pension of his mother but her mother-in-law living with Poonam and her husband. Her husband not favored her because he respects his elder brother and Bhabhi. Poonam shares family matters with her own friends. Her friends also suggested her not to complaint this matter before police or before panchayat. The main reason for not reporting the police or panchayat, that they fear that it will be a matter of own-esteem and family respect. She said that after all, live they have to in this family, with family member. In life, time will change and you will be a happy person (Khushi or Gum to Ek sike ke Pahlu Hai).

Case Study-VIII Mrs. Sarla
Sarla is 24 years old, 8th pass, belonging to a maniyar caste. Her father is a shopkeeper and her mother is a housewife. She got married at the age of 20 years to a labourer of her own caste. Her husband is four year elder to her. His father is a bangle seller. Her husband has one more brother who also got married. After some days of her marriage, her mother-in-law treated her badly with her because she belongs to a very poor family. Her other son’s wife belong to a rich family, her father working as a policemen. After some days her jethani became widow. Now her Jethani want to marry with her husband. Now Sarla knows about the illegal relationship between her husband and her jethani. When she wants to open her mouth about this affair, her husband started beating her very cruelly. She wept and cried but no body came for her help. She felt very badly. She decided to go against her husband, she took decision to left her in-law’s house. One day, at night she left her in-laws’ home and decided to go to the police station, but in a way, she met a lady, who forced her not to lodge F.I.R. against her husband and tolerate this situation, she came back in her in-law’s home. One day Sarla gone to police station to file a report against her own husband and Jethani, but police refused to write a report
against them. When she came in Rohtak, she had only five rupees with her. She set in a park and weeping and give abusing their husband and in-law's family members. A lady noted her, after few minutes she come to her. Sarla told all the story to her. She understood Sarla’s situation and give her ten rupees for rent of autoriksha. She has encouraged Sarla. Sarla return back to her husband's house and try to tolerate this situation with the idea that after some days, the situation will be changed. One day Sarla came to know that her husband’s and Jethani’s marriage was cancelled and Sarla’s Jethani left her in-law’s house and gone to her parent’s house. Now, Sarla is happy with her married life. She further told that her Jethani’s got married at some other place. Now her Jethani is working in a police department. And Sarla’s husband now treats Sarla with normal behaviour and they are living a happy married life.