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“10. To sustain the conviction under Section 304-B IPC, the following essential ingredients are to be established:

- (i) the death of a woman should be caused by burns or bodily injury or otherwise than under a ‘normal circumstance’;
- (ii) such a death should have occurred within seven years of her [marriage](#);
- (iii) she must have been subjected to cruelty or harassment by her husband or any relative of her husband;
- (iv) such cruelty or harassment should be for or in connection with demand of dowry; and
- (v) such cruelty or harassment is shown to have been meted out to the woman soon before her death.”

***Major Singh v. State of Punjab, (2015) 5 SCC 201***

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