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This list gives details of 455 people reported to have died in custody of police and security forces as a result of torture or ill-treatment between 1 January 1985 and 1 May 1992. It is a full and updated version of data on 415 such deaths produced in summary form in Appendix I to Amnesty International's report India: Torture, Rape and Deaths in Custody (ASA 20/06/92).

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Summary list of deaths in custody in Andhra Pradesh, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Rajaboyina Kasulu, aged 24, from Pamulapadu	5 Sept 1991	Arrested on 4 September in connection with an assault.	Found dead in a cell of Gudivada taluk police station. Police say he committed suicide by hanging himself with a towel from the iron bars of the cell door. Local people blamed the police for the death.	Local residents of Pamulapadu and neighbouring villages demanded that the post-mortem be conducted.
Bashir Ahmad, age 20	24 Aug 1991	Reportedly picked up on 23 August by police of Madanapalle town police station while waiting for a bus for Punganur, after visiting his father in hospital. Police later claimed that he was arrested after a complaint about theft of sarees, and that he was beaten up by local people before being brought to police station, although family deny this.	Died either in the lock-up of the Madanapalle <i>thana</i> or in the government hospital. Death alleged to be the result of police beatings. Police claim he had an epileptic fit at the station and died soon after at the hospital.	APCLC, Chittor district unit, found that police refused the families access to body until the post-mortem was carried out, and had extracted a signature from his mother on a prepared statement to the effect that he was suffering from epilepsy. Post-mortem report not released. Body allegedly showed several injuries on the nose, neck, right shoulder, back (4-6 inched wide scars), fingernails, swollen elbows, thighs, palms, knees, penis, soles of the feet and torn flesh on the leg. CB-CID inquiry has been ordered and a magisterial inquiry was

				announced. Suspensions of three police persons announced by the SP on 1 September.
Uppuleti Chandraiah from Peechupalli, Karimnagar district	9 March 1991	Arrested on 5 March on suspicion of robbery. Allegedly tortured while interrogated in Husnabad police station, Karimnagar district.	Died in police station, allegedly as result of torture. Police claim he committed suicide by hanging himself.	Official inquiry found evidence of death due to beating. Circle Inspector suspended; civil surgeon suspended for issuing false post-mortem report. Five other police personnel reportedly facing departmental action.
Ramesh	Early Sept 1989	Arrested in Maharashtra on suspicion of being a Naxalite and kept in police station Godvarikhani, Karimnagar district.	Died in suspicious circumstances in police station, allegedly having committed suicide.	On 17 September 1989 the Chief Minister, N T Rama Rao, ordered a judicial commission to investigate the alleged suicide.
Chenappa, <i>dalit</i>	25 June 1989	Arrested on charge of theft. BJP alleged he was tortured by police.	Died in police custody at Aluru, Kurnool district. Police claim he committed suicide; BJP allege he was tortured to death.	BJP demanded a judicial inquiry, suspension of police involved and ex-gratia payment to Chenappa's wife.
Vadde Srinivasulu	18 June 1989	Villagers allege he was tortured in custody of Kalyandurg police, Anantapur district.	Died in police custody at Kalyandurg police station.	
Govindu, aged 27, from Raichur, Karnataka	19 March 1989	Reportedly brought to One Town Police Station, Nellore in connection with a theft. Allegedly	Died at 7.30pm either in One Town Police Station or (as police	Body reportedly taken to Government Headquarters Hospital in Nellore where police held an inquest. Body reportedly had injuries on hand, palm and
		beaten by Crime Sub-Inspector and three other constables.	allege) in Government Head-quarters Hospital, allegedly as a result of torture.	feet. SP, Nellore district, Mr P Gautam Kumar, said he had suspended the Crime Sub-Inspector concerned and action against the other three constables would be taken after receiving the inquest and post-mortem report.
Pinganemi (or Penuganti) Sadhhu, aged 22, from	6 Oct 1988	Arrested on 5 October on suspicion of theft and allegedly beaten by by-standers and later by police at	Died in Srungavarapukota police station. Police	Three police officials were suspended. A <i>panchanama</i> (five person meeting) was held by the Mandal Revenue Officer. Post-mortem reportedly confirmed suicide by

Rajipeta Sirikivanipalem		Srugavarapukota police station, Vishakhapatnam district.	claimed he committed suicide by hanging police cell was reportedly too low to do this. Local residents claimed he was tortured to death.	hanging. A judicial inquiry was ordered by the state government into the death and the subsequent incident in which a crowd demonstrating against the death was fired upon by police.
T. Mehabub Pasha, aged 35	4 Oct 1988	Arrested 4 October on a charge of pick-pocketing and taken to Vinukonda sub-jail.	Died same day as arrest in his cell at Vinukonda sub-jail, Guntur district, allegedly as a result of torture.	Local residents demanded an inquiry.
Pitala Narasimha Rao, rickshaw- puller	2 Oct 1988	Arrested with 2 others on 3 September; taken to Ill Town police station in Vijayawada where they were allegedly beaten; held until the end of September. In October, a relative was allowed to take Rao to a government hospital.	Died in hospital, allegedly of injuries sustained when beaten by police. Police claimed he died of tuberculosis.	Inquest held by Mandal Revenue Officer listed 10 to 14 body wounds. Magisterial and judicial inquiries were ordered. One policeman from Ill Town police station suspended. Relatives alleged police offered large sums of money in exchange for silence about the death.
Vemula Venkatesh, aged 25, factory worker from Achchamma in Kismatpur, Ranga Reddy district	1 Oct 1988	Suspected of murder, he surrendered to Osmania University police on 17 September but police claimed he was only detained on 30 September. Relatives allege torture. They claimed to have seen him in custody with wounds on his hands, but say they were not allowed to speak to him.	Died at tuberculosis hospital in Hyderabad, according to police of tuberculosis but press reported multiple injuries and burn marks on body.	Judicial inquiry ordered to report by 4 July 1989 but its outcome is not known.
Madiga Yesevu, <i>dalit</i> , aged 28, from Kokkerancha in Mandal	25 Sept 1988 (approx)	Arrested by Jupadu Bungalow police on 3 September on suspicion of robbery. Allegedly tortured for three weeks.	Died in custody of Jupadu and Nadikotkur police. Villagers said he could have committed suicide but allege he did so because he was	

Chatragadda Sambaiah	28 Aug 1988	Arrested on 23 August for possessing stolen property. Held in Eluru police station, West Godavari district.	unable to stand any further torture. Died in Eluru police station. Police claimed he committed suicide by hanging with a string he used as a belt.	State government reportedly ordered judicial inquiry. Relatives reportedly threatened by police not to discuss the death. Press reported he died in custody because of torture.
Enibeera (or Enichera) Peda Venkataiah, aged 50, paralysed beggar from Gollapalle	5 or 7 April 1988	Arrested between Ummadivaram and Pullalacheruvu during the first week of April by police from Pullalacheruvu station on suspicion of child abduction. Reportedly tortured by police.	Died in police custody on the way to hospital in Yerragondapalem, allegedly as a result of torture. Body mutilated allegedly by police in attempt to prevent identification.	Yerragondapalem police refused to register case of his death. SP reportedly found <i>prima facie</i> evidence of torture by three policemen, who were subsequently suspended. SP ordered inquiry to be held by the Circle Inspector. Magisterial inquiry ordered to be held by Revenue Divisional Officer of Markapuram.
Nimmali (or Nimmallaiah), <i>dalit</i> , wage labourer, aged 55, from Ramkrish-napuram, near Palasamudram, Chittor district	13 Feb 1988	Taken to Narsimha Rayanipeta police station, Chittor district, at night on 12 February on a charge of arson. According to witnesses, he was beaten in custody by police.	Brother found him unconscious with body injuries at Narsimha Rayanipeta police station. Died soon afterwards. Police say he died after eating a "poisonous leaf". Relatives claim he was tortured to death.	Post-mortem was ordered. 3 policemen were suspended by Deputy Superintendent of Police.
Meghya from (Ghanpur village) Mustyalapalli, Warangal district - a Lambada youth	22-23 Jan 1988	Arrested by Madikonda police in Hanamkonda before 20 January and allegedly tortured at Madikonda police station in Hanamkonda town, Warangal.	Allegedly died in Madikonda police station. His body, with multiple wounds, was found hanging from the electric transformer, in Hanamkonda crossroads. Police did	

			not take down the body for almost 12 hours.	
Bala Veera Reddy	23 Nov 1987	Held at Vallur police station, Cuddapah District.	Died at Vallur police station.	Suspicious circumstances of his death led the state government to appoint, on 31 December 1987, a judicial inquiry by P. L. Subbaiah, a retired district and sessions judge, to report within 3 months.
Bikshapati, aged 25, from Kakatiya Colony, Hanamkonda (Warangal District)	30 July 1987 (approx)	Arrested on 25 July by Hanamkonda police, later interrogated by Warangal police. Relatives and local investigative team allege he was tortured.	Found hanging from a tree behind Mulugk Road bus depot building, with multiple wounds. Relatives and local investigative team allege he was tortured to death.	Post-mortem carried out; body cremated by police.
Krishna, aged 22, s/o Satyanarayana of Chintalakota Garuvu village	27 July 1987	Arrested on 27 July by police from Veeravasaram, West Godavari District, on suspicion of burglary. Allegedly tortured at police station until unconscious.	Found with multiple injuries under a tree near police station; died soon afterwards, relatives allege as a result of torture.	After local protests, a sub-inspector and two constables were suspended by the SPI West Godavari.
Mohammed Saleem, aged 20, fruit-seller	7 Oct 1986	Arrested by Sanathnagar police on suspicion of theft, reportedly 20 days before his death although police said he was only arrested on 1 October. Relatives claim he was hit on the head with a <i>lathi</i> with an iron nail in it after trying to escape, and that his wounds were not treated.	Died in Osmania General Hospital where he had been taken on 3 October with an infection "spreading to the brain". Relatives allege that he died as a result of police beatings and medical negligence.	Post-mortem found "the right eye was completely swollen... and there was haemorrhage due to injury".
C. David Raju, aged 23	23 Sept 1986	Re-arrested on 23 September having escaped from Khammam sub-jail on 10 August.	Died in Khammam I Town police station. Police claim he committed suicide by	Post-mortem report listed ante mortem injuries which police claim were due to a fall. They also claim he died of asphyxia due to strangulation. A judicial inquiry found the victim had died as a result of being beaten by police,

T. Muralidharan, navy seaman, from Kerala	17 Sept 1986	Taken to the Fifth Town police station, Vijayawada on 17 September.	strangling himself with the chains that bound him. Civil liberties group claim he died due to police torture.	and that the death could not have been suicide. One constable identified by commission as responsible for the death; compensation to the family was recommended.
[Devara Nageswara Rao, alias Nagulu, <i>adivasi</i> , of Gurazala town (youth, of the erukala tribe)	15 Sept 1986	Arrested in July or early August with Dasari Venkateswarlu (see below) and Kalluri Narayana in connection with a burglary by police from Macherla in Guntur district in July at Dachepalle railway station. All three were allegedly tortured by police. Witnesses claimed during a magisterial enquiry that he was suspended upside down and thrashed by police officers. His feet were also allegedly beaten until broken.	Died in Fifth Town police station; press reported bruises and wounds on his body. Allegedly tortured to death by police, who gave contradictory accounts of his death, first claiming he was mentally unbalanced and had collapsed, then claiming he had hanged himself.	Post-mortem carried out. State DGP ordered a CID inquiry and Chief Minister ordered judicial inquiry which found interference with police records and indicted 4 policemen, recommending prosecution for murder, finding evidence they had "intentionally caused body injuries which were sufficient to cause death." Seven police officials suspended but then reinstated, and two promoted; all seven were again suspended in 1990.
			Press initially reported he died in the custody of Macherla police. Police denied his body was found in custody and claimed he was found unconscious on the road and that he died in hospital where he was taken by police. They stated they buried his body as "unidentified". However, a prisoner in Nalgonda district jail claimed later that Nagulu was alive, held in Nalgonda jail and that	The APCLC obtained an order from the Gurazala munsif magistrate's court, for the exhumation of Nagulu's body on 24 September. However, the grave was empty and only the wicker mat in which the body had been wrapped was uncovered. Magisterial inquiry held. Home Minister, V Nageshwara Rao, stated that case of murder would be registered against the police involved, and the Chief Minister, N. T. Rama Rao, has ordered a judicial inquiry. According to an October 1986 press report his mother identified her son alive in Nalgonda district jail a few days earlier, but no further definite information about his fate of current whereabouts is available. This case was originally included in the list of custodial deaths given in Amnesty International's report "India: Torture, rape and deaths in custody" but information subsequently received indicates he may still be alive.]

Dasari Venkateswarlu	15 Sept 1986	Arrested with Devara Nageswara and Kalluri Narayana on suspicion of burglary during first week of August. Taken to Macherla police station, Guntur district. Fellow detainee said: "On 15 September Venkateswarlu was stripped...beaten all over the body until he vomited blood and fell unconscious. He was removed from the police station in a jeep".	the man who had died was his co-accused, Dasari Venkateswarlu and not Nagulu. Died in Macherla hospital, within hours of transfer from police station. The body (first mistakenly to be reported as of his co-accused Devara Nageswara Rao, alias Nagulu) was removed from the grave and allegedly destroyed by police. Police deny arrest and detention and accusations that they removed the body from the grave.	Post-mortem report did not record any injuries but an MLA from Macherla testified he saw the body on 15 September noting injuries on ankles and feet. Judicial inquiry found that the man who died was Dasari Venkateswarlu, that he was "illegally detained by the police in Macherla Police station, for more than 24 hours and was assaulted by the police but it is not possible to hold that he died as the result of the said assault". Inquiry could not determine who took his body from the grave. However, inquiry found lapses in procedure followed at inquest which was held by police - without informing the executive magistrate as normally required - and that body was buried "in a hasty manner".
G. Yerra Sai	9 or 10 Sept 1986	This and other deaths of suspects in AP police stations led the AP Police Association to appeal to police officers to give up "third degree methods".	Died in Banskada police station, Nizamabad district.	The suspicious circumstances of his death (one of three during two months in the state) led the state government to set up a panel to investigate his death.
M. Sreenivasa	23 Aug 1986	This and other deaths of suspects in AP police stations led the AP Police Association to appeal to police officers to give up "third degree methods".	Died in Bellampa police station.	The suspicious circumstances of his death (one of three during two months in the state) led the state government to set up a panel to investigate his death.
Nallabattula Parisudha Rao, aged 28	21 July 1986	Arrested 21 July on suspicion of robbery. Held at Thada police station.	Died at Thada police station two hours after arrest. Police claim he died due to "chronic stomach ache".	Post-mortem examination carried out. Police denied he was tortured, but the suspicious circumstances of his death within two hours from admission to police station, led the SP to suspend two policemen.

U. Narasimha, mason from Barabanda colony, Hyderabad	10 July 1986	Arrested on 1 July on suspicion of theft and kept in illegal detention in Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar police station; police claim arrest date was 10 July. Wife claims she was stripped naked and humiliated at police station when she tried to see him.	Died in Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar police station with injuries on hands and legs which police claim were inflicted by public before arrest. Relatives claim tortured to death.	Post-mortem was held. Judicial inquiry found he had been illegally held for 10 days and that the police had removed the page of the day from police records, and found <i>prima facie</i> evidence against five policemen for causing his death. One was transferred and another suspended.
Goddala Rama Rao, aged 23, lorry driver	6 Feb 1986	Arrested on 5 February on suspicion of theft and child molestation, and taken to II Town police station in Vijayawada.	Died in II Town police station, Vijayawada. Police claimed he committed suicide by eating poisoned food give to him by "outsiders". Family allege he was tortured to death.	A judicial inquiry found death was due to blows to the stomach and ribs, and that "the suicide note is a completely fabricated story". It named five policemen as responsible for the death and recommended their suspension pending a departmental inquiry. Chief Minister announced an <i>ex gratia</i> payment of Rs. 10,000 to Goddala Rama Rao's father.
M. Shekhar Reddy, son of M. Narayan Reddy of Bondalapally	10 Dec 1985	Arrested on 10 December and taken to Nagarkurnool police station; allegedly beaten there by police who then transferred him to hospital.	Died in hospital in police custody. Relatives claimed he died after being beaten by police, and that the body showed injuries on the back and shoulder. Police claim he died of alcohol poisoning.	Two post-mortem examinations carried out, the second of which found minor injuries, but did not determine cause of death. Judicial inquiry exonerated the police. Its findings were based on the evidence presented at the inquest, which was, however, held by the same policeman who made the arrest and not by a magistrate. The inquiry's report failed to give credible explanations about the external injuries allegedly found on the body by press photographers, village elders and relatives.
Angadi Prabhakara Rao	27 April 1985	Arrested by Chirala police on 27 April on suspicion of being in possession of stolen jewellery.	Died in Chirala town police station three hours after arrest, witnesses claim as a result of torture. Police claim he committed suicide.	Medical report found 12 external injuries on body, contradicting police version that there were no injuries. Judicial inquiry found <i>prima facie</i> evidence that he was killed in police custody, and ordered the suspension and prosecution of two police officials and the former magistrate, who was found to have issued a false certificate that there were no injuries on the body. Judiciary recommended compensation. Chief Minister

Kamalbeeran, from
Ellanur, near
Anathapur

1985

Detained by Anathapur police.

Died in Anathapur
police custody,
allegedly as a result of
torture.

announced *ex gratia* payment of Rs. 5,000 to widow
and promise of employment.

Cases were instituted against sub-inspector and several
other police personnel from Anathapur *thana*. Deputy
District judge Narayana Reddy sentenced sub-inspector
to life imprisonment. Other police officials acquitted.

List of deaths in custody in Assam, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Paresh Barman (or Barua)	16 April 1992 (Approx)	Picked up with many others by army from around village Sonkhuria in Nalbari district soon after a blast on 11 April which killed six army personnel of the Kumaon Regiment and two civilians.	Allegedly killed by army in custody.	District magistrate instituted magisterial inquiry into the death. Chief Minister, Hiteswar Saikia ordered inquiry by additional chief secretary Mr Bhaskar Barua, into this death. Citizens' groups, political organisations and opposition groups organised protests urging judicial probe into his death.
Raju Baruah, aged 20, female, from Sutargaon, Sonitpur district, student	6 Nov 1991	Allegedly raped by four soldiers on 6 October 1991.	Thrown into a pond, allegedly by soldiers; later shifted to hospital where she was declared dead.	One of the soldiers allegedly involved was identified by two sisters who were held at gunpoint during the rape and taken into police custody. Inquest showed signs of rape. Senior security officials gave assurances that those guilty would be punished. Chief Minister, expressed shock over the death and granted <i>ex-gratia</i> payment of Rs. 100,000 to family and promised employment to one of her family members.
Bubul Barua, aged 20, from Puli Nahoroni village, Kherajghat, Mauza, Lakhimpur	22 October 1991	Arrested at 2.30am on 12 October by army from uncle's house in Bandardawa village. Army said he was wanted in connection with two deaths. Army and police brought him to his uncle's house on 15 October, his legs paralysed and shoulder and elbow joints dislocated. Passed blood with urine. Bubul Barua told relatives he had been tortured.	Treated by doctor of Harmoti T. E. who reportedly said kidneys ruptured due to beatings. Died seven days after release reportedly as result of injuries sustained under torture.	
Dibakar Handique, office assistant at	28 Sept	Arrested by army on 28 September and taken to an army camp. On 30	Died in army camp, allegedly as a result of	Police said that they knew nothing about the arrest, only about the release of the body. Body reportedly bore

Rajgarh College, from Basapukhuri, Dholpur Maiza, Narayanpur, North Lakhimpur	1991 - 1 Oct 1991	September body returned to his family by police.	torture. Army claimed he died of high blood pressure and heart attack.	marks of injury caused by torture, including broken hands and legs, fractured skull, burn marks, and crushed genitalia.
Raj Kamal Choudhury, student from Doomdooma Chowk, Hajo, Kamrup	28 Sept 1991	Taken from house by plain clothes army personnel on 28 September. Reportedly held at Narangi army camp. On 1 October body handed over to Hajo police.	Government claimed he died of pneumonia at army camp. Civil rights group say he was tortured for two days and that other detainees heard his screams under torture.	Post-mortem report was produced to support the government's claim he died of pneumonia. Body reportedly showed marks of beatings, marks from electric shocks, smashed limbs and broken bones.
Basiruddin, aged 40	26 June 1991	Reportedly beaten by locals at Bhetia market and treated at Dhing hospital before being handed over to police.	Officials claimed he committed suicide by hanging in Batadrava police station.	
Shamburam Saikia, aged 30, farmer, from near Nagaon	28 March 1991	Soldiers from the Moukhuli camp arrested him in December 1990. Handed over to police custody after six days and then remanded to judicial custody under TADA. Reportedly tortured while held by army; sent later to the Civil Hospital at Mgaon by the jail authorities.	Shot in hospital by CRPF staff in firing during a disturbance. Reportedly lay unattended for almost one hour before taken to Guwahati Medical College Hospital where he died.	PUDR expressed concern about the death.
Chandrika Hazarika	23 March 1991		Died in army custody near Dibrugarh.	
Dhruvajyoti Gogoi ULFA member, student	19 March 1991	Arrested by army on 17 March at Doomdooma, Tinsukia on suspicion of involvement in murder of local SP. Following morning <i>habeas corpus</i>	On 19 March, army handed over body to police, claiming he died from "epilepsy". Photograph of body	Post-mortem, conducted at Assam Medical College Hospital, noted a perforated liver and 28 injuries on his body. Thousands attended his funeral at Dibrugarh protesting his death.

		petition was filed at Guwahati High Court.	reportedly showed both arms were broken, a stab wound, roller marks on his legs and injuries on his face.	
Pradeep Nath, aged 28	18 March 1991	Arrested at Bihaguri on 31 January. Reportedly tortured and admitted to Tezpur Civil Hospital suffering from physical injuries and psychological trauma.	Died in hospital, after release, allegedly from torture injuries.	
Robin Bora alias Dhiren Bora, aged 23	14 March 1991	Arrested by army from Meleng Sumada, Jorhat.	Army claimed he died after jumping from a moving jeep, but a fellow detainee stated that he was tortured to death.	PUDR expressed concern about the death in custody.
Suresh Phukan, teacher, Vice President of the Jatiya Unnayan Parishad (JUP)	13 March 1991	Arrested by army on 7 December 1990 and detained under TADA at Dibrugarh in Upper Assam. Allegedly tortured by beatings and electric shocks.	Admitted to Assam Medical College Hospital reportedly after torture. Found hanging in a bathroom of hospital despite being kept under close surveillance in the intensive care unit. Officials claimed he committed suicide.	JUP called for 12-hour strike in Sibsagar district demanding a judicial inquiry. State government ordered a magisterial inquiry.
Puran Rabha, aged 50, from Badia, Lahkimpur, Goalpara	19 Jan 1991		Died in army custody. Army claimed he committed suicide.	Magisterial inquiry ordered.
Dhiraj Chowdhury	1 Jan 1991	Arrested by army in Bamundi, Kamrup.	Body reportedly found in local well. Army	

of Bamundi village,
Kamrup district

claimed he jumped into
the well while being
taken home after
interrogation. Others
say he was tortured to
death.

Jatin Gohain,
businessman and
student, from
Dhemaji town,
Dhemaji district,
aged 21

30 Dec
1990

Arrested in near Dhemaji near
Arunachal Pradesh border, while
repairing his truck. Taken with another
to Demow military camp. Father
inquired at camp and was told he was
at Civil Hospital and later he had been
sent to police station where body was
found.

Reportedly tortured and
brought dead to the
Dhemaji Civil Hospital.
Father claims private
parts and legs were
swollen, and his face
covered in blood.

Doctors at Kakhimpur reportedly refused to conduct
post-mortem at father's request.

Sarat Sonowal,
aged approx. 30,
teacher at Bhadoi
Panchali Higher
Secondary School,
Napamgaon,
Dibrugarh district

9 Dec 1990

A village boy claims to have seen him
being picked up by the army on 30
November at Bhadoi Panchali. Family
inquired in vain at police stations at
Bhadoi, Naharkatia and Digboi.

Reportedly admitted to
Armed Forces Hospital,
Raroiyah, Jorhat, after
torture. Died in hospital.
Body reportedly cut for
six to seven days and
then dumped by army
in local police station.

Police failed to issue post-mortem report or death
certificate.

Bipin Gogoi,
employee of OIL,
India Limited
(transport division),
from Erapathar
village

Between 4
and 6 Dec
1990

Reportedly taken away by army on 4
December.

Reportedly tortured
under interrogation and
then shot dead. Body
handed over to Bhadoi
Panchali police station
on 6 December,
allegedly showing
marks of torture.

Post-mortem stated that death was caused by bullet
injury. Advisor to Governor claimed in press briefing
that Bibin Gogoi had been killed in an "encounter".

Gambhir Gogoi,
aged 32, tea
estate employee,
Secretary of the

Between
30 Nov and
6 Dec 1990

Arrested by army on 30 November or 1
December from his house in Nagajan.
Family inquired in vain at local police

Dead body was handed
over to police on 5 or 6
December. Army
claimed first that he

Relatives claim body was badly mutilated with broken
bones. The AJYPC reportedly registered a court case
against army for murder. Body taken to Assam Medical
College Hospital for post-mortem.

Nagajan Aachalik unit of the Assam Jatiyabadi Yuva Chhatra Parishad (AJYCP), from Nagajan, Duliajan, Dibrugarh district		station. Reportedly taken to Borjan army camp.	was killed in an "encounter" at Saraipung area of Lakhpathar forest, later that he volunteered to show them ULFA camps and died in a mine explosion. Relatives claimed he was tortured to death.	
Ravi Bhattacharya, aged 20	15 or 16 Nov 1989	Arrested by Paan Bazar police on 13 November. Interrogated about thefts of scooters.	Police claimed he hanged himself in a toilet at Paan Bazar police station using a sheet. Family alleged he was beaten to death by police.	A local press report noted that this was the third case of suspicious suicide at Paan Bazar police station - the two previous cases being reported in 1985.
Ratneswar Boro	20 May 1989	Arrested on 18 May with four other people by Tamulpur police.	Died at Tamulpur police station, allegedly after two days of torture.	
Nabin Baro, aged 25, from Barlakhat, Darrong district, <i>adivasi</i> (Bodo), member of UTNLF	May 1989	Arrested on May 1989 under TADA by Khoirabari police on suspicion of involvement in separatist activities. Allegedly tortured.	Died one day after arrest at Khoirabari police station, allegedly from torture.	
Unnamed, village headman of Likabali, border of Arunachal Pradesh/ Assam	27 March 1989	Arrested from his farmhouse by Silapathar police or by Assam armed police posted at Likabali.	Day after arrest relatives went to arrange bail but found him dead in custody of Silapathar police.	Body reportedly not handed over to family. Government of Arunachal Pradesh asked union government for CBI inquiry into the death.
Narendra Narzari, aged 18	30 Dec 1988	Arrested in Simlaguri village. He had come from West Bengal to visit relatives in Saraibil.	Reportedly shot dead when ordered to get into a police van.	

Jona Basumatary, aged 30	14 Sept 1988	Arrested while going to get medicine for his sick son in No.2 Salbari village.	Reportedly killed inside a police van.	
Phanen Sumpramary, aged 22	21 Nov 1987	Arrested in the village of Ranisundri during a raid by police from the Bengtoi police outpost.	Reportedly died in police custody at Sidli police station after torture.	
Sarthelekthe, member of the People's Defence Forum, Karhi tribal (<i>adivasi</i>)	Early Feb 1987	Arrested by Uttarborbill police, Tarayasa Rongpi village, Karbi Anglong autonomous district.	Died in Uttarborbill police station, allegedly as a result of torture.	
Habib Ali, aged 50, Muslim, of Ranibari village	13 April 1986	Arrested near Karimganj on 12 April suspected of robbery. Reportedly tortured in his house until unconscious. Taken to Karimganj police station and tortured again.	Died in Karimganj police station, allegedly as a result of torture.	A local Congress (I) politician and the United Minorities Front complained that both Habib Ali and Kutina Bibi (below) had been tortured to death. The deputy commissioner of Karimganj district ordered an inquiry by executive magistrate S.K. Das.
Kutina Bibi, aged 76, female	April 1986	Arrested from Ranibari village in connection with a dacoity. Allegedly assaulted by policemen.	Died in hospital three days after her arrest, allegedly as a result of torture.	A local Congress (I) politician and the United Minorities Front complained that both Kutina Bibi and Habib Ali had been tortured to death. The deputy commissioner of Karimganj district ordered an inquiry by executive magistrate S.K. Das.
Hareshwar Deka, aged 22, student at Guwahati University	15 June 1985	Arrested with eight others by the Ambari Fatasil police on 13 June, the day before a strike called by the All Assam Students' Union (AASU).	Died day after release from police custody. Friends and relatives alleged he died from torture. Police claimed he committed suicide by hanging himself.	Post-mortem held. Press reported that the official doctor attributed death to asphyxiation.

List of deaths in custody in Bihar, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Doka Babonga, <i>adivasi</i>	4 December 1991	Arrested with father and mother by Gua police, East Singhboom district, and produced in Chaibasa court on 21 November in connection with murder of a police official. All three remanded to jail. Doka Babonga shifted to prison ward of Chaibasa sadar hospital where his condition deteriorated. Father claims Doka Babonga was beaten by Gua police.	Shifted on 2 December from Chaisbasa sadar hospital to prison ward of MGM College Hospital, where he died allegedly as a result of police torture. Police claim he died a natural death due to "severe pain in the abdomen".	Post-mortem reportedly said injuries found on nose, throat, right shoulder and right knee. Main cause of death given as continuous bleeding from abdomen due to internal injury caused probably by torture. According to the report, his life could have been saved had he received adequate medical care. Press reported on 24 December that no inquiry had been conducted into the case.
Gura Kumhar, aged 35, <i>adivasi</i> , from Bhumijpara in Singboom West district	15 Sept 1991	Apprehended near Chandil by members of the Railway Police Force (RPF) on 15 September for allegedly stealing coal. However, Bhumijpara residents allege both he and wife were attacked by the RPF when they were going to work: RPF men attempted to molest wife and Gura Kumhar resisted. Villagers claim he was beaten with iron rods and rifle butts.	Local residents allege he died in Bhumijpara from injuries sustained from beatings by the police.	Body sent for post-mortem. RPF policemen allegedly threatened villagers with dire consequences should they inform the police about the incident.
Dwarika Thakur	4 Sept 1991	Taken into custody in Rugde Bigha village with seven others on 3 September by police from Makhdumpur police station, Jehanabad district. Kept in the <i>thana</i> where they were all allegedly beaten.	Other detainees claim he was beaten to death by police in Makhdumpur police station. Body not found.	DSP and circle officer conducted an inquiry, but were unable to trace the body. SHO and one inspector were absconding. SP, Mr Niraj Sinha, ordered suspension of both police officials.

Pappu Ram, <i>dalit</i>	June 1991	Arrested by members of Chutia police, Ranchi district.	Allegedly beaten to death and body cremated by police in Chutia police station.	BJP asked the state government to clarify circumstances of his death.
Kameshwar Ravi	May 1991	Circumstances of arrest are unknown.	Died in Chutia police station. Allegedly killed by police officers.	Following news of his death on 9 May, a mob burnt down the police station and held a city <i>bandh</i> (strike) on 10 May.
Anil Lakara	20 April 1991	Father claims arrested by Lalpur police on 19 April.	Police claim he was killed in an "encounter" in Morabadi Grounds on the night of 20 April.	Morning before his alleged death in an "encounter", father filed a petition in court of CJM stating that his son had been arrested by Lalpur police on 19 April. CJM ordered Lalpur police station to present a report by 23 April.
Sanatan Shabar, <i>adivasi</i>	21 March 1991	Prisoner in Jamshedpur jail from 6 August 1990.	Died in Mahatma Gandhi Medical College Hospital, prisoner's ward, allegedly as a result of medical neglect.	Cause of death given as T.B. According to doctor who performed post-mortem, his illness was improperly treated and should not have been fatal.
Gokul Bahadur, aged 16, student, from Musabani, Singboom district	2-3 March 1991	Reportedly arrested on 2 March by sub-inspector of Musabani police station in connection with a theft. Taken to police station. Police brought him twice to his parent's house to search it, and beat him in front of relatives who reported that blood was oozing from his mouth and that he was unable to stand. When parents next day searched for him in jails and courts at Jamshedpur, Chaibasa and Ghatsila, police refused to give any information of his whereabouts, saying they had already performed the last rites.	Body found in Kuju Mullah (ditch) of Rajnagar, Chaibasa, and cremated by police as "unidentified body". Photograph of body identified by parents on 9 July 1991. Sources alleged that he had been beaten to death on 3 March at Musabani police station.	FLAC petitioned the Supreme Court, which ordered the DGP to inquire into the incident after he had failed to initiate inquiries at their first request before the body was identified. Three police officials suspended and charged with murder and destruction of evidence. Two received bail and the other is not known to have been arrested. Supreme Court handed over the case to Ms. Justice Fatima Bibi for investigation.

Tarani Shabar, aged at least 70, <i>adivasi</i>	15 Sept 1990	Arrested by Musabani police on murder charge, but his name was not on charge sheet. He could not afford bail, and remained in Jamshedpur jail.	Died in hospital, allegedly as a result of medical neglect.	According to post-mortem report, he died of chronic illness and lack of food. Press reports allege he died of medical neglect.
Wilson Roy (alias Pappu) of Hesag Basti	27 July 1990	Arrested by Jagannath police on charges of dacoity (robbery) with J. Kindo and U. Sharma. Villagers who witnessed the arrest say the three were beaten during arrest.	Died at Jagannath police station. According to J. Kindo, Roy was beaten to death.	Body sent by police for post-mortem. Police at first denied the deaths, then claimed the three were killed by villagers of Hesag. However, magisterial inquiry found police responsible for the death and warrants of arrest on charges of murder were issued in September 1990 against three police officials. As of February 1991 these officers were said to be absconding.
Uday Sharma of Hesag Basti	27 July 1990	Arrested with J. Kindo and W. Roy, as above.	Died at Jagannath police station.	As above.
Johnson Kindo of Hesag Basti	28 July 1990	Arrested with J. Kindo and W. Roy, as above.	Died at the Rajendra Medical College Hospital, allegedly as a result of torture.	As above.
Nayeem of Bhikanpur, Bhagalpur	25 Oct 1989	Apprehended during police raid after explosion during riots in Bhagalpur.	Residents believe he was taken to police lines and shot.	As of April 1990 the body had not been returned to the family.
Lalji Beldar, aged 25	23 Sept 1989	Arrested on 22 September 1989 in presence of eye-witnesses by Phulwari Shari police, Patna, allegedly in police attempts to extort money from him, although police allege he committed a theft. When visited by son in police station, claimed to have been beaten and was unable to eat due to torture. Co-prisoner confirmed he was taken out of his cell on 23 September but did not return.	Press report he was beaten to death in custody at night. Police claim he escaped the next morning while being taken to the lavatory. Blood stained vest found near station, but body never found.	Official inquiry ordered. DIG reportedly ordered search for Lalji Beldar. Residents claim Lalji Beldar, who had run a teashop, may have failed to pay off police, notorious for extorting money in the area. Press reports cast doubt on police story because escape route was unconvincing and because police did not raise alarm about the escape, mention it in a crime bulletin, or make an attempt to chase him.

Malati Majhiyan, aged 18, <i>adivasi</i> , female	8 July 1989	According to reports, confirmed by the Dhanbad Sub-Divisional Officer, she was taken by constables from Dhanbad, stripped naked and beaten until unconscious.	Died in Dhanbad, allegedly as a result of police torture.	
Basudev Ravani, aged 55, coal miner	15 July 1989	Arrested by Loyabad police, Dhanbad, after complaint lodged against him. Police claim he assaulted a man while drunk. Reportedly complained about the arrest, and threatened to bring it to the attention of his Union.	Died in Loyabad police station, allegedly as a result of torture. Police buried him at Telipara cemetery without informing family; body designated as "un-claimed". Police later cremated body.	According to police, body taken for post-mortem at Loyabad Central Hospital at 4am: scratch found on back of head, and liquor in the viscera. Cause of death undetermined. Viscera sent to Central Institute of Forensic Sciences, Patna. Magisterial inquiry by N.K. Sinha implicated the police in the death. OIC suspended by regional Inspector General, as the SP had refused to suspend him.
Mahesh Mahto	11 June 1989	Caught attempting a robbery on Bhagalpur-Bombay train and reportedly beaten by passengers and shot by a security guard. Railway police <i>havildar</i> (guard) took him to Patna Medical College Hospital tied to the footboard of a rickshaw (bicycle).	Died in Patna Medical College Hospital.	Proceedings initiated on basis of a photograph showing the victim tied to the foot-board of a <i>rickshaw</i> while in custody of the <i>havildar</i> . Chief Minister, R. U. Singh, asked the DIG to conduct an inquiry into the incident. Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee claimed no timely treatment was provided, as a result of which Mahesh Mahto succumbed to his injuries. Supreme Court held that the negligence of the concerned police constable lead to the death and directed compensation of Rs. 20,000 be paid by State of Bihar to family.
Surendra Poddar	10 June 1989	Arrested by Khajekalan police on 10 June in connection with a rape case. Reportedly tortured in custody.	Died in Khajekalan police station. Police claim he hanged himself. Family claim he was beaten to death by police.	
Mohammad Mumtaz	8 May 1989	Arrested by Barhi police while staying with father-in-law in Gaya in connection with communal riots in Hazaribagh in April.	Died in Barhi hospital. Police claim he jumped from a jeep into Barakar river while being taken	Medical report submitted before police burial. Hazaribagh Deputy Commissioner, A. K. Sinha, ordered magisterial inquiry to ascertain cause of death. Patna High Court ordered body to be shown to relatives. Deputy

			to Hazaribagh and was fatally injured. Family claim his plastered arm and handcuffs would have prevented this, and claim he was killed in police custody.	Commissioner and SP have said action would be taken against guilty policemen after inquiry.
Ralgrihi Ram, <i>dalit</i>	12 April 1989	Reportedly arrested on 11 April with eight others in possession of firearms by Buxar police and taken to either Buxar or Dhanasoi police station. Villagers claim to have witnessed the torture of the three men at Dhanaria police station.	Police claim he and two others were killed in an "encounter" near Sitchi where bodies were found. Villagers claim bodies were taken to a bridge near Sitchi and shot at to make it appear they were killed in an "encounter".	Lawyers, journalist and a local MLA, demanded an inquiry into their deaths.
Bhola Ram, <i>dalit</i>	12 April 1989	See above.	See above.	See above.
Amar Ram, <i>dalit</i>	12 April 1989	See above.	See above.	See above.
Ram Naresh Singh, farmer, of Medhoul village, Begusarai.	3 April 1989	Arrested with father on 3 April in connection with a land dispute by police from Khudabandpur and Cheria-Bariarpur police stations; both taken to Khudabandpur police station where Ram Naresh was allegedly tortured; both transferred to Begusarai civil hospital.	Died in Begusarai civil hospital, allegedly as a result of torture. Body taken to Simariaghat under police escort and cremated.	District Magistrate ordered arrest of five officers from the two police stations. Four people killed in police firing during demonstration to protest his death. Chief Minister reportedly ordered CID to investigate murder of Ram Naresh Singh and those killed in the firing, and Home Secretary, Mr Abhik Ghosh, reportedly stated that a magisterial inquiry had been ordered. Compensation also promised by District Magistrate, Mr Shahabuddin.
Surajdeo Chamar of Khajoori (Gaya district), <i>dalit</i> , aged 35	13 March 1989	According to local villagers, a brawl had occurred amongst members of the Bihar Military Police (BMP) stationed in Khajoori in which a BMP member was	Police deny he was ever taken into custody, maintaining that he was killed in an "encounter".	Officials reportedly presented a blanket, 25 kg wheat and Rs. 500 to Jammi Devi, Surajdeo's widow.

		killed. Wife said he went outside to see what happened and was arrested by members of the BMP.	However, villagers claim he was beaten by members of BMP, released, and then shot from behind.	
Abdul Sattar, aged 32	29 Jan 1989	Arrested on 29 January on a charge of robbery by Kanke police and taken to Doranda police station.	Died in H.E.C. Plant Hospital. Police claim taken there after complaining of chest pains. Family and local politicians claim he was beaten to death.	Police claim doctors confirmed heart failure as cause of death, although one policeman reportedly admitted to a local reported that police were responsible for his death. Police allegedly offered a job to a member of the deceased's family.
Madik Mian of Daari, Hazaribagh district	1 Jan 1989	Arrested on 30 December in connection with a brawl; taken to Simaria police station, Hazaribagh district; transferred to Chatra jail, allegedly in serious condition after having been beaten by OIC. Taken to hospital the next day.	Died in Chatara hospital in Hazaribagh Sadar Hospital, allegedly as a result of torture. Died reportedly in presence of Law Minister H.H. Rehman, whom he told of his torture.	Deputy head of Chatara hospital released medical report stating body bore evidence that he had been beaten by batons or similar instruments. Inquiry by committee of Bihar Pradesh Lok Simiti concluded death was result of beating by OIC of Simaria Police Station. Police inquiry also conducted. Report by sub-divisional officer and additional SP resulted in the OIC and five other policemen being charged with culpable homicide not amounting to murder. OIC also suspended but as of July 1990 he had not been arrested even though anticipatory bail was rejected. Ordered by Patna High Court to appear before District judge. Brother submitted petition to CJM, Chatara, claiming police were threatening witnesses, and widow claims OIC continues to threaten her and family. Police reportedly put pressure on state government to stop any action against OIC.
Shamsuddin Mian	25 Dec 1988	Transferred from Koderma jail to hospital in Hazaribagh on 25 December.	Died in hospital in Hazaribagh, allegedly after having been set fire to by three warders.	The three jail warders were reportedly suspended.

Balakhandi Yadav from Champaran district, living in Nepal	Jan 1989	Reportedly a well-known dacoit, picked up in Jamuniya village in Nawal-Parasi district, Nepal, by armed plainclothes Indian policemen. Taken to Bihar, India.	Allegedly killed by police from Bhainsalotan <i>thana</i> , who threw his body in the Balmikinagar forests.	
Moti Birua, aged 25, <i>adivasi</i> , of Bara Mauda village, female	13 Dec 1988 (approx)	Arrested in connection with a murder a few days prior to her death. She was held in Manjhari police station, Singboom district, and allegedly gang raped.	Police claim that she was found hanging from a tree near Manjhari <i>thana</i> . Family and local politicians say she was killed by police.	Medical evidence from post-mortem not consistent with death by hanging. Magisterial inquiry ordered by deputy commissioner. Two police officers suspended and a case of murder instituted.
Meghnath Kasera of Kariatpur village	19 Nov 1988	Arrested by Ichak police at 7 am on 19 November.	Died in Ichak police station, allegedly after being beaten and shot by Ichak police officers.	Body taken to Hazaribagh hospital. One policeman suspended. Brother filed a case against police.
Nasir Hussain	Mid Nov 1988	Arrested with Ajit Kumar Guha, alias Naru, by Jamshedpur police on 16 November in Kharagpur, W. Bengal, in connection with a car theft. Taken from there to Jamshedpur; appeared in court; remanded in custody at Sakchi police station and allegedly beaten.	Died in Jamshedpur police custody allegedly after police beatings. Police claim he "escaped" and cannot be traced.	Fellow detainee alleged he was present when Nasir Hussain was beaten up in police station and that, when he complained of chest pain, bleeding from his mouth, police refused medical assistance. Also said Nasir Hussain was removed from cell shortly after midnight, taken to a car and apparently collapsed and died there. Police apparently pressurised this witness in attempts to make him confirm their story.
Hare Ram Yadav	29 Sept 1988	A prisoner in Hazaribagh central jail, known as a mercenary killer, accused of organising massacre of <i>dalits</i> ; allegedly paid by politicians.	Died either in Bhagalpur or Hazaribagh jail; found hanging in his cell. Allegations that he was killed by police to silence him.	Post-mortem carried out and body sent to home village for cremation. Official investigation reportedly found he committed suicide, but no details are known. Reports indicate he died in a cell which was eight feet high and in which there were no objects on which to climb to reach the ceiling. Two warders suspended for dereliction of duty.

Ram Lal Tamariah, aged 25, <i>adivasi</i>	31 August 1988	Arrested in connection with a burglary case. Taken to Telco police station.	Died in Telco police station or (as claimed by police) in Telco hospital. Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) allege he was beaten to death.	OIC of Telco police station reportedly transferred.
Kokarsake Satyendra Dubey	6 July 1988	Arrested by Dalloganj police on 6 July in Rerma. Police claim he was drunk.	Died in Daltonganj city hospital. Death certificate mentions alcoholic poisoning as cause of death; political leaders claim he died as a result of police torture.	Medical board which performed post-mortem was unable to determine the cause of death, but found no wound marks on the body. Viscera kept for further examination. Local politicians have demanded a full inquiry.
Awadhesh Kumar Yadav of Bakaria, Nalanda district, aged 16	26 Dec 1987	Said to have been sexually assaulted and killed by police after visiting his father and uncle in Buxar Central jail on 15 December.	Died in or near Buxar central jail. Body found in a field. Family allege he was sexually assaulted and killed by police.	
Ajoy Kumar, aged 16	13 August 1987	Arrested by Danapur police in connection with a theft.	Died after allegedly being kicked and beaten with sticks at Danapur police station.	Two policemen were reportedly charged with murder.
Kanhaiya Yadav of Ribalganj, Chapra District, aged 14	August 1987	Visited his brother in Buxar Central jail but never returned home.	Alleged to have been sexually assaulted by police and his body dumped in the river.	
Sanichar Mushahar, <i>dalit</i>	21 June 1987	Brought to Sasaram jail on March 3, and allegedly ill-treated. Admitted to hospital on 21 June.	Died in hospital. Declared a victim of "flu".	Press report that SC prisoners died in Sasaram jail from torture, inhuman conditions, lack of food and medical neglect.

Kishan Ram	5 June 1987	A prisoner in Sasaram jail since 15 August 1985. Allegedly ill-treated.	Taken to hospital on June 5.	Press report that SC prisoners died in Sasaram jail from torture, inhuman conditions, lack of food and medical neglect.
Suresh Kharwar, <i>dalit</i>	5 June 1987	Arrested on 21 May; admitted to hospital on 5 June. Allegedly ill-treated	Died either in Sasaram jail or in Sasaram hospital. Cause of death was recorded as "flu".	A member of the jail staff is reported to have said: "Suresh Kharwar actually died inside the jail. He was taken to the hospital dead". Press report that SC prisoners died in Sasaram jail from torture, inhuman conditions, lack of food and medical neglect.
Lalmudi Chamar, <i>dalit</i>	4 June 1987	Brought to Sasaram jail on 31 March. Allegedly ill-treated. Sent to hospital on 4 June.	Died at 8 pm in jail hospital.	Press report that prisoners die in Sasaram jail from torture, inhuman conditions, lack of food and medical neglect.
Arvind Kumar Singh of Bhatheri village, Maner (Patna), aged 20	1 or 2 April 1987	Arrested on 22 March for travelling on a train without a ticket; taken to Patna sub-jail.	Found dead in Patna sub-jail by relatives the day after he was seen alive there. Relatives claim body disfigured.	Post-mortem reportedly carried out.
Yogendra Chaudhary	23 March 1987	Arrested by Kadamkuan police, Patna, on 23 March. Apparently not charged.	Found dead on 27 March in Ganga river near Kile Pakri village, Vaishali district, 25 km from Patna. Family and local residents claim he was killed by police in station.	Post-mortem carried out and inquiry by Additional District Magistrate ordered. Chief Minister sent Rs. 20,000 to Anjali Devi, Yogendra Chaudhary's widow.
Ishak, of Taravari village, Purnia district, aged 20	1987	Held by Hansia police.	Died after allegedly being beaten by police. Police reportedly cut his throat to make it look like suicide.	Three policemen, who had been absconding since 1987, were arrested on 30 September 1989 and their bail application was rejected. They have been charged with murder.
Mohammed Hussain	3 August 1986	Arrested by Ranchi police on 2 August with two others for questioning.	Died in Hindpirhi station. Allegedly had arms "pierced" and legs	OIC suspended and criminal charges filed against police involved after demonstrations by local residents. A grant of Rs. 3,000 announced for family.

			broken by police and received no medical attention.	
Raju Rajak alias Machalia	22 June 1986	Witnesses say arrested on 22 June with Ashok Ram and Pradip Ram near Jaipal Singh stadium and taken to Kotwali police station where they were allegedly beaten. According to Pradip Ram, they were then taken to the Morabadi Grounds where Raju Rajak and Ashok Ram were shot.	Police deny he was killed while in custody. They claim he was killed, along with Ashok Ram, in a police "encounter" at the Morabadi Grounds.	
Ashok Ram	22 June 1986	See above.	See above.	
Mahendra Bin, <i>dalit</i>	20 June 1986	Reasons for arrest unknown. Held in Patna Central Jail.	Taken to hospital on June 5, where he died. Wife claims he was murdered by police, and body bruised from torture.	Post-mortem reportedly did not support police claim that he died of a long illness, but details are unknown.
Nakul Bagdi, aged 16, <i>adivasi</i>	23 Dec 1985	Arrested on 19 December; taken to hospital by police on 23 December, having been held in Sonari police station. Charge: apprehension that he was about to commit a crime.	Died in Sakchi government hospital. Police gave cause of death as pneumonia. Local residents allege he died as a result of torture.	Two policemen suspended, but have since been reinstated. Post-mortem report said there was evidence of assault. Judicial magisterial inquiry found in favour of police version. Reports of police intimidation of witnesses. Petition by FLAC for impartial inquiry was dismissed in April 1986. FLAC have since taken the case to Supreme Court.
Rajendra Musahar, <i>dalit</i>	3 July 1985	Arrested at Kajria village with brother by Rajpur police, Bhojpur district, on 2 July on suspicion of being Naxalites.	Died in Rajpur police station; officially listed as an "accidental death". Villagers claim hung upside down outside a landlord's house and beaten by	Police allegedly told doctors performing post-mortem at Kajria government hospital to produce a report which confirmed the police version, but one of the doctors refused.

Anthony Murmu of Banjhi village, Sahebganj, <i>adivasi</i>	19-22 April 1985	Taken into custody with Madan Murmu by Sahebganj police, Santal Paraganas - witnessed by officials and 3 members of the Santal tribe. 15 Santals killed in police firing in an incident as he was being arrested.	members of Rajpur police, and died as a result.	Body found on 22 April, allegedly with bullet injuries and signs of beating. Villagers claim he was killed by the police.	Writ petition brought before Supreme Court in 1985 asking for an inquiry into the death and for compensation to be paid. Post-mortem reportedly carried out in Bhagalpur.
Pradeep Singh (young man)	30 March 1985	Arrested on 4 March in connection with a road hold-up case. Admitted to hospital with injuries on 29 March.	Died in hospital in police custody at Jamui, Munger.	Magistrate's inquest found death due to multiple injuries. This was corroborated by a post-mortem examination. Politicians have demanded an inquiry.	

List of deaths in custody in Delhi, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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Darshan Singh (or Darshan Lal), aged 21 (or 26), from New Seelampur Colony, East Delhi, motor mechanic	17 March 1992	Arrested at 2.30am on 10 March in connection with a robbery. Reportedly illegally detained and tortured at Anti-Auto Theft unit of North East District Delhi Police. Police demanded between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 10,000 for his release or for permitting family - who were denied visits - to see him. On 16 March, family were informed that he had been moved to Mohan Nursing Home, Jaffrabad, where they saw him for the first time, finding him covered with injuries on head, torso and feet. He reportedly told them that he had been tortured and sexually assaulted by five police men of the Anti-Auto Theft unit.	Moved from Nursing Home to LNJP (Irwin) hospital where he died, allegedly as a result of injuries sustained under police torture.	Post-mortem conducted at LNJP Hospital, showing injuries on head, torso and feet. Doctors said head injury caused death. Violent demonstration followed news of death. Assurances given by DCP and SDM that action would be taken against policemen. Inquiry by Addl. DCP North East found torture and illegal confinement in Anti-Auto Theft Unit. Police Commissioner said police brutality would not be tolerated and that five police had been suspended and charged with murder (section 302 of IPC). Two teams from Vigilance dept. were formed to arrest absconding police. Inquiry initiated by SDM, North East, and case transferred to Crime Branch who arrested one constable, the main accused, arrested on 7 April. Press and PUDR pointed out that torture occurred despite proximity to office of DCP North East.
Savinder Singh, aged 30, businessman, resident of South Delhi	29 February 1992	Taken into custody on 28 February with two brothers by officials from the foreign exchange regulations' Directorate of Enforcement of the Ministry of Finance. Interrogated at the directorate at Loknayakan Bhavan, near Khan Market, about possession of foreign currency and violation of exchange laws. Brothers allege he was beaten by officials, and that they	Body found in the Lok Nayak Bhavan Complex. Declared dead at Lohia hospital. Directorate officials and police from Tughlak Road police station say he jumped out of a 6th floor window. Family claim he was tortured and forced to jump and	Post-mortem reportedly attributed death to the fall. An inquiry was held by the SDM, New Delhi. Supreme Court ordered the directorate to explain the death, and ordered an inquiry by a senior additional sessions judge, Delhi into the truth of an affidavit by the Deputy Director, Enforcement Directorate, Union Finance Ministry, that Savinder Singh had jumped to his death. [In a similar case in October 1991, the Supreme Court had recommended prosecution of officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for the torture and death of Ravi Narang (see below) during interrogation

		could hear Savinder Singh crying out in pain.	that the directorate is lying.	(see India: details of death in custody: ASA 20/14/92). The High Court instructed the police to register a case of culpable homicide against the DRI officials concerned.]
Rattan Singh Bisht, aged 22, resident of Vinod Nagar, from Mauna in Ranikhet	11 January 1992	Detained on 10 January and interrogated by Hauz Khas police in connection with a theft. Brother-in-law visited him in custody the night of arrest, and claimed he complained of torture, and looked extremely scared.	Died in custody of Hauz Khas police. Police claim he hanged himself with his <i>lungi</i> ; relatives and local people allege he was tortured to death.	Post-mortem held. Crowd formed to protest the death. Sub-inspector suspended and SHO transferred to District Lines. Family claim he surrendered to police and had no reason to commit suicide. Press reports pointed out that the ventilator from which he allegedly hanged himself was only four feet above the ground. Inquiry held by SDM (South), B. K. Sehgal.
Raghunath, aged 20, migrant worker from Sitamarhi district, Bihar	29 Nov 1991	Picked up by Guru Tegh Bahadur police on 15 November in connection with a theft. Reportedly beaten by local people before arrest, and later tortured in custody in GTB police station. Released three days later on 18 November, allegedly vomiting blood. Police claim he was released on day of his arrest.	Died 11 days after release, allegedly as a result of injuries sustained under torture when in police custody. Police claimed injuries were caused by property dealers who had filed the theft complaint.	Police filed a case of culpable homicide against the property dealers. An inquiry was ordered on 3 December by the Vigilance branch of the police. Police have allegedly threatened witnesses. B. L. Sharma, a BJP MP, criticized the police and accused them of falsely implicating the two property dealers in the death. The PUDR demanded an impartial inquiry into the incident.
Mukesh Kumar, alias Mukki.	28 Nov 1991	Arrested on 27 November by police from Kamla Market police station after reportedly being beaten by a group from a marriage party whom he allegedly abused, having drunk alcohol. Police later claimed that the crowd which had beaten him were armed with sticks and <i>lathis</i> , although no one was arrested for criminal assault. Taken for medical examination at J.P.N. Hospital, where doctors confirmed that he had consumed alcohol and listed seven injuries.	Brought dead by police to Hindu Rao hospital at 4.15pm. Police claim he died in the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Tis Hazari at about 2.30pm, as a result of injuries sustained when beaten by the public. PUDR claims police torture caused his death, and that he was brought to the court already dead.	A doctor at the Hindu Rao hospital recorded that the body was brought dead "in <i>rigor mortis</i> ", indicating that death had occurred 2-4 hours previously. Post-mortem report put time of death at around 1pm (ie. when still in police station), and listed 28 injuries on his body, including fracture of lower leg bone and head injury, leading to brain haemorrhage and death. Neither of these two are among the injuries recorded in original medical examination held when first arrested, which listed seven injuries. Report indicates that several injuries were inflicted in police custody. SDM conducted an inquiry.

Detained at Paharganj police station where he was allegedly tortured.

Rajesh, aged 19,
from Pooth Kallan
Village

7 Sept
1991

Arrested with two others by the Sultanpuri police on 6 September for fighting and beaten before arrest. Declared fit by doctors at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya hospital to be placed in a lock-up on his own.

Died in Ram Manohar Lohia hospital in police custody, reportedly as a result of torture and or negligence.

His friend and cousin who were arrested with him were charged with murder, although a SDM concluded that he died of viral hepatitis. Medical reports showed minor injuries. Press reported inquest showed he had not been properly diagnosed and Sultanpuri station head and two ASIs were indicted for causing death through callous negligence.

Rohtas alias Fauji

30 August
1991

An inmate of Tihar Central jail detained for over two years under the TADA in connection with a shooting, without being able to obtain bail.

Reportedly found hanging in his cell in Tihar jail. Jail Official claimed suicide. Assistant police commissioner said that suicide was not a certainty.

An inquiry by a SDM was to be carried out once post-mortem results obtained.

Jairam Singh, aged
50

19 August
1991

Arrested by police from the Patel Nagar police station on 18 August after his son Manoj Singh confessed, allegedly under torture by beatings with a leather belt and a rod, to stealing a purse.

Died within hours of release from custody of Patel Nagar police station, allegedly as a result of torture.

Post-mortem listed 17 external injuries caused by a blunt object, and gave cause of death as "cumulative effect of all the injuries". Four policemen arrested after crime branch inquiry. SDM, Mrs Nandita Sehgal, in inquest report found swelling, bruise marks of discoloration on the temple, shoulder, hands, feet and back and found three policemen liable for beating him to death.

Om Prakash
Kaushik, aged 32,
from Rohtak

12 July
1991

Reportedly picked up while drunk from Wazirabad village and taken to Timarpur police station on 12 July after police had been called to the area to stop a fight. Questioned for one hour and not formally arrested.

Died in Timarpur police station. Relatives and a doctor claim his bruised and swollen body indicated that he died as a result of police torture.

Two post-mortems carried out. First post-mortem reportedly found that "this is not a case of natural death", although police claim it showed that he had died after a car accident. Body reportedly had injury marks above left eye, bruises on right thigh, swollen groin and deep gash on swollen left foot. Police claim he had these injuries when picked up. Second post-mortem ordered. Magisterial inquiry held by SDM, Nandita Sehgal, but family reportedly denied access to both post-mortem reports.

Ram Vilas, aged 62, ex-employee of Ayodhya Textile Mill	11 July 1991	Ordered on 11 July to vacate his house by guards from the mill where he had been an employee, accompanied by police from Adarsh Nagar police station. When he refused to leave his house he and members of his family were reportedly beaten by police and guards until he became unconscious.	Taken to hospital and was declared dead on arrival. Police first claimed he died of beating by mill guards, but later said that he had a heart attack.	Sub-inspector of the Adarsh Nagar police station suspended. Post-mortem carried out. Police admitted that they were present while he was being beaten by mill guards, but denied involvement. Body cremated by police, who refused to hand it over to family. Employees and family staged demonstrations to protest the death. Family filed complaint in court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in September 1991.
Jagannath, aged 34, nightwatchman from Khari Baoli.	10 May 1991	Arrested with a friend on 1 May by a constable from Lahori Gate police station. Charged with running a brothel. Father alleges that Jagannath was beaten by police in front of him and that he had been vomiting blood. Lost consciousness in police station and taken to St Stephens hospital.	Died in St Stephens hospital 10 days after admission.	Post-mortem held. On 7 December 1991 Metropolitan Constable charged with his death remanded in judicial custody by magistrate. Sessions judge held Jagannath had been illegally detained for eight days by police and had suffered at least 15 injuries under torture.
Reshna, aged 50, female	22 March 1991	Reportedly brought to the Gokulpuri police station along with other members of her family on the charge of murdering her sister-in-law for dowry.	Died in custody on 22 March 1991, allegedly as a result of torture. Six police officers reportedly caught throwing her body onto the road, although doctors had advised she be taken to hospital.	SHO and five junior colleagues were arrested and charged with murder.
Ram Swaroop, aged 40, DESU employee	31 January 1991	Taken to R.K.Puram police station on 29 January in connection with a cable theft.	Died in police custody in Safdarjang hospital, allegedly as a result of police torture. Police claim he died from a TB attack.	Two policemen including a SHO were suspended. SDM inquiry held. Relatives claim his TB was under control, and that his body showed signs of torture.

Joginder Pal Gupta, aged 37, from Azadpur, MCD employee	22 August 1990	Held at Model Town police station on 21 August 1990.	Declared dead on arrival at Hindu Rao hospital. Police claimed he died of a "heart attack" but when his wife saw the body it was badly mutilated. Allegedly beaten to death by police.	Public protest in Azadpur followed return of body to family. Commissioner of Police ordered three police officials transferred to police lines. Inquiry by SDM ordered and body sent for post-mortem.
Mohammed Salim, aged 25, of Krishna Nagar	19 July 1990	East Delhi Police claim he was a suspect criminal and that they had gone to Jaipur, Rajasthan, to interrogate him, but that on seeing them he locked himself in the kitchen and set himself alight.	Police claim he died in Jaipur as a result of burns. Case of suicide registered, but local residents of Krishna Nagar allege police instigated his death.	Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, East Delhi, reported to hold an inquiry into the allegations of police involvement in his death.
Shammu Khan	2 June 1990	Arrested on 1 June by Seemapuri police for allegedly causing hurt by dangerous weapons. Residents allege he was tortured in custody.	Released on bail on 2 June but died in Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital shortly afterwards.	Lieutenant Governor ordered a magisterial inquiry after a delegation of Seemapuri residents met him alleging that Shammu Khan had been tortured. SDM, Shahdara, found death due to "beating allegedly given in police custody". Delhi High Court directed police commissioner, Seemapuri, to show cause why no further action should be taken or compensation be granted.
Yograj, aged 30, from Karol Bagh	Feb 1990	Inmate at Tihar Central jail, convicted in a robbery case and jailed for 7 years.	Declared dead by the doctors of Deen Dayal Hospital. Police claim he died of TB. Hospital records state he was brought dead to hospital by police posted at the jail.	Body sent for post-mortem. Inquest found he died of TB, but post-mortem report attributes death to shock consequent to haemoptysis [expectoration of blood which should not have occurred after one year's treatment for T.B]. Experts advised he could have died of medical neglect.
Subhash Chand, aged 35	23 Jan 1990	Detained in Geeta Colony police lockup.	Died in police custody allegedly as a result of torture.	

Om Prakash, aged 25, from Etah, Uttar Pradesh	19 Oct 1989	Taken into custody on 19 October on suspicion of kidnapping a 16-year-old girl.	Police say he "jumped from the roof" of police station, when going to the toilet, but police version differs from an eyewitness account. Declared dead on arrival at GTB hospital.	Inquiry reportedly due by SDM. Post-mortem held. One police officer suspended after the incident. Police cremated the body.
Manmohan Singh, aged 37	7 July 1989	Arrested with Uttam Singh in October 1987 in New Delhi on drugs charges. He was the only witness to the death in custody of Uttam Singh (see below).	Died in his cell in Tihar Jail the day he had appeared in court in good health in "mysterious circumstances". Allegations that he was killed by police to prevent him presenting evidence about police involvement in death of Uttam Singh. Jail authorities claim he died of heart attack.	Post-mortem reportedly noted bruising and blood clots on the body but did not give exact cause of death. Inquiry by SDM ordered. Thorough investigation requested.
Dinesh Kumar, aged 26, trader	13 June 1989	Arrested by police from Mangolpuri police station in connection with theft. Allegedly tortured.	Died in police custody.	
Vijay Kumar, aged 30, washer man	19 March 1989	Arrested by police from Welcome Colony police station on 19 March in connection with a theft.	Died in Welcome Colony police station. Reportedly found hanging from the ceiling fan. Police claim suicide, relations alleged he was beaten to death.	Post-mortem held on day of his death and body cremated the following day. Brother claims he saw body with blood out of ears and scratch marks on neck. Residents demonstrated outside police station. Policeman who interrogated him was reportedly suspended and a judicial inquiry ordered.

Ravi Narang, aged 50, businessman	10 Feb 1989	Arrested on 8 February by officials of the DRI in connection with gold smuggling. Interrogated at office in Indraprastha Bhawan, who could not explain why he died in custody.	Declared dead on arrival at Safdarjung hospital. Family claim he was beaten to death by DRI officials.	Multiple injuries noted by magistrate who wrote death report. Post-mortem noted traces of morphine but death was attributed to shock following multiple injuries with blunt object. Inquest report attributed death to psychological shock, morphine consumption, a fight with co-accuse and a fall from the stairs. Supreme Court ordered inquiry by additional district and sessions judge, Delhi. Inquest findings concluded that none of these had caused Ravi Narang's death but that probable cause of death was "shock following a cobweb of injuries sustained through beating and torture". On the basis of his report, Supreme Court awarded an interim <i>ex-gratia</i> payment of Rs. 200 000 to his widow in October 1991, and recommended prosecution of DRI officials. Commissioner of Police, Delhi registered a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against DRI officials. Case transferred to Crime Branch for further investigation.
Sardar Singh, aged 65	17 Dec 1988	Arrested with son by police from Tilak Nagar police station, West Delhi to prevent a breach of peace. His son was arrested for possession of a knife, which he later claimed was planted on him by police.	Found dead in Tilak Nagar police station. Police claim he died of a heart attack. Family claim he was tortured to death. Wife says his body was bruised.	Post-mortem reportedly held. Police claim it found that he died of old injuries. SDM. Punjabi Bagh, held inquiry. An assistant sub-inspector was reportedly suspended pending an inquiry. However, he was reinstated three days later.
Asha Ram, sweeper with the NDMC	6 Oct 1988	Arrested after a fight and taken to Trilokpuri police station.	Collapsed in the police station and declared dead on admission to hospital on the day after his arrest.	Demonstrators protested against his death suspecting foul play. Police claim there were no external injuries but Magisterial inquiry ordered.
Ram Swaroop, aged 50, migrant worker, <i>adivasi</i> .	17 Sept 1988	Arrested 16 September by police from Inderpuri police station. Tortured when refusing to work for police without pay. Torture witnessed by other detainees.	Died in Inderpuri police station. Police removed his body in a jeep.	Vigilance Dept. of Delhi police held an inquiry. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Delhi, admitted he died of police torture. Seven policemen, including the SHO, were arrested during investigations. PUDR lawyers filed

				a petition in the Supreme Court which ordered payment of Rs. 50,000 to the family.
Uttam Singh, aged 50	3 July 1988	Arrested for drugs offenses and refused bail despite being ill.	Found dead in Tihar jail, having reportedly been examined at JP hospital a few days before his death. He had a history of heart illness.	Post-mortem held. Inquiry reportedly held. A senior jail official stated that jail doctors and specialists at Jayaprakash Narayan hospital had recommended medical treatment. But a fellow prisoner, Manmohan Singh, who later died himself in Tihar jail on 7 July 1989 (above) stated that the jail had failed to provide timely medical treatment to Uttam Singh and that he died of medical neglect.
Rattan Lal, aged 55, danner	14 May 1988	Arrested on 13 May, on suspicion of theft of a shawl from a customer Taken to Lodhi Colony police station.	Died in Lodhi Colony police station due to loss of blood from a throat wound. Police claimed he stabbed himself with a piece of glass. Local shopkeepers claim he was beaten to death and that his body was covered in wounds.	Post-mortem held and, according to police, found "no other injuries on his body except the gash he got when he stabbed himself". Magisterial inquiry ordered. The medical-legal certificate at the All India Institute of Medical Science recorded a 6 centimetre gash on his neck.
Azad, aged 26	April 1988	Taken to the Anand Vihar police station after being arrested in Maliana, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, as the principal accused in a murder case.	Died in hospital. Police say he complained of dizziness and was unwell. Doctors at Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital suspected poisoning.	Post-mortem mentions nothing about the cause of death, reportedly noting only that he had no internal or external injuries. SDM conducted inquiry into the death and the Central Forensic Laboratory was also reported to be preparing a report.
Shankar Duley (or Dalai), aged 19, goldsmith	25 Feb 1988	Arrested with three friends on 23 February after an argument with a rickshaw driver. Taken to Prasad Nagar police station, Central Delhi, where friend say he was beaten all night until he started vomiting. Released the next day.	Admitted to Ram Manohar Lohai hospital on 25 February; died whilst being examined.	Police admitted he was released because he felt unwell and attributed death to taking the wrong drugs in hospital. Post-mortem held. Alankar Shilpi Sangh organised a demonstration and demanded an inquiry into the incident and suspension of police.

Durga Prasad, aged 36, <i>dalit</i>	23 Oct 1987	Shot at home during police attempt to arrest him and others on suspicion of gambling.	Police claim they shot in self defence, but residents claim police were drunk and that two policemen held Durga Prasad while a head constable shot him at point blank. Died soon afterwards in J.P. Hospital.	Three policemen were reportedly arrested in connection with the death. An <i>ex-gratia</i> payment was reportedly made to the family.
Mahinder Kumar, aged 18	25 August 1987	Taken into custody with Ram Kumar on 24 August in connection with the murder of a police constable. Ram Kumar claimed both were tortured by 15 policemen, kicked in stomach and groin, hung upside down and beaten, and had rods rolled across their legs. Both transferred from Vivek Vihar police station, East Delhi, to Shahdara general hospital and then to JP hospital with injuries allegedly sustained under torture. Police claim that he was beaten by residents.	Died in JP hospital the day after arrest, reportedly from damage to his kidneys, having been admitted with multiple injuries.	Post-mortem held. Seven policemen were suspended, including the SHO. Magisterial inquiry ordered to be held by SDM, Shahdara.
Mahir (Mahil), aged 22, rickshaw puller	24 August 1987	Arrested on 23 August for "hooliganism" and held several hours at Welcome Colony police station, where he was allegedly tortured for six hours. Police claim he was released, went home, and fell off his terrace while drunk.	Died of injuries (including a broken jaw) which residents claim were caused by police. Police claimed he died due to injuries received after his release from custody.	Four policemen reportedly transferred from Welcome Colony police station.
Gajendra, <i>dalit</i>	13 July 1987	Arrested on evening of 12 July and held for six to seven hours.	Died at home after vomiting blood following release. He told his family he had	A member of the Delhi Metropolitan Council demanded a judicial inquiry.

			been badly beaten by the police.	
Kamal, from Patel Nagar	28 June 1987	Arrested by police following a disturbance near Khera hospital, on suspicion of robbery.	Police claim that residents beat him and that he died in Lohia hospital. Father claims the police beat him to death in custody.	Post-mortem results withheld from family. Police reportedly forced relatives to cremate body, who were threatened when they tried to file a complaint about the death, which the police refused. Investigation held by Special Staff of the district police.
Brahmavati, aged 23, female	27 Nov 1986	Arrested by Haryana police with sister-in-law on 26 November in connection with the murder of her husband and taken to Alimundi police station. Sister-in-law described how both were tortured. Taken by police for questioning to Binola village, where her husband had been murdered.	Died in Binola village. Police say she committed suicide by jumping into a well. Relatives claim she was tortured to death.	Sister-in-law claims she saw Brahmavati's body in police van with injuries on head and body. Post-mortem held at AIIMS.
Dayal Singh, aged 40, security guard	20 Sept 1986	Arrested with his house manager on 19 September on suspicion of theft and held at Srinivaspuri police station where both were allegedly tortured.	Declared dead on arrival at AIIMS. Police claimed death was due to tuberculosis.	Post-mortem recorded swellings, fractures and contusions all over the body. Doctors who did not rule out use of heavy rollers said injuries indicated force sufficient to cause death, doctors also said that police put pressure on them to change report. Inquest by SDM in December 1986 concluded that death was due to torture in police custody. SDM recommended prosecution of three policemen and one assistant public prosecutor, as well as an independent investigation. Case passed to CBI. In February 1989, three policemen arrested for murder on orders from Metropolitan Magistrate, but in March one of them was released on bail.
Gopi Ram, aged 35, tongadriver.	23 August 1986	Arrested with his nephew when he tried to intervene in the beating of his nephew by police, on the night of 22 August. Both taken to Patel Nagar	Died in Patel Nagar police station, according to police of alcohol poisoning. Relatives allege he was	Body cremated by police without handing over to family. Additional Sessions judge found he had been murdered by police and investigations had been partisan. Three policemen remanded in custody charged with murder. In May 1988 the Supreme Court held that <i>prima facie</i> , the

		police station where they were allegedly tortured with iron rods.	beaten to death by police.	facts "show that effort has been made to protect and shield the guilty officers of the police who are alleged to have perpetrated the barbaric offence of murdering Gopi Ram by beating and torturing". Supreme Court ordered independent investigation by CBI.
Suraj Singh, aged 25, farmer	12-13 August 1986	Arrested on 7 or 12 August in connection with a theft. Taken to Shakarpur police station, then Gandhi Nagar police station. Relatives claim he was held for five days at Shakarpur station and beaten by police on 11 and 12 August.	Found dead in Gandhi Nagar police station. Friends say he was beaten to death. Police said he hanged himself.	Unnamed police officials pointed out that there was nothing in room from which he could have hanged himself. Executive magistrate held inquiry. Post-mortem held, but findings not immediately made available to the family.
Kamal Singh, from Gurgaon, Haryana	17 April 1986	Arrested on suspicion of theft in early morning of 17 April and taken to a health centre with severe injuries, which the police said were inflicted by villagers prior to arrest.	Died in Lohia hospital where he was taken by West Delhi police. Police claimed he died of injuries received from residents who caught him stealing.	Doctors reportedly said he had severe contusions all over his body, probably caused by heavy blows with blunt objects all over his body. Body sent for post-mortem, and inquest by magistrate ordered.
Daljit Singh, aged 27, driver	24 Jan 1986	Arrested from his home during the night of 15 January. Held illegally at Ashok police station on suspicion of harbouring Sikh extremists. Father filed <i>habeas corpus</i> . Family claim to have seen him on 15 Jan badly beaten and starved of food. Transferred to hospital in a poor condition on the day of his death. Police later claimed he was only arrested on 21 January.	Died in JP hospital, allegedly as a result of torture.	Post-mortem held at JP hospital cited hypertension and cardiac arrest as the causes of death, but second examination found contusions on the body, although they may not have caused death. PUDR filed a petition in Supreme Court seeking an investigation of police records, compensation for the family, a judicial inquiry and prosecution of any guilty police officials. In late January Supreme Court asked police commissioner to explain his death allegedly due to torture.
Dr. Mohinder Pal Singh, aged 32, practising physician in Ludhiana, Punjab	24 May 1985	Arrested on 22 May from his surgery in Ludhiana. Taken to police division No.6 Ludhiana, where he was questioned by police from Karol Bagh (Delhi) police station. Reportedly	Died in Karol Bagh police station. Police claimed he was arrested on 24 May and hanged himself by his turban in	Police claimed he had been arrested in Delhi on day of death. Post-mortem held. Magisterial inquiry by SDM ordered. Body cremated by police. Press questioned suicide claim and pointed out that Sikhs taken into custody usually have their turbans removed, are

Mohinder Singh (Khalsa), aged 32	13 May 1985	transferred to Karol Bagh police station. Family sent telegrams to Governor of Punjab, the IGP and local magistrates, concerned about his arrest and transfer.	the toilet, having locked himself inside. Press reported he was tortured to death.	handcuffed, and are not allowed to bolt toilet doors during interrogation.
		Arrested with two others on 12 May in connection with bomb explosions in Delhi. Treated at Lohia hospital for minor injuries received during arrest. Held in Desh Bandhur Gupta Road police station. All three were allegedly tortured.	Readmitted to hospital the day after arrest and declared dead on arrival. Police say he died by hurling himself against the police station wall. Press reports allege he died as a result of torture.	Magisterial inquiry ordered. Doctors at Lohia Hospital reportedly said he died due to police torture. Post-mortem said cause of death was "cumulative effect of blunt injuries".

List of deaths in custody in Haryana, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Ramesh, shepherd, <i>dalit</i>	August 1991	Reported to have stolen a dog belonging to a timber merchant from Narnail on 29 August 1991. Arrested the following day by three policemen from Ateli police post, accompanied by the businessman, in Hassanpur village, Narnaul district.	Body was found several days later in the well of a neighbouring village. Villagers claim he was killed in custody by the police.	Ateli police reportedly refused to register a case when villagers tried to report that Ramesh had not returned home. After pressure from opposition politicians a case was registered on 13 September 1991. Post-mortem conducted. Villagers urged that post-mortem be carried out at a hospital in Rohtak rather than in Narnaul as they suspected foul play. Family reportedly rejected offers of compensation from the government.
Khursid Ahmed, aged 20, <i>adivasi</i> (Meo)	24 August 1991	Detained on 19 August 1991 and held illegally at Punhana police station. Released on 23 August 1991 on the orders of the SSP, Ferozepur - Jhika.	On returning home to Patakpur he was in a serious condition and claimed to have been tortured by police. Died next day in Civil hospital Gurgaon "due to a brain haemorrhage".	Post-mortem reportedly confirmed torture. Head Constable suspended and arrested under Section 304 of the IPC for culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and reported to be in judicial custody.
Manpal Singh, aged 25, <i>dalit</i>	August 1990	Reportedly illegally detained during investigation of a case of theft. No case was registered against him.	Died allegedly as a result of torture in Bhattu Kalan police station, Hisar district.	Deputy Commissioner of Hisar stated that the SHO of Bhattu Kalan police station had been arrested in connection with the incident. This action followed considerable protests in the area about the death.
Krishan Kumar, aged 22, from Kapriwas village	Dec 1989	Arrested by Pataudi police after landlords complained that he had stolen sprinkler parts from them.	Body found hanging by a rope from ventilator in police station.	SP ordered an inquiry into the incident and suspended the sentry who was supposed to be keeping watch in the police station. Post-mortem carried out at Gurgaon.

List of deaths in custody in Jammu and Kashmir, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Ghulam Mohiuddin Ganai	October 1991	Circumstances surrounding this arrest unknown. Allegedly an activist for the Hizbul Mujahideen, an armed opposition group.	Reportedly died in an interrogation centre. Body handed over to police by security forces.	
Mumtaz	13 Sept 1991	Between 12 and 19 September the army conducted cordon and search operations, during which Mumtaz's brother was shot dead.	Allegedly beaten to death by army while performing last rites for his brother.	
Khazir Mohammad from Bomay-Sopore	24 or 25 August 1991	Arrested with Abdul Aziz below by security forces during a raid on their village on 24 August.	Body handed over to next of kin by police on 25 August. Died in interrogation centre, according to official sources.	
Abdul Aziz from Bomay-Sopore	24 or 25 August 1991	As above.	As above.	
Mohammad Ashraf, aged mid-20's	July 1991	Arrested by the security forces during counter insurgency operations and taken to interrogation centre.	On 18 July, body taken to his home in Bachpora. Family and local residents claimed signs of torture were visible on body.	Opposition groups and the Kashmir Bar Association condemned his death in custody. DGP, J.N. Saksena, when asked about the death was reported as saying: "I am not aware of it, I will look into it".

Ghulam Mohammad from Latakot	July 1991	Detained by the security forces and taken to an interrogation centre.	Body handed over to relatives on 18 July. Opposition groups and the Kashmir Bar Association allege he died as a result of torture.	
Abdul Gani Khan from Nishat	3 Dec 1990	Allegedly detained on 3 December 1990 by security forces.	Body found in Habak village. Local people said he died in custody, shortly after arrest.	An official spokesman reported in press, December 1990, stating that the circumstances of the incident were under investigation.
Imtiaz Ahmed Mir, aged 30, bookseller	October 1990	Reportedly arrested in October in Anantnag by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 53rd Battalion. Relatives say they saw him being taken away.	Body found by roadside day after arrest. Family had photos of his body which showed bruises, cigarette burns and a bullet wound in the stomach.	Relatives filed a complaint with the police. CRPF deny his arrest.
Bashir Ahmad, a contractor from Baramulla	11 July 1990	Arrested with two others on 10 July by security forces.	Died in custody allegedly as result of torture during interrogation. Police refused to take body, which was thrown into a river by security forces.	Body later recovered and buried by local people.
Ghulam Hassan Sheikh, from Kupwara	11 July 1990	Arrested by security forces on 10 July.	Died day after arrest, allegedly as result of torture during interrogation.	
Fayaz Ahmad Matoo, aged 19,	21 June 1990	Shot while bathing with friends in a pond on 21 June. Detained in injured	Two days after arrest, body returned to relatives by CRPF	

from Ahmada Kadal, Srinagar		condition by CRPF and taken to an interrogation centre.	without any explanation. Died allegedly as result of torture.	
Mangta Khan, from Dadapora, Kupwara	3 or 4 June 1990	Arrested by army with other villagers on 3 June 1990 and taken to an army camp.	Body handed over to Kralpora hospital day after arrest. Death reportedly caused by fractured skull. Allegedly died as a result of torture during interrogation.	
Ghulam Qadir War, aged 65, from Arizal, Budgam	June 1990	Arrested by security forces and taken to Akhnoor interrogation centre, Jammu.	Died in custody. Allegedly killed by security forces during interrogation.	Despite a court order, body not returned to home for burial.
Mohammad Sultan Malik, from Sopore	June 1990	Arrested by security forces and taken to an interrogation centre.	Died reportedly as a result of torture.	
1. Ashiq Hussain 2. Sajjad Ahmad Khan 3. Inayat Ahmad 4. Nisar 5. Latif Ahmad	June 1990	After an exchange of fire with security personnel, they were captured and taken to an interrogation centre.	An opposition group, Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, claimed the men were tortured to death: Ashiq Hussain reportedly had injuries on his face, and Sajjad Ahmad had noose marks on his neck.	
Mohammad Altaf Khan, aged 28, businessman from Batapora, Haihama, Kupwara	Between 20-23 May 1990	Arrested on 20 May 1990 by the 268 Artillery Brigade and taken to Drugmula army camp.	Died reportedly as result of torture. His dead body taken to District Hospital, Kupwara, on 23 May. Army claimed he was	Post-mortem reportedly noted he died as the result of head injuries and that his body was badly bruised. No bullet injuries found on the body.

			shot in an "encounter" while crossing the Pakistan border.
Mohammad Ayub Khan, aged 35, farmer from Zirihamah (or Zurhama), Kupwara	14 May 1990	Arrested at 9.30pm on 14 May 1990 by the 68 Mountain Brigade from his home.	Allegedly tortured during interrogation, then killed at Laderwan by five bullets fired at close range.
Abdul Majid Khan, aged 22, student from Marhama, Kupwara	May 1990	Arrested by 68 Mountain Brigade on 22 May 1990 with his father. Shot and injured in the village. While on the way to hospital his father was reportedly thrown out of the jeep. Abdul Majid Khan was taken for interrogation.	Several days later, body found with an eye missing, numerous bruises and burns. Died allegedly as a result of torture during interrogation.
Shabir Ahmad Sulati, aged about 19, from Narwara, Srinagar	May 1990	Arrested by security forces and taken to an interrogation centre.	Died reportedly as result of torture during interrogation. Body given to his father on 15 May 1990 by police in Srinagar.
Altaf Aly	May 1990	Detained in mid-May 1990 with 14 others from Haihama-Payerpora, Kupwara district by security forces. Held in military barracks in Kupwara and then in a camp near Srinagar. Altaf Aly and a relative allegedly given electric shocks.	The 14 other men were later released without charge but Altaf Aly was reportedly beaten to death in custody.
Ab Razak from Beerwah, Budgam	7 April 1990	Arrested by armed forces in March 1990.	Died allegedly as result of torture during interrogation.

Hilal Ahmad, aged 23, from Mysoma, Srinagar	1990	Arrested by the security forces in Kupwara and taken to an interrogation centre.	Died in custody allegedly as a result of torture. Body given to relatives with one ear missing and visible burn marks.	
Sarabjit Singh, aged 26, a Sikh from Deoli Bishnah village, Jammu and Kashmir	8 June 1989	Alleged to be an armed separatist, he was arrested from Deoli Bishnah by police on 7 June in connection with a bank robbery in Gandhi Nagar.	Died morning after arrest. His father claimed his body bore the marks of multiple injuries and that he died due to torture. Official sources stated he committed suicide. Photographers not allowed to see body.	Post-mortem conducted at SMJS hospital and a magisterial inquiry ordered. Minister of Works said those responsible had been discharged from duty and if found guilty would be given fitting sentences. The <i>Kashmir Times</i> , 10 June 1989, reported that: "Initial investigation revealed that the 'youth was tortured to death', with multiple injuries on his body."
Ghulam Mohammad Shah, aged 70, from Kadipora, father of two opposition group leaders.	5 April 1989	Police claim he was taken into custody from his home in Kadipora for questioning after he refused to hand over to police people who had taken refuge in his house.	Died in Anantnag hospital. Police say he had a cerebro-vascular attack and was taken to hospital immediately. One of the Shah's sons alleged however, that he had been "hit and severely beaten up by police."	Large demonstrations in Anantnag followed news of his death. Troops issued with shoot-on-sight orders during curfew.

List of deaths in custody in Karnataka, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Narasimha Raju, aged 20, from Tumkur	12 July 1990	Arrested on 8 July by Tilak Park police, Tumkur in connection with a theft. After three days, family went to police station with lawyer, where police denied he was ever brought there, even though a neighbour saw him there two days earlier. The following day, relatives brought a <i>habeas corpus</i> petition in Tumkur district court, and district deputy commissioner ordered inquiry by SDM, Madhugiri and the CoD. Fellow prisoner saw him being taken to "crime room" at town police station on 11 July where he was tortured.	Fellow prisoner claimed he was killed in police custody the next day and had to load his body onto police van.	CoD arrested driver of police van who helped tracing the body, found on roadside in Chikmagalur. Post-mortem noted several injuries. Police denied arrest and torture. Three police officers suspended and charged with illegal arrest, torture, murder and destroying the evidence. Government reportedly granted Rs. 20,000 relief to family.
Unnamed, youth, political leader, from Gulbarga	January 1990	Held in Brahmapur police station, Gulbarga.	Died in custody of Brahmapur police.	His death caused widespread violence in Gulbarga. Sub-inspector of Brahmapur police station ordered to be arrested and case of murder registered against him. He absconded. Chief Minister Veerendra Patil visited Gulbarga, said "use of third degree methods must stop" and that he would convene meeting of top district and state-level police officers in Bangalore to discuss deaths in custody.
Channaiah, aged 40, autorickshaw driver	18 May 1988	Arrested on suspicion of theft of autorickshaws according to police on 17 May. Wife claimed he was arrested	Reportedly found hanging in Subramanyanagar police station at 5am.	Demonstrations followed news of the death. Inquest by Taluk executive magistrate. Body taken for post-mortem without informing family. Post-mortem at Victoria Hospital found death due to asphyxia caused by

		on 12 May, and that she was not allowed to see him.	Police claimed he hanged himself with a blanket from the door of his cell. Wife claims he was killed by police, who had told her he had "stomach pains" and died.	hanging. Wife and opposition MLA's demanded a second post-mortem. State government ordered an inquiry by Bangalore District Magistrate, rejecting opposition demand for a judicial inquiry. Three policemen suspended. One report alleges police offered Rs. 5,000 to wife in exchange for her silence. Government ordered CoD inquiry.
Chandrashekhar Mandi, aged 25, weaver	17 Feb 1988	Arrested for playing <i>matka</i> (illegal gambling). Held at Banahatti police station, Bijapur district.	Died in Banahatti police station. Police claimed he died on the way to hospital after an epileptic attack. Family denied he suffered from epilepsy and alleged he was beaten to death in custody.	His death sparked off riots in Banahatti. Family were shown body and claim "We could see blood clots on his left ear and wounds on the forehead. "His shirt was soaked in blood". Post-mortem examination carried out. Karnataka High Court admitted a petition seeking CBI investigation into the death, compensation for family and legal action against responsible police officials.
Gurumurthy, aged 21.	13 Jan 1988	Arrested on 13 January with two others, including Raj Kumar (below), for involvement in rioting. Taken to Doddepete police station where an inmate allegedly witnessed their torture. Fellow detainee alleged he saw Gurumurthy being tortured, that his legs were burnt with rubber strips, and that when he asked for water, a constable urinated in his mouth. He himself was threatened not to disclose what he had seen.	Died in Doddepete police station, allegedly as a result of torture. Body taken to McGann hospital. Police claim the two men died in an "encounter".	Post-mortem held. Inquiry by DSP and DIG, Eastern Range, announced and seven police officials, including head constable, reportedly suspended and remanded in judicial custody until 2 February, a case of murder and unlawful confinement registered against them. One sub-inspector suspended for dereliction of duty in failing to rush him to hospital. Social Welfare Minister promised Rs. 20,000 compensation to family and reportedly said a judicial inquiry would be held "if necessary" following opposition demands for an impartial inquiry.
Raj Kumar, aged 20	13 Jan 1988	Arrested on 13 January with two others, including Raj Kumar (below), for involvement in rioting. Taken to Doddepete police station where an inmate allegedly witnessed their torture.	Collapsed and later died in custody of Doddapete police, either in Doddapete police station or in transit from Bhadravati police	As above.

M.A. Rasheed,
aged 40, lawyer
from
Pathanamthitta,
Kerala

18 August
1987
(approx)

Arrested on 14 August by police from High Grounds police station, Bangalore, for trespassing. Released on bail the same day, he claimed he had been tortured in custody. On 16 August he reportedly phoned a Bangalore lawyer to say he had again been arrested this time for speaking to the press about his detention.

station. Body taken to McGann hospital. Witness claims he could have survived had medical treatment been given promptly.

Found dead on railway lines near Salem in Tamil Nadu, two days after his re-arrest. Allegedly died as a result of torture.

FIR reportedly said injuries on body were ante mortem: a case of suspected murder registered and case handed over to CBI, whose inquiry held the police and R.L. Jalappa (former Karnataka chief minister) responsible for the death. The trial on charges including murder was referred to Madras High Court. Seven police officers condemned to various terms of imprisonment, including two life sentences, for murder.

List of deaths in custody in Kerala allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Kuttappam of Neyyattinkara, Trivandrum	4 July 1991	Arrested on 3 July by Parassala police, Trivandrum. Allegedly beaten by a station constable.	Died on day of release allegedly as a result of torture by police.	Post-mortem reportedly revealed rupture of spleen caused by torture. Government suspended Sub-inspector and Constable. Inquiry by deputy sub-inspector ordered.
Gangadharan of Killimanoor	16 June 1991	Reportedly arrested by police while waiting for a bus at Karettu Junction.	Allegedly beaten by police at bus stop and later in cell. Wife and mother reportedly alleged that he committed suicide by pouring kerosene over himself to avoid further police torture.	
Velayudhan Pillai, aged 58, of Pongode, Trivandrum	June 1991	Arrested on 10 June by forest guards on suspicion of theft.	Body found on 12 June near Karmana river, Trivandrum. Allegedly beaten to death by police.	Post-mortem allegedly revealed marks of torture all over the body.
Divakaram, aged 46, of Mannar, Alapuzha District	27 May 1991	Arrested 23 May by Mannar police, Alapuzha district for possession of cannabis. Brought to court on 24 May, remanded to Mavelikara sub-jail.	Admitted to hospital on 27 May and died on the same day allegedly due to torture.	Post-mortem reportedly revealed signs of brain damage. Police investigation into murder allegation was opened by the South police.
Syamala Kumar, of Ulloor, Trivandrum	3 May 1991	Arrested on 30 April by Trivandrum police, on charge of bootlegging. Allegedly beaten by the police in Attakulangara sub-jail. Brought to	Taken to hospital on 3 May, where he died.	Doctors reportedly found death due to brain damage caused by reduction in alcohol level, but relatives claim he died after torture. Post-mortem listed eight injuries and contusions on head and limbs.

court on 31 April, remanded to sub-jail.

Balakrishnan Nair,
driver, aged 29,
from Perungadavila
Vazhakudi North

10 July
1989

Arrested in Neyyattinkara, near
Trivandrum, on 9 July 1989 in
connection with a murder.

Police said he was
found hanging in
Neyyattinkara police
station the morning
after arrest and claimed
he hanged himself using
threads of sacks given
him to sleep in.

Kerala government reportedly announced a judicial
inquiry into the incident. Two policemen suspended.

Rajendra-prasad,
aged 29, from
Kanchiravila,
Trivandrum

End of May
1989

Arrested late May by Trivandrum
police. Allegedly tortured. Produced in
court the day after arrest.

Died allegedly as a
result of police torture.

Post-mortem ordered.

Palakkurissi
Muhammad Kutty,
aged 40, of
Pattambi

March
1989

Palakkurissi Muhammad Kutty was
arrested for gambling along with 11
other people.

Died in police custody.
A crowd gathered in
Pattambi protesting at
the death, alleging that
he had died as a result
of police torture.

Thampi, aged 26

27 Feb
1988

Arrested on 26 February, according to
press for "wandering under suspicious
circumstances". Taken to Cochin sub-
jail.

Police claim he suffered
an epileptic fit. Dead
on arrival at hospital in
Cochin.

Shanmugan, aged
29, of
Maruthanthakai
Madura district

Nov 1987

Reportedly brought to police station by
people of Onakkattu near Ozhur for a
theft. Some women claimed to have
witnessed him being beaten by police
when he refused to clear bushes in
police station.

Police at first said that
he died from a snake
bite. However, body
was found hanging
from a tree in the police
yard. His feet were
touching the ground.
Local residents allege
he was tortured.

Post-mortem examination found he died of hanging.

Madhavan Nair, aged 62, from Malayalapuzha	Late July 1987	Arrested by Pathanamthitta police. Allegedly beaten by police officers and returned to his house unconscious.	Died soon after being returned home, allegedly as a result of police torture.	A case of unnatural death was registered against the police.
Chandra Sekara Varyar of Panavalli, near Cherthala	9 June 1987	Reportedly arrested in connection with theft of a chain. Taken to crime branch CID of Ponnuruthi. Police reported that he escaped from there.	Reportedly found dead on railway tracks on around the 9 June 1987. Local residents alleged that he was tortured to death by police, that they heard his screams and that the body was placed on the rails to hide the truth.	A constable from another police station (Chennithala) was suspicious about the "escape" story.
Nasiruddin	15 Feb 1986	Nasiruddin was a hospital patient who reportedly assaulted a hospital warden and was then beaten to death by hospital staff and duty police when he tried to escape.	Died at 9pm in Quilon District hospital after being returned there, allegedly tied to a tree by police and hospital staff and beaten until he slumped to the ground, the incident being watched by his wife.	Post-mortem examination carried out at Medical College Hospital. Four constables of the Armed Reserve Police reportedly arrested.
Sasidharan Nair, from Vanchiyoor, Trivandrum	14 Dec 1985	Arrested on 14 December on suspicion of theft and taken to Vanchivoor police station, Trivandrum, where he was allegedly beaten.	Police claimed he hanged himself in Vanchivoor police station during daytime. Locals claim he was beaten to death by police. Body taken to the Medical College Hospital.	Demonstrations outside <i>thana</i> followed news of death. Judicial inquiry was reportedly ordered by the Kerala government to be held by a retired judge, Sri A.R. Vijayan.

Manian, aged 27, from Pallichal, Trivandrum, <i>dalit</i>	28 Nov 1985	Arrested on 20 November after a fight with neighbours and taken to Balarampuram police station. Allegedly denied food and visits by wife. On 21 November released on bail, seriously injured and unable to walk.	Brought home in dying condition and taken to Medical College Hospital, Balarampuram where he died, allegedly as result of torture.	Body showed swollen genitals, bruised chest and injuries to hands and feet. Local people called for the arrest of those responsible for the death and police reportedly registered a case against four police officials.
Jose Sebastian	12 Nov 1985	Arrested on suspicion of theft on 7 November. Not produced before magistrate. One report claims he was arrested for refusing to supply free alcohol to police.	Died in hospital. Doctor at the Konni health centre said his body bore signs of torture - black marks and extensive swelling.	Four police officials from Konni police station were arrested and remanded in custody on murder charges. Crime branch investigation attributed death to serious injuries to his chest and thighs. The report was passed to the magistrate's court.

List of deaths in custody in Madhya Pradesh allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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Ram Singh, <i>sarpanch</i> of Arra Koder village, <i>adivasi</i>	Early April 1992	Reportedly tortured by police from Bohandiguda police station for alleged assistance to Naxalites.	Died allegedly as a result of injuries sustained under police torture.	Kodernar police station officer suspended following complaints by local <i>adivasis</i> .
Wahid, also known as Ismail, from Gohalpur, aged 22	21 Sept 1989	Arrested by Omti police on 20 September and held in Omti police station. Reason for arrest unknown.	Police claimed he committed suicide by hanging, using strands of rope from his bed. Police reportedly said the suicide was due to "insanity". Local residents disbelieve police version. Local advocate alleged he was killed by police.	Post-mortem carried out at Jabalpur Medical College reportedly attributed death to suicide. On 25 September, a High Court judge ordered body exhumed and sent to Bhopal for second post-mortem by forensic experts, whose report would be submitted to the court. High Court also ordered seizure of first post-mortem report and of papers relating to arrest and detention by Omti police. On 12 October the High Court in a <i>habeas corpus</i> petition, ordered state government, DGP and others to produce the body.
Chandra, <i>adivasi</i> youth	21 June 1989	Arrested with two others for attacking a police constable; taken to Khamaria police station, Jabalpur.	Died on day of arrest. Deputy IGP, Jabalpur reportedly said the death was possibly due to beating by police.	Post-mortem reportedly carried out. Five policemen reportedly suspended from duty.
Mohammad Hanif, aged 40, factory worker	6 Aug 1988	Reportedly drunk when arrested - date of arrest unknown.	Died in Ranjhi police station.	Magisterial inquiry ordered by zonal IGP, to be conducted by CID.
Kanshi Aharwal,	1 July 1988	Arrested on 30 June and taken to Banwar police post under Kumhari	As soon as he was released on bail, he was	Post-mortem reportedly carried out. Magisterial inquiry ordered.

aged 45, <i>beedi</i> contractor		police station where he was allegedly severely beaten. Released on bail the next morning, vomiting blood.	taken to district hospital where he died, allegedly as a result of the police beating.	
Kunjami Pandu, from Bainchalam village, near Jagdalpur	June 1988	Arrested with three others on suspicion of murder. Allegedly beaten by police in Bhairmagad police station.	Died on his way to hospital, where he arrived with his throat cut.	Residents of Bainchalam wrote to state government, police and local magistrate demanding an impartial inquiry.
Balwant Singh of Agavai village, near Gwalior	13 May 1988	Arrested on 11 May and taken to Pichhore police station.	Found hanging from a tree, allegedly with wounds visible on his body.	Post-mortem reportedly found death due to ruptured spleen. Four policemen reportedly dismissed and charged with murder, and a request was made to DGP by a zonal inspector for a full investigation.
Govardhan, aged 55, from Baimundi village, Seraipali	31 March 1988	Arrested on 16 March and remanded in custody in Seraipali police station.	Died in D.K hospital.	Post-mortem reportedly ordered.
Krishna Masih, aged 35, from Bilaspur	16 Feb 1988	Arrested on suspicion of illegally selling liquor; taken to Chakarbhata police station where police claimed he fell ill with chest pain.	Taken to Bilaspur district hospital by police the day after arrest, where he died.	Magisterial inquiry ordered to be conducted by SDM, Mr Agarwal. Judicial inquiry requested by Chief District Police.
Pyarelal	June 1988	Pyarelal and other prisoners in Kanker sub-jail took part in protests about jail conditions, as a result of which, according to other prisoners, Pyarelal was beaten.	Died in hospital allegedly due to beatings by guards of Kanker sub-jail, day after he had submitted a petition to local magistrate expressing fear he would be killed in prison.	Government officials in Bhopal reportedly asked for details of the death.
Ram Dayal, <i>dalit</i> , from Chattarpur district	April 1988	Arrested with a friend (who reportedly escaped); both were beaten during arrest by Lugani village police, Chattarpur district. Eye-witnesses said	Died either in Naugaon hospital or Lugasi police station the day after arrest.	Post-mortem reportedly found 30 injuries including broken ribs. State home minister announced that two policemen had been suspended and charged with

		that Ram Dayal was taken alive to police station where he was allegedly tortured during the night. They claimed his cries could be heard.		murder. <i>Ex-gratia</i> payment reportedly ordered to be made to his family.
Joga Rao, from Andhra Pradesh, resident of Bhilai, Durg district	2 Dec 1987	Arrested in Bhilai on 1 December in connection with fraud and held overnight.	On 2 December admitted to hospital where he died. Police said he had complained of pain in stomach and chest. Sister alleges he died due to police beatings.	Violent demonstrations followed news of his death. Post-mortem held. District officer reportedly said that an inquiry would be held. Several MLAs reportedly took up the case.
Achchhelal Joshi, aged 55 or 60, from Patha village	Dec 1987	Arrested on 13 December by Tikamgarh police when police were unable to find his two sons accused of theft. Allegedly beaten when unable to pay bribe.	Died in Tikamgarh police station soon after arrest, allegedly as a result of injuries sustained under torture.	Town observed a two day strike to protest the death. Magisterial inquiry ordered. Family reportedly offered Rs. 2,000 compensation.
Tulsi Ram Kachi	25 Aug 1987	Convicted for murder in 1977 and serving a life sentence in Sagar district jail. Allegedly beaten for refusing to do forced labour ordered by a police superintendent.	Died in Sagar district jail, allegedly due to beating by police. Jail officials claimed death was due to illness.	Body reportedly handed over to relatives without being sent for post-mortem examination. Opposition leaders demanded an inquiry.
Sardar Singh	23 Aug 1987	Held in jail since 4 August. Died on the day his case was to be heard.	Died in Sagar district jail. One jail guard alleged death due to beating given because his family did not pay a bribe. Other jail staff reportedly claimed death was due to illness.	Opposition leaders demanded an inquiry.
Kamla Bai	5 Aug 1987	Reportedly illegally detained with six others on suspicion of theft; all were	Died at Padwara police station, Katni tehsil,	Post-mortem held at Katni hospital. Sub-inspector suspended. PUCL investigation reported that doctors

		reportedly tortured under interrogation at Padwara police station, Katni tehsil.	allegedly as a result of torture.	who performed post-mortem "failed to uphold professional ethics". PUCL report attributed death to "inhuman beating" by police. Magisterial inquiry held.
Lakhan Singh	July 1987	Arrested in Bahroul village and questioned about theft. Family visited him for three days after arrest.	On fourth day after arrest body found in forest near police station. Family alleged he was killed by police.	Family asked for judicial inquiry.
Mihilal Ahirvar	June 1987	Arrested on 28 June in Karapur village on a drink charge. Allegedly beaten by police in custody.	Taken to hospital the next day where he died, allegedly as a result of torture.	
Chaturbhuj Singh, aged 60.	27 Feb 1987	Arrested in January with three others by Jabera police and allegedly kept in illegal detention and tortured for a period of one month.	Found hanging from a tree. MLAs alleged his death was caused by police torture.	State home minister announced an inquiry would be held by IGP Gwalior.
Shivalingappa Shirol of Moodalgi village, Bijapur	Feb 1986	Arrested on 4 February by Mahalingapur police. His wife complained to district SP that her husband had "disappeared".	Died in Mahalingapur police station, having lost consciousness allegedly as a result of beatings.	SP K.U.R. Tagore instituted departmental inquiry which reportedly blamed police from Mahalingapur station for the death, said to have resulted from beating in police station by head constable in presence of other policemen. SP recommended a further inquiry by CoD. Criminal case reportedly registered against head constable.
Ghasiram Satnami, <i>dalit</i> , from Urra village	Jan 1986	Arrested with his wife on suspicion of theft. His wife was reportedly stripped; both were reportedly beaten.	Died in Malharoda police station, Bilaspur district, allegedly after being beaten by police.	State home minister announced that a case had been registered against some police officials, who had absconded. He denied allegations that the post-mortem report had been faked to conceal the real cause of death.

List of deaths in custody in Maharashtra allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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Sheikh Jam Zakir, aged 16	3 Aug 1991	Held in Jensi Nagar police station, Auranganbad.	Died in police station allegedly as a result of torture to extract confession.	Minister of state reportedly stated he was beaten. CID investigation was announced in addition to a magisterial inquiry. Inspector and three constables reportedly suspended, arrested and charged with culpable homicide.
Vishwas Lotangane, member of CITU	29 July 1990	Arrested with 16 others after the murder of a company manager. Allegedly beaten by police in custody. Held in Harsul jail under TADA.	Died in Harsul prison, allegedly as a result of torture.	2,000 factories in Marathwada region observed a "protest day" over the death.
Raju Mohite, aged 26, from Andheri, Bombay, <i>dalit</i>	6 July 1990	Arrested by police on 26 June in Nasik village in connection with a burglary. Taken to Bombay and remanded in custody twice before being discharged on 5 July. Reportedly detained in Shivira police station, Andheri, Bombay, allegedly incommunicado.	Died in Bhagwati Hospital, Dahisar, day after release. His brother seeing him after release claims he was unable to stand and had wounds all over his body. According to relatives, his legs were swollen, he passed blood in his urine and vomited blood.	Post-mortem revealed injuries consistent with torture inflicted during period covering police custody; probable cause of injuries: "a hard and blunt object". Police allegations that Raju Mohite suffered from jaundice not born out by clinical records. Police claim injuries were caused by a fall or accident. Protests voiced in state assembly. After a preliminary inquiry by Crime Branch Unit, seven policemen from the <i>thana</i> , including a sub-inspector, were arrested for causing injury to extract a confession.
Nandalal Rughawani, aged 19, from Nagpur	30 June 1990	Arrested by police in Nagpur with his brother after a complaint by a neighbour.	Died in police custody allegedly due to police beatings.	Policemen involved in the arrest were suspended. CID inquiry announced. Minister of state for home affairs claimed the victim had cirrhosis of the liver and congested lungs.

Namdeo Atak, aged 18, a Bagdi Dhangar (nomadic tribe), <i>adivasi</i>	22 June 1990	According to his sister Parvati Rusankote, he was beaten with belts and <i>lathis</i> when he attempted to prevent a group of drunken policemen from taking his sister away on 21 June. In Tulzapur station he was allegedly tied to a table and beaten and his sister, who was pregnant, was sexually assaulted. Namdeo Atak fell unconscious. Also allegedly beaten with clubs in front of his father and other witnesses. Police claimed that he was wanted for picking the pocket of a customs officer.	Died in police custody at 1.30am, allegedly as a result of four hours of beatings. Body taken to Civil Hospital where forty marks of external injuries were allegedly counted on the body; almost every bone had been broken.	Police charge of pick-pocketing reportedly never registered. His death caused condemnation of the police in the State Assembly. All policemen allegedly involved suspended and high level CID inquiry instituted. Chief Minister Sharad Pawar admitted police responsibility for killing but rejected demands for judicial inquiry saying it would only delay necessary action. Promised compensation to family and that those guilty would be brought to justice.
Vijendra singh Thakur, aged 19	3 June 1990	A prisoner in Wardha district jail arrested in May 1990.	Died in Wardha district jail, allegedly as a result of torture. Police claim he was mentally unbalanced and died after a fall.	Three policemen reportedly suspended. Inquiry ordered by Inspector General of Prisons. An MLA who claimed to have seen Virendra singh Thakur on day before death said he was mentally sound and had been beaten.
Bhagwan Navle	20 May 1990	Held in custody of Hasnabad police in Jalna district.	Died in what the press described as "suspicious circumstances".	Three policeman were suspended and the state CID was reported to be investigating.
Netaji Balu Lohar, aged 25	22 April 1990	Arrested by Hupari police on 18 April in connection with theft. Allegedly beaten first by employers and then by police in Hupari police station.	Body found next day hanging in police station. Allegedly beaten and killed by police.	Four policemen arrested and ten charged with murder. Post-mortem found he died of suffocation.
Jayraj Korgaonkar, aged 28	6 January 1990	Arrested on 5 January 1990 in connection with an attempted murder. Brought to Kalachowky police station at 3am.	Reportedly collapsed in station. Taken to KEM hospital where he was declared dead. Local	Post-mortem held. Preliminary report allegedly said there was a minor injury on the right side of the forehead.

Arun Tulshiram Kharat	9 March 1989	Arrested approximately on 8 March on suspicion of kidnapping and raping a minor.	residents claim police beat him to death. Died in Ghatkopar police station. Police claimed that death was due to suicide by hanging.	MLAs told Minister of State for Home Affairs it was impossible to commit suicide by hanging oneself by a pair of trousers as police alleged. State home minister Rohidas Patil reportedly said that an inquiry would be held. Some police officials reportedly arrested.
Jagdish (Jaggu) Laxman Chavan, aged 33, member of Pardhi tribe, <i>adivasi</i>	3 March 1989	Arrested 13-15 February in connection with a theft and murder by Khopali police from Palton road police station, Bombay. Taken to Khopali police station where he was beaten with 19 others. All were accused of gang robbery. Two co-accused claim they saw Jaggu Chavan being tortured.	Died in police custody after being discharged from Panvel hospital where he had been taken by police on 24 February complaining of breathing trouble. Police claim he died of "unidentified illness". Body handed over to relatives (who say it was swollen and covered in contusions) and cremated three days later.	Medical reports on 18 of the 19 persons listed a number of injuries due to beating. Judicial inquiry found insufficient evidence to prove death due to torture. Inquest by executive magistrate who did not find proof that he had been tortured to death by police although he did not rule out the possibility. High Court observed that he had been assaulted by Khapoli police and did not believe police version of accidental death or that he was ill before arrested. Court ordered CID investigation into the death and awarded Rs. 300 to each of the victims.
Ramu Aba Bhandirge from Shenawadi village, Satara district	3 Nov 1988	Arrested in Shenawadi by Aundh police on 3 November on suspicion of selling drugs. His son claimed he witnessed him being beaten by police until he began vomiting blood and collapsed.	Died soon after release allegedly as a result of beatings by police.	In August 1990 the Bombay High Court directed the state CID (Crime), Pune, to conduct an inquiry. The court set aside a 1989 report conducted by the Satara DSP, CID, which had found that he had died of natural causes, because the investigation was "not only irregular but illegal..."
Desharath Ashroo Patthe, aged 32, policeman	7 Aug 1988	Arrested by Byculla police on 4 August on suspicion of theft. His mother visited him in custody and claimed he was fit and well.	Died an hour after admission to J.J. hospital where he was taken from Byculla police station. Police	Post-mortem held. Coroner said death was due to "cardiorespiratory arrest, delirium, tremors due to alcohol withdrawal." However, press report police complicity in his death and that alterations were made both to the death certificate and post-mortem report. Medical

			claim death due to alcohol withdrawal.	experts reportedly differed with police about cause of death.
Siddarth Taku Nage, aged 21	10 June 1988	Arrested following a neighbour's complaint about "eve-teasing". Date of arrest unknown. Held at Jawahar Nagar, Khar (east) police station.	Died at Tilak hospital, Sion, allegedly due to police beatings the previous day.	A constable from Nirmal Nagar police station was arrested and charged with murder.
Riyaz Sadik Varekar	9 June 1988	Arrested by Mumbra police after a fight with a bus-passenger. Sent to Rabale police station, Thane, where he was allegedly beaten by police on 8 June.	Taken by police to Thane hospital where he died, allegedly due to police beatings.	Magisterial inquiry held. State home minister said death was due to "cardio-respiratory failure" and ordered a CID inquiry.
Sodarranj Thangraj alias Vadivelu, aged 24, civic employee	1 March 1988	Arrested by Santa Cruz (West) police on 29 February on suspicion of theft. Taken to Santa Cruz police station where his mother claims he was tortured and suspended from the ceiling. Witnesses say before arrest he was attacked by a gang (whom his mother claims conspired with the police).	Died in Cooper Hospital where he was taken by police on the day after arrest. Police reportedly admitted torture by a Santa Cruz constable.	Second post-mortem examination performed at J.J. Hospital found death resulted from "shock due to multiple injuries", all except one being ante mortem. First post-mortem had failed to detail all these injuries; neither report gave time of death. State home minister announced CID inquiry. In October, the CID charged five people, including a constable attached to Santa Cruz police station with culpable homicide. However, it was reported that the policemen had not been arrested and that the FIR was missing.
Prakash Ramchandra Kamble, aged 22	11 Nov 1987	Arrested on 11 November with one other by Naupada police, Thane, for possession of lethal weapons. The co-accused, who was released on bail, claims both were beaten, and that Prakash Kamble was hit with a leather belt and iron pipe by senior police inspector. Appeared before a magistrate, allegedly with blood oozing from his mouth.	Died, allegedly due to severe beating by Thane police, soon after appearing before a magistrate (who remanded him in custody).	Post-mortem found death due to "multiple injuries". Magistrate's inquest listed extensive external wounds. Inquiry ordered into why the remanding magistrate had failed to remark on the condition of the victim and had failed to file a FIR after Prakash Kamble's death or to record evidence of the co-accused and other witnesses.
Hushira Singh, aged 18	25 May 1987	Three policemen of Hill Line police station searching for Gurda Singh, a	Declared dead on arrival at Swami Sarvanand	Post-mortem said death due to heart failure resulting from "severe pulmonary hypertension", which could

		brother of Hushira Singh in the presence of Hushira Singh's relatives beat him until he collapsed.	hospital, Ulhasnagar, where he was taken by his family. Hushira Singh was a heart patient.	have been caused by severe chest injuries. Petition filed in the Bombay High Court sought a full inquiry.
Maruthi Dahikar	26/27 April 1987	Neither the date or cause of arrest are known.	Died in Brahmपुरi police station, Chandrapur, allegedly as a result of being beaten by police inspector.	State home minister stated that the victim had committed suicide by hanging himself with his <i>dhoti</i> .
Suresh Dinkar Doiphode alias Bhurya, aged 28, resident of Dhor Galli, Pune	11 March 1987	Arrested by Subhanshah police at 11am on 11 March. Witnesses claimed police beat him during arrest. At 1pm he was taken semi-conscious to Faraskhana police station.	Reported dead at 2pm. Body kept overnight at Sasoon hospital. Police told relatives that he hanged himself during the afternoon in police station.	Post-mortem held at Sasoon hospital. Body reportedly cremated by police immediately after post-mortem, before it had been seen by relatives. State government appointed commission to investigate the death. Two police constables suspended.
Balu Rambhau Kanhayye	2 Feb 1986	Arrested with his brother, Murli, after communal riots. Eyewitnesses claimed the two were assaulted with canes during arrest.	Died in Chopda police station, Jalgaon district, allegedly due to torture by police.	15 police officials charged with murder. After three months in custody they were released on bail.
Murli Rambhau Kanhayye	2 Feb 1986	Arrested with his brother, Balu after communal riots. Eyewitnesses claimed the two were assaulted with canes during arrest.	Died in Chopda police station, Jalgaon district, allegedly due to torture by police.	15 police officials were charged with murder. After three months in custody they were released on bail.

List of deaths in custody in Manipur allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Nashir Khan, aged 26, of Thoubal district	28-30 August 1991	Arrested 28 August by Lilong police, reportedly on drugs charges. Reportedly taken back to his home the same day. His house was searched and he was beaten by the police, who returned later and said he had escaped.	Body found handcuffed by the Imphal river on 30 August, with visible injury marks. His wife claims he was tortured to death by police.	CLAHRO urged the government to order a judicial inquiry into his death.
N. Krishnamohon Singh, aged 29, of Thoubal district	between 29 July 1991 and 2 August 1991	Arrested by Kakching police on 29 July.	Body found in a lake in Kharungpat area on 2 August. Father believes he was killed by police in custody. Police maintain he escaped.	Inquiry ordered by SDM. CLAHRO, complained that inquest and post-mortem report were not available and that SDM did not allow advocates to assist the family.
S. Joel, aged 17	24-25 May 1990	Taken from brother's house in Viewland, Ukhrul, by Assam Rifles on 23 May. Detained at 20 Assam Rifles HQ in Somsai, where he was allegedly tortured. Brought home at 5am. Family claim he could hardly walk and was beaten by Assam Rifles in front of them. Taken back to Somsai where allegedly given electric shocks.	Died in custody of Assam Rifles. Allegedly shot while trying to escape; family believes he was killed in custody by members of the Assam Rifles.	Body taken to Ukhrul police station on 25 May for post-mortem examination.
M. Tharthing, aged 28	23 May 1990	Taken from his home early on 23 May by Assam Rifles and reportedly tortured by them. Father also allegedly tortured and had to be hospitalized.	Reportedly tortured and shot by Assam Rifles on morning of arrest. Body taken to 20 Assam Rifles HQ, Somsai.	Body handed over to Ukhrul police station on 23 May.

V.S. Cheery, aged 30, timber trader	3 May 1990	Detained by Assam Rifles in Gamnong village on 2 May 1990. Two others detained with him. They were all timber traders. All three men reportedly tortured by beatings and electric shocks.	Died in custody, allegedly as a result of torture.	Body taken to Chassad police station, then to Ukhrul for post-mortem on 4 May.
Ning-houjam Angou Singh, of Pangantabi village, Sugnu	28 January 1989	Arrested on 28 January by Chandel police. According to police he had chest pain and was taken to Chandel District hospital at noon.	Doctors declared him dead on arrival in hospital. Allegedly tortured to death by the police.	Inquiry initiated by SDM Chandel but discontinued. Death certificate stated that cause of death was internal injuries and that he was brought dead to the hospital. Forensic Science Laboratory, Guwahati, stated death was due to "shock from testicular pain sensation by blunt object". With assistance from CLAHRO, family filed a murder case and a suit for compensation. CJM directed the police to investigate.
Khaningpang, from Ukhrul district	21 Nov 1988	Arrested on 19 November at Hundung by Manipur Rifles, along with Shimreiwung (below). Both members of underground National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN).	Reportedly shot dead in Ukhrul while trying to escape.	
Shimreiwung, from Ukhrul district	21 Nov 1988	Arrested on 19 November at Hundung by Manipur Rifles, along with Khaningpang (above). Both members of underground NSCN.	Reportedly shot dead in Ukhrul while trying to escape.	
M. Esou, gaonbura (clan leader), aged 32	10-12 August 1987	Detained by Assam Rifles on 11 July 1987. Held at Khongdei Junior High School. Eyewitnesses report he was badly beaten before being shot by the Assam Rifles.	Assam Rifles claim he was killed in cross fire between them and the NSCN. They claim he was acting as a guide, but he was blindfolded when his body was found.	
R. Khova,	10-12	Detained by Assam Rifles on 11 July 1987 in Khongdei village.	Assam Rifles claim he was killed in cross fire	Post-mortem showed that he had been shot in the back.

gaonbura (clan leader), aged 35	August 1987		between them and the NSCN. Villagers said that he was tortured before being shot by the Assam Rifles.	
R. Mathotmi, member of Ngari village authority.	10-12 August 1987	Arrested on 15 July by Assam Rifles. Held in Khongdei Khuman village. Local reports suggest that he was badly beaten before being shot by the Assam Rifles.	Allegedly shot while in the custody of the Assam Rifles, who claim he was killed in the cross fire between them and the NSCN.	Post-mortem showed that he had been shot in the back and indicated an injury to the right elbow.
P. Rangkiwo. Ngari village headman	10-12 August 1987	Arrested on 15 July 1987 by the Assam Rifles. Held in Khongdei Khuman village. His son saw him being beaten by Assam Rifles.	Assam Rifles claim he was killed in cross fire between them and the NSCN. Local reports suggest that the Assam Rifles killed him.	
K. Sunai, aged 65, gaonbura (clan leader)	10-12 August 1987	Arrested by the Assam Rifles on 11 July 1987. Allowed to go home but rearrested five days later. Held at Khongdei Junior High School. His son claimed that his father was tortured and deliberately shot.	There is evidence that he was tortured and shot by the Assam Rifles while in their custody. Assam Rifles claim he was killed in cross fire between them and the NSCN.	Post-mortem indicated that he had been shot in the back.
N. Thava, aged 35 member of Khongdei Khuman village authority	15 August 1987	Detained by Assam Rifles on 11 July 1987. Rearrested twice and detained for the third time at Khongdei Junior High School. N. Thava's brother and several others claim he was tortured.	Allegedly died as the result of torture. Assam Rifles claimed he had committed suicide by hanging himself.	Brother claimed body covered in injuries. Post-mortem concluded death due to asphyxia resulting from hanging. It did not substantiate the conclusion by reference to a full examination of the scene of death.
P.L. Ring, headmaster.	7-8 August 1987	Arrested on 10 July 1987 by Assam	Assam Rifles claim he was killed in cross fire	Assam Rifles offered family Rs. 3000 and a blanket as compensation. The Guwahati High Court held Assam

		Rifles. Held at Khongdei Junior High School.	between them and the NSCN. Brother claims he was tortured in detention then shot by the Assam Rifles.	Rifles responsible for his death and ordered that Rs. 20,000 be paid to the family as compensation.
B. Wa, gaonbura (clan leader)	7-8 August 1987	Detained by Assam Rifles on 10 July 1987. Held at Khongdei Junior High School.	Assam Rifles claim he was killed in cross fire between them and the NSCN. There were reports from villagers, however, that he was tortured by the Assam Rifles and then deliberately shot.	Assam Rifles offered family Rs. 3000 and a blanket as compensation. Guwahati High Court held Assam Rifles responsible for his death and awarded family Rs. 20,000 in compensation.
L. Zamo, aged 65, headman of Khongdei Khuman	7-8 July 1987	Arrested on 11 July 1987 by the Assam Rifles. Held at Khongdei Junior High School. Son and nephew claimed to have seen him being tortured in custody of Assam Rifles.	Assam Rifles claim he was shot in an "encounter" with the NSCN. A number of villagers claimed he was deliberately killed by the Assam Rifles.	
P. Sanglong, chairman of Oinam village authority.	28 July 1987	Arrested by Assam Rifles on 10 July 1987. Later released but rearrested the next day. Wife and others claim he was tortured and hardly able to walk.	Assam Rifles claim he was "shot whilst running away". Family disbelieve this, considering his physical condition prior to death.	Assam Rifles offered family Rs. 3,000 and a blanket as compensation.
Th. Wakhoa, gaonbura (clan leader)	28 July 1987	Detained by Assam Rifles on 10 July 1987 who allegedly tortured him.	Assam Rifles claim he was "shot whilst running away". Villagers stated he was tortured in custody of Assam Rifles and then shot.	Assam Rifles offered family Rs. 3,000 and a blanket as compensation.

List of deaths in custody in Orissa, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Shiek Mairaj, grocer, from Bhadrak	30 March 1991	Arrested 30 March by police who reportedly beat him before taking him to police station. Removed to hospital later the same day.	Died the same day in hospital in Bhadrak. Police claim he was killed while trying to escape. Local residents claim he was killed by police for opposing police harassment of local grocery owners.	Family noted many injuries on body, and filed a case with sub-divisional judicial magistrate, Bhadrak, accusing two police officers of beating him to death. Local Janata Dal members demanded High Court inquiry and second post-mortem. First medical report submitted in court of the SDJM had claimed two external injuries were found, and that cause of death was ruptured spleen which had been caused by an old disease.
Susil Bag, hotel owner	Late Sept 1991	Arrested by Sasan and Jujomura police in connection with a murder. Detained for three days and reportedly assaulted until he vomitted blood.	Died after being released allegedly due to police beatings.	Two police officers suspended. Police registered a case of murder against them. After demands by members of Sambalpur Bar Association, second post-mortem ordered by the district administration to be held at V.S.S. Medical College, Burla, at Pardiapali.
Sudhir Samad, aged 14	20 August 1989	Reportedly found stealing iron scrap from a quarry at Hatibari near Rourkela on 19 August. Police said they released him after questioning.	Found dead by a roadside.	Police allegedly took charge of body, held a post-mortem and disposed of body without informing relatives. After local protests, sub-inspector and home guard from Rourkela suspended and second post-mortem ordered. Body reportedly given to family two days after death. Home guard concerned reportedly admitted to assaulting the boy during interrogation by senior police officers.
Ramarahi Ho Munda, aged 25, <i>adivasi</i>	20 March 1989	Detained in Karanjia police station, Mayurbhanj district. Date and circumstances of arrest not known.	Died in Karanjia police station. Another <i>adivasi</i> detained with him reportedly confessed to killing him by beating	District SP suspended a sub-inspector and a constable from Karanjia police station. MLAs demanded judicial inquiry. Inquiries held by Crime Branch and RDO concluded, according to Deputy Secretary to state government, that death occurred "under suspicious.

			him with a <i>lathi</i> . District SP suspected police involvement.	circumstances". State government subsequently ordered criminal and disciplinary action against three accused police officers.
K. Pradhan, <i>adivasi</i> , labourer, from Phulbani district	25 June 1988	Detained at G. Udayagiri police station, Phulbani district, after an argument with his wife.	Allegedly beaten to death by police. Police claim he committed suicide by hanging himself from a door hook. Villagers claim that the hook was not high enough for this.	Villagers surrounded police station and demanded an impartial inquiry and a post-mortem by a doctor from an outside area. Three policemen suspended.
Subal Pallei	9 March 1987	The date and circumstances of arrest are unknown. Detained at Udala police station, Mayurbhanj district.	Died reportedly during interrogation by police.	State Chief Minister reportedly said a judicial inquiry would not be held as a magisterial inquiry had already placed responsibility on the sub-inspector, assistant sub-inspector and two constables from Udala police station. The four had been suspended and charged with murder and the crime branch were investigating.
Kashinath Nayak	3 May 1985	Detained in Purivhat police station, Cuttack. Reportedly assaulted by Purivhat police on 3 May.	Died in custody while in Purivhat police station, allegedly as a result of torture.	In August 1988 it was reported that the former inspector in charge and senior sub-inspector of Purivhat police station had been sentenced to five and eight years rigorous imprisonment for causing the death of Kashinath Nayak. They were convicted of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

List of deaths in custody in Punjab, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Manjit Singh, aged 24, police constable	17 July 1991	Summoned to Sector 36 police station on 8 August 1991 and arrested under TADA. A case was registered against him for harbouring terrorists, involvement in violent attacks, including the murder of a policeman.	Died in Sector 16 General hospital. Police alleged he suffered from dysentery. However, Manjit Singh told doctors he had been tortured.	Post-mortem held at Sector 16 General Hospital. A medical report by former Chandigarh police colleagues noted a number of external injuries, listing contusions, inflammations and swelling on body. Father saw body and reported injuries and scratches. Father reportedly pressurized by police both to sign statement of identification without seeing body and to allow police to claim body for cremation. Executive magistrate held inquiry. Several people gave statements to SDM, Chandigarh, alleging he died from torture.
Avtar Singh, from Shatrana village, Patiala district. Independent candidate in postponed state assembly elections	Late July 1991	Reportedly taken on 26 July from Shatrana village and taken into custody by the Patiala police, arrest reportedly confirmed by an eyewitness. Taken to Pattern police station and later to Patiala interrogation centre and illegally detained.	PHRO inquiry reportedly stated that he died from torture in the custody of Patiala police. Police allege he died in an "encounter".	Photographs reportedly showed clearly visible torture marks on body and did not show bullet marks.
Tarsem Singh, member of Punjab home guards	15 May 1991	Arrested with two others on 9 May suspected of belonging to a gang of thieves. Held at Civil lines police station, Amritsar.	Police claimed he fell ill and was taken to hospital for treatment. Other sources state he died from torture.	Protests took place outside police station. Magistrate recorded father's statement that he had been offered money for not pressing the case. Officials announced action would be taken against five policemen and that a case of murder would be registered against the police. No action reportedly taken against Inspector and SHO whom the father had specifically named as being involved in the death.

Gurpreet Singh, from Dakha village, member of the Khalistan Commando Force (Jaffarwal)	5 Feb 1991	Detained by police outside Dakha village on 31 January 1991 with three others. Two of them reportedly said Gurpreet Singh had been shot dead by police.	Reportedly killed on the outskirts of Dakha village while in police custody.	
Sohan Singh from Dakha village, member of the Khalistan Commando Force (Jaffarwal)	5 Feb 1991	Detained by police outside Dakha village on 31 January 1991 with three others. Two of them reportedly said Sohan Singh had been shot dead by police.	Reportedly killed on the outskirts of Dakha village while in police custody.	
Parwinder Singh Ropar, a Babbar Khalsa activist	1 Jan 1991	Arrested on 31 December 1990 by the Border Security Forces in Nathwal village, Gurdaspur district and taken to Beco interrogation centre.	Reportedly received fatal injuries as the result of torture and died the next day.	PHRO and other organizations demanded a judicial inquiry.
Sukhdev Singh, alias Kaka, aged 22, welder	2 Oct 1990	Jalandhar police raided Nandpur village on 1 October 1990 in search of Sukhdev Singh.	Ran into nearby fields where police reportedly beat him to death. Police denied his arrest and claimed that he poisoned himself.	Post-mortem allegedly recorded at least ten injuries on body and head. PHRO investigation concluded he had been beaten with various instruments. Magisterial inquiry reportedly recorded the testimony of parents and witnesses, but despite three summonses the police did not appear before the magistrate.
Harpal Singh, aged 24, student and member of All India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF)	14 June 1990	Official sources alleged that he died in an armed "encounter" at Kotla Ajner with Baljit Singh (see below).	Police claimed they shot in self defence, and later that one of the two had committed suicide. Villagers and their families claimed it was a fake "encounter" and that the two men had been tortured and then killed in custody.	An article in the <i>Statesman</i> , and a PHRO investigation found that the "encounter" was fake. Investigation conducted by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, which concluded: "death of the two was not in the ordinary course of an encounter." According to <i>India Today</i> , government officials recommended prosecution of the police concerned but DGP protested that such prosecutions would demoralize the police force.

Baljit Singh, aged 20, student and member of AISSF	14 June 1990	Official sources alleged he died in armed encounter at Kotla Ajner with Harpal Singh (see above).	See above.	See above.
Karamjit Singh, aged 24, student	1 June 1990	Reportedly abducted by Chandigarh police on 30 May 1990.	Body found in Sector 16, Chandigarh, near Kacha Nala. Chandigarh police registered a case of suicide. Father alleged he died as the result of torture by the police or CRPF.	Father claimed there were signs of torture on his arms, chest and face. Post-mortem listed many injuries including multiple abrasions on both arms, the right lower chest and sternum, the right cheek and forehead, and bleeding or bruising in both eyes.
Bahadur Singh, from Juinde village, Bhatinda district, aged 28, labourer	28 Feb 1990	After a convention of the Akali Dal in Bhatinda he attended a protest on 26 February outside the residence of the SSP, Bhatinda. Others present stated they had seen him being hit with <i>lathis</i> by the police. Found later near a Gurudwara semi-conscious. He stated that he had been tortured in police custody.	He could not be taken immediately to hospital because village was surrounded by police. Died same night. Police sources denied he attended the protest and stated that his death was caused by excess alcohol consumption.	A doctor found his legs paralysed and considerable injuries to his torso. Police reportedly tried to threaten and bribe his family in an attempt to cover up their involvement. Inquiry by District Commissioner, Ferozepor, into the <i>lathicharge</i> found that minimum force was used and police acted in self defence. PHRO inquiry disputed these findings and found evidence to suggest that he died as a result of torture in police custody.
Raghbir Singh	19 July 1989	Arrested on 19 July and handed over at 8am to SHO at police post, Khassa, under the control of Chhehartta police station, Amritsar.	Brother said he died by 11am from police torture.	The local CPI unit requested an inquiry. SDM, Amritsar, reportedly undertook an inquiry. Local police reportedly refused to give evidence before the inquiry.
Gurmit Singh Machaki	11 July 1989	Arrested at Bombay airport and taken into custody for interrogation in connection with a number of "terrorist crimes".	Died in custody at Muktsar in Faridkot district. An official source said he was "bitten by a snake". Declared dead at Civil Hospital.	

Sarbjit Kaur, aged 13, from Gurdaspur district, female	11-16 June 1989	Sarbjit Kaur "disappeared" with Salwinder Kaur (see below) on 11 June.	Reportedly raped and then killed by two police men. Bodies found on 16 June in a drain near Bham village. Police alleged that the girls had committed suicide.	Governor ordered the dismissal and prosecution of a Punjab Armed Police constable and a Special Police Officer. <i>Indian Express</i> , stated the two men had been detained but no formal complaint had been registered due to "lack of evidence". Police claim post-mortem report did not mention cause of death. SSP, Batala, stated that the deaths were unnatural and may have been caused by strangulation. Local police reportedly beaten up the girls' parents to get them to say the girls committed suicide.
Salwinder Kaur, aged 14 from Gurdaspur district.	11-16 June 1989	Salwinder Kaur disappeared with Sarbjit Kaur (see above) on 11 June.	See above.	See above.
Surinder Singh, aged 22, from Basti Jodhewal.	30 April 1989	Arrested by Phillaur police on 24 April in Phillaur on suspicion that he had information about armed Sikh groups. Police denied he was in their custody when his family asked about him. However, his parents located him and obtained his release.	Died shortly after release. Parents allege he died from injuries sustained under torture.	
Balraj Singh Raji	Between 29 March -15 April 1989	Village leaders reportedly handed him over to Nurmahil police station on 29 March in return for release of his brother and father. Police alleged he was arrested after an "encounter" on 15 April 1989. While in custody he told his brother that he was tortured to give information about "terrorist activities".	Died in Civil Hospital, Nakodar allegedly as result of torture. Police initially denied arrest and later claimed that after his arrest he committed suicide by taking poison.	Father stated no post-mortem was conducted and that cremation took place before he could see the body.
Balwinder Singh, aged 20+, from Hoshiarpur	5 Nov 1988	Arrested by Dhule police on 3 November with Balveer Singh from Dhule Gurdwara and Bilkadi-Naka. Both were suspected to have links with	Reported to have committed suicide in police custody at Dhule by "hanging himself with a loin cloth".	

armed opposition groups and were remanded in custody by a magistrate.

Inder Mohan Singh Uppal alias Simpy, aged 22	12 Sept 1988	Detained on the night of 11-12 September by CRPF and police, in the presence of family. Local residents say charges of involvement in a bomb blast and of harbouring "terrorists" were fabricated by Sarabha Nagar police. Charges registered 5 days after arrest. On 29 October SHO told judicial magistrate that he was not being held.	SSP, Ludhiana, reportedly claimed he had escaped and also that he had not been arrested. Other sources said he died on night of arrest from torture.	FIR, dated 19 December 1988 was registered under section 364 of the IPC (kidnapping or abducting in order to murder) at Sarabha Nagar police station, Ludhiana. Investigation reported started.
Suresh Pal Singh, student, from Balta Jaisingh village	10-17 Feb 1988	Arrested by police on 10 February with two others, including his brother. Taken to Bijoi police station. Police stated he was drunk and had been fighting.	Allegedly beaten to death by police. Police claimed he was unwell due to excessive drinking. Taken to hospital where declared dead on arrival.	Crowd gathered as post-mortem being carried out. Judicial inquiry demanded. Inquiry was also ordered and SSP stated police personnel responsible were being charged with manslaughter.
Gurbax Singh, from Mundian village	2 Dec 1987	SSP (City) said he was arrested on 2 December in connection with murder.	Died in Civil Hospital, Ludhiana, after he reportedly complained of "chest pain".	SP (City) stated that an inquiry was being held. Post-mortem reportedly found he sustained 26 injuries and died of shock and haemorrhaging resulting from the injuries. His liver was also damaged.
Wassan Singh	14 Oct 1987	Undertrial prisoner held at Sangrur jail.	Died with two others during shooting in the jail; 27 others reportedly injured. Officials claimed they fired in self defence. Other sources claimed the firing was unprovoked and that the three were specifically targeted.	PHRO inquiry found the inmates were unarmed when shooting took place and that no medical assistance was given to the injured for several hours. Designate court, Sangrur, found <i>prima facie</i> evidence of unlawful killing and directed the SHO, Kotwali Sangrur, to register a FIR and investigate the allegation. Apparently this was not done. Jail Deputy Superintendent defied an order that advocates be allowed to interview undertrials. Contempt of court proceedings instituted against him. SDM, Sangrur, reported to have started inquiry.

Jagdish Singh Bholra	14 Oct 1987	Undertrial prisoner held at Sangrur jail.	See above.	See above.
Balwinder Singh	14 Oct 1987	Undertrial prisoner held at Sangrur jail.	See above.	See above.
Sarbjit Singh Johal, aged 21, of Johal, Hoshiarpur	12 Sept 1987	Arrested on 10 September 1987 while riding in a rickshaw in Amritsar.	Reportedly due to police torture.	Body had deep wounds reportedly caused by torture.
Mukhtiar Singh, secretary of the Chheharta branch of the United Akali Dal	Late Sept 1986	SP (City) stated that he was wanted in connection with a shooting incident and was handed over to the Chheharta police on 19 August.	Local people, United Akali Dal and CPI members claimed he was tortured to death. Police stated he had a fever and died on the way home after his wife ignored advice to take him to hospital.	Local people demonstrated demanding an inquiry as did the United Akali Dal. Post-mortem held.
Gurinder Singh	10 May 1985	Arrested following an "encounter" on 4 May in which he was alleged to have killed four police and security personnel. Reported to have been wanted in connection with the killing of a BJP leader in March 1985. Reportedly taken to an unknown place and tortured. Admitted to PGI hospital the same day as arrest with multiple injuries.	Gurinder Singh is alleged to have told doctors that he was tortured after his arrest. Died six days later. Police claimed his injuries had been sustained during the "encounter" and arrest.	Executive magistrate reportedly found that the injuries, which were caused by use of force during arrest and included beatings by <i>lathis</i> , were "justified" as Gurinder Singh resisted arrest. However, many local people and journalists who witnessed the "encounter" stated that at the time of his arrest he had no major injuries other than a few bullet wounds on his arms and back, and expressed fears that he died of torture after arrest.

Summary list of deaths in custody in Rajasthan, allegedly due to torture by police.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place)
Lala Ram, teenager, bus conductor	13 June 1990	Arrested by police in early June, allegedly in connection with a theft case, although reports suggest the case was registered only after his death. Taken to a police station in Kotwali.	Died in custody of Kotwali police, reportedly as of police beatings.	Demonstrations followed news of death. Special Schemes Minister admitted in state assembly that Lala Ram had been tortured to death by police. He said the Magistrate's report indirectly implicated two sub-inspectors of the police station and held station OIC guilty of negligence. Cases of murder registered against police involved. Judicial investigation refused by state government. CID inquiry ordered.
Najar Singh	Nov 1988	Allegedly held after "Operation Bluestar" in 1984 in which military forces stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab. Detained in Jodhpur prison.	Died in Jodhpur Central jail, alleged from medical neglect.	The special court, headed by K. C. Sharma, investigating charges against those arrested in "Operation Bluestar", called for report from jail authorities and district administration to investigate allegations that N. Singh died due to "negligence" of jail authorities in providing him timely and adequate treatment.
Banne Singh, aged 50	26 June 1988	Arrested by Pushkar police on 25 June with two sons (see below) outside house in connection with drugs charges. District SP and IGP claimed residents beat and lynched the three men. Police also claimed they were attacked with swords by the three men and acted in self-defence. But eyewitnesses say the three were beaten by nine policemen on arrest and taken to Pushkar police station, where another detainee claimed the three were bound hand and feet and hit with	Died in Pushkar police custody, on their way to Ajmer hospital, allegedly as a result of police torture.	Bodies reportedly cremated by police in absence of relatives on 26 June. Local residents organised demonstrations. Leader of opposition in state assembly, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, and other MLAs demanded judicial inquiry and compensation for the families. Inquiry by divisional commissioner, Kota, and V.K. Thanvi, IGP (CID), who found police solely responsible for the deaths. Initial inquiry by DSP, Ajmer, found police version "fabricated". All 18 policemen in Pushkar police station transferred, 12 later suspended, and 5 arrested and charged with murder by intelligence dept. (Crime).

lathis until the skin peeled off their backs.

Mahendra Singh (son of Banne Singh), aged 28	26 June 1988	Arrested by Pushkar police on 25 June with father and brother. See above.	See above.	See above.
Kiran Singh (son of Banne Singh), aged 22, student at Ajmer College	26 June 1988	Arrested by Pushkar police on 25 June with brother and father. See above.	See above.	See above.
Shyam Sunder Sharma, aged 28, from Kanwalpura, Kota district, teastall owner	1 Feb 1988	Arrested on 1 February at teastall by members of Morak police. Questioned about whereabouts of a wanted person. According to brothers and a milk vendor who witnessed the arrest, he was beaten by police on arrest. Brought to Kota hospital next day for medical treatment.	Died in Kota hospital, allegedly of injuries sustained from police torture.	Post-mortem reportedly revealed that while there were no external injuries on body, he died as a result of internal injuries.
Mohan Singh, aged 24	1985	Taken into custody for interrogation about a theft. in a house breaking case.	Died in police custody allegedly after police beatings.	Criminal charges brought against police. Initial sum of Rs. 2,000 paid as compensation to widow. Mr Kamalendra Singh, a state legislator, wrote to Supreme Court demanding a just amount. State government claimed "sovereign immunity" but in 1987 agreed to pay Rs. 30,000 as <i>ex gratia</i> payment. Court asked government to pay Rs. 100,000 instead. Cases reportedly pending against police involved.

List of deaths in custody in Sikkim, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Dharma Dutta Sharma, Congress (I) youth leader and president of Timburbong <i>panchayat</i> , Bhandar constituency	12 Feb 1988	Arrested by two policemen in Soreong where he had gone to file his nomination for <i>panchayat</i> poll on 12 February. Arrested by DSP and a sub-inspector, allegedly on orders of Chief Minister, Nar Bahadur Bhandari.	Allegedly beaten and shot in head by two policemen at Zoom. Body reportedly dumped in Darjeeling district under Bijonbari police station in West Bengal. One report claims two policemen were intercepted and held temporarily by West Bengal police. Body not recovered, but wife identified belongings in West Bengal.	Brother and Congress (I) leaders complained on 19 February 1988, claiming high level official involvement in the death of Dharma Dutta Sharma, who was a political rival of the Chief Minister. Following day police filed a FIR and two policemen were arrested and suspended, but granted bail by High Court on 5 March 1988. Congress (I) Party sent a delegation to investigate his death and state governor recommended an investigation by CIB.

List of deaths in custody in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Muthusamy from Oddanchathram, Dindigul district	Early 1992 (Approx)	Picked up by Oddanchathram police in connection with theft. Mother, sister and father subsequently also arrested, beaten up and locked in same cell.	Died in police custody, allegedly as a result of police torture.	Local people organised a demonstration before <i>thana</i> . One police inspector suspended and case registered against him, although details are unknown. Press involved in petitioning for compensation for family.
Chinnathambi (also known as Gnanasekaran), aged 37, party worker of Pattali Kakkal Katchi	13 July 1991	Arrested in Kumbakonam, Thanjavur district, 10 July by police and sent to Central Jail in Tiruchirapalli.	Died in jail, according to PMK in "suspicious circumstances".	
S. Bose, Deputy organizer of the Youth Wing of DMK party	Feb 1991	Arrested in Vilathikulam, Chidambaranar district on 2 February in the lead up to the general strike on 6 February to protest against dismissal of DMK government of Tamil Nadu.	Died in police custody. DMK party officials in Vilathilulam believe he died as the result of torture.	An affidavit filed at the Madras High Court on 7 February 1991 by a local advocate requested a judicial inquiry.
G. Joseph, aged 40	17 Jan 1991	Detained at police station in Megnanapuram, Chidambaranar district on 16 January. Police claimed he had been brought to them by local people who alleged he was a cattle thief.	Reportedly found hanging in the bathroom on the morning following his arrest.	DIG stated that a head constable had been suspended from duty and that the Tuticorin RDO was inquiring into his death.
Karmegam	14 Jan 1991	Arrested with two others and charged with creating disturbances and assaulting a shopkeeper. Held at S.S. Colony police station.	Reportedly complained of chest pain and died on the way to hospital.	Two sub-inspectors of S.S. Colony police station suspended by Deputy Commissioner of Police for not sending Karmegam to hospital. Deputy Commissioner of Police ordered inquiry by RDO, and sent body for post-mortem.

Ibrahim, from Dhideer Nagar, Madurai	Oct 1990	Arrested in connection with the theft of some jewellery. Jewellery later found to have simply been misplaced.	Police said it was a "natural death". Family claim he died from torture.	Family claim that his testicles were crushed, his forehead bruised and that there were wounds on his chest and stomach.
Ashok Nagar, aged 17, handicapped	August 1990	Reportedly arrested for harassing women.	Beaten by police and died day after arrest. Police claimed he died due to chest pain.	Relatives and local residents demonstrated at police station against his death.
Ramasamy, aged 26, from Keeranur village colony (harijan Cheri) near Ulundurpet, South Arcot, <i>dalit</i>	27 January 1990	Taken to Ulundurpet police station, South Arcot district for inquiry into theft. Reportedly tortured and returned in serious condition to residence.	Taken to Ulundurpet government hospital where he died, allegedly as result of injuries sustained under torture.	Local residents staged a <i>dharna</i> outside police station and blocked traffic. South Arcot District Collector Devendranath Sarangi ordered inquiry by Thirukoilur RDO Gopalakrishnan to be held 13 February 1990.
Sandanakrishan police officer, from Gudiyatham	December 1989	Arrested with three others on charges of attempted murder by police from Accharapakkam and Melmaruvathur police station, Chengai-Anna district.	Died in Arani town hospital. One report claimed he was tortured to death by police on way to station, another report stated he took poison.	Post-mortem conducted by Cheyyar RDO. Two sub-inspectors and two constables suspended. Inspector Murugaiyan conducted inquiry.
Ayyappan alias Mookan	13 Dec 1989	Reportedly detained on 27 November in connection with theft of a moped. Held at Vaiyampatti police station, near Manapparai.	Reportedly found hanging from a tree behind Vaiyampatti police station. Allegedly tortured to death. Police station records removed. Police claimed he committed suicide.	Violent demonstrations followed news of his death. Sub-collector, Karur, conducted an inquiry. Three policemen charged with murder as a result of the inquiry report and suspended from duty. However, a Second Additional Sessions Judge acquitted all three on 1 November 1990 stating that the charges were "not proved beyond doubt".
Uthandi, aged 35, from Nallur colony, Uddukkampattu	Early Dec 1989	Arrested on charges of cycle theft. Held at Cheyyur police station, near Maduranthakam.	Reportedly found hanging in a cell at Cheyyur police station.	Chengalpattu Sub Collector reportedly held a magisterial inquiry into the death.

Palani from Madurai	Nov 1989	Arrested by Thallkulam police in November in connection with a theft. Detained by the Crime Branch police.	Died in Thallkulam police station, allegedly as a result of torture.	Madurai District Collector ordered inquiry by Deputy Collector Ramalingam. Inquiry reportedly found that Palani was beaten to death. Eight police officials including an Inspector and Sub-inspector, were suspended and charged with murder. Case transferred from Judicial Magistrate's Court to Sessions Court.
Jambu, aged 30	Late Nov 1989	Arrested on suspicion of theft with Palani (below) and taken to Pudu Vannarapettai police station where both were allegedly tortured. Kept for one week without formal charge. Police alleged they cut themselves with broken glass, and were found unconscious in the toilets.	Jambu died on way to hospital. Police originally claimed that the two killed each other over the sharing of stolen jewellery. Press reports allege that they committed suicide unable to withstand further torture.	Local residents denied police version. Reports that Assistant Police Commissioner of Law and Order and Assistant Police Commissioner of Crime Branch held inquiry.
Palani, aged 25	Late Nov 1989	Arrested with Jambu (above) on suspicion of theft and taken to Pudu Vannarapettai police station where both were allegedly tortured. Kept for one week without formal charge. As above.	Palani died in Stanley Government Hospital. As above.	As above.
Vellaiyan	Oct 1989	Arrested with two others in connection with a cattle theft. Detained at Alanganallur police station in Madurai.	Police claim he escaped, committed suicide and that his body was found in a nearby river bed. Local people alleged he died from torture by police.	Local people protested at Alanganallur police station. Six policemen suspended following the death. In September 1990, following an inquiry by the Madurai RDO, criminal proceedings instigated against seven policemen: two sub-inspectors, a head constable, three constables and a clerk.
Sekar, aged 25, <i>dalit</i> , law student	2 Sept 1989	Shot by police in Panaiyadikuppam, Pondicherry. One other man shot dead in same incident. Sekar was reportedly injured in the leg and then detained and beaten by Tamil Nadu police.	Allegedly beaten to death by Tamil Nadu police. Police claimed the two men were shot in Sorapur, Tamil Nadu,	Parents reportedly refused to accept Rs. 10,000 compensation and the offer of a job for family in Tamil Nadu because it was conditional on them signing a statement confirming police version of events. Supreme Court writ petition criticised an inquiry by the

			during rioting and that Sekar died on the way to hospital in Villupuram.	Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise and stated that relatives had been denied access to relevant documents such as the post-mortem report. Families petitioned Supreme Court for interim compensation and for a fair inquiry allowing full access to relevant documents.
Jeyakodi, temple watchman in Karupatti	8 August 1989	Arrested in Erampatti and taken to Cholavandan Police station, near Madurai, on 3 August in connection with a theft. His wife Amma Ponnu and son Raja claim to have been beaten and hung upside down by police and to have seen Jeyakodi being beaten in custody. They claim needles were hammered into him, and that he was forced to eat excreta.	Died in police custody, allegedly as a result of torture.	Post-mortem held. A crowd protested the death, demanding action against police involved. Wife claims she was offered Rs. 5,000, and that police initially denied his death, even though she had seen the body. She was treated for broken bones at Rajaji Hospital in Madurai. Doctors reportedly stated that she had been severely beaten. RDO inquiry held into Jeyakodi's death.
Basheer Ahmed, of Mettupalayam	July 1989	Arrested on July 8 in connection with a theft and taken to Mettupalayam police station. Fellow detainee told Basheer Ahmed's parents that he saw him being tortured.	Disappeared from police custody. Family believe he was killed by police. Police claim he "escaped".	District Collector ordered inquiry by Deputy Collector, Coimbatore. On the basis of his report, state government ordered suspension of Circle Inspector and three sub-inspectors. Criminal cases filed against all four officials. In December 1989, SP, Coimbatore had suspended a total of eight constables.
Poovappan, farmer	May 1988	Arrested when police raided an illegal cock fight centre at Moodambail.	Reportedly beaten to death by police.	Three police injured when attacked by a crowd demonstrating about the death.
V. Vellaichamy, aged 38, a tea shop owner and DMK worker from Puddukkotai	15 March 1988	Arrested on 12 March in connection with a Bharat Bandh (all India strike). Held in Tiruchi jail.	Died in Tiruchi jail reportedly as a result of suffocation due to overcrowding of jails arising from the arrest of some 40,000 people during the strike.	Opposition members in the Rajya Sabha demanded a judicial inquiry into the death.
Paramasivam, aged 20	Exact date unknown reported in	Arrested for "moving suspiciously".	Family told that he had died of "natural causes".	Post-mortem report stated he died of shock due to "vagab inhibition following injury to his testicles on both sides".

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K. Raman, aged 27, from Kottappatty, a washerman	Oct 1987	Detained in connection with a theft of aluminium wires belonging to the Tamil Nadu electricity board, but K. Raman's name was not cited as a suspect in complaints brought to police.	Died at Thuvrankurichi police station, near Tiruchi. Reported to have climbed a lamp post in the police station and electrocuted himself. According to another account he committed suicide. Local people allege police drove him to suicide.	DSP, Manapparai, and the Sub-inspector, Karur, assured crowd that an inquiry would be held. Body sent to Manapparai government hospital for a post-mortem after the inquest.
Munusami of South Arcot district and one other	24 and 23 September 1987	Among 20 000 arrested during 7-day agitation by Vinniyar Sangam, a group representing the Vinniyar "backward caste".	Munusami died in Central Jail, Madras, heavily overcrowded because of large scale arrests.	
M. Kattaiyan alias Dakshinamurthy, a <i>dalit</i> youth from Valvanoor colony in Villuparam	Jan 1987		Released day after arrest and died the following day, allegedly as a result of injuries sustained under torture.	Valvanoor colony residents put body on a cart and took it to police station where they started a demonstration claiming that he had died from police torture. Police fired to disperse crowd, killing one person and injuring three others. Despite local demands for a judicial inquiry, only a departmental inquiry ordered.
Thiru Kathamuthu, aged 24, AIYF activist and CPI worker.	29 Dec 1986	Arrested in Pondicherry by Dhanwantri Nagar police on 27 December in connection with a theft.	Died in the General Hospital, Pondicherry as the result of physical assault and then being covered in kerosene and burnt. Police alleged that he set fire to	Madras High court ordered independent inquiry into the death and one police constable suspended. Inquiry by finance secretary of the Tamil Nadu government found he had been burnt with his handcuffs on by the police while in the lock-up. Supreme Court on 7 September 1989 directed prosecution of the SHO and a constable of Dhanwantri Nagar police station, agreeing there was a

			himself. Family claim police burnt him to death.	<i>prima facie</i> case to start prosecutions. The court also ordered Rs. 25,000 to be paid to G. Venkatachalam, Kathamuthu's father, as interim compensation. CBI and magisterial ordered.
Sinthamani alias Arumugham, aged 33 from Olipuram near Gingee	1 Sept 1985	Police and revenue officials claim he was brought to Gingee police station on the day of his death, while other sources stated he was detained the previous night and interrogated throughout the night.	Died in Gingee police station. According to the press, there were external injuries on the body.	Local protests followed news of his death. Inquest by Sub Collector, Tindivanam. Post-mortem conducted and body handed over to relatives.
Dhanushkodi	14 Sept 1985	Arrested for theft of some jewels. Interrogated at Thevaram police station.	Reported to have committed suicide in the bathroom of Thevaram police station.	Violent demonstrations outside police station followed news of the death. SP stated that a Sub-inspector and three constables at Thevaram police station had been suspended for neglect of duty in connection with the alleged suicide.
A. Vadivelu, businessman from Kanchipuram	Feb 1985	Detained in February 1985 by the Wallajabad police in connection with a double murder in Pullambakkam.	"Disappeared" after detention. His wife claimed he was tortured to death by the police.	In response to a <i>habeas corpus</i> petition the Madras High Court directed that the state pay Rs. 50,000 compensation to A. Vadivelu's wife in 1988. The court presumed he had "disappeared" and probably died in custody, the police having failed to give an acceptable explanation about his whereabouts or what had happened to him. Court also ordered the DGP to ask the crime branch CID to register a case against the police allegedly involved.

List of deaths in custody in Uttar Pradesh, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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Dushyant Tiyaagi	15 April 1992	Arrested by eight police officers from Siani Gate police station on approx. April 13 in connection with murder of a constable. Police said he vomited during interrogation and was admitted to a Government hospital.	Died in Government Hospital. All Indian Tyagi Brahmin Association alleged he was burnt to death in police station.	According to SSP, case registered against police inspector of Siani Gate police station and seven other policemen for murder. DSP ordered inquiry. A Janata Dal leader demanded judicial inquiry.
Rasheed Ahmed, aged 27	14 April 1992	Picked up on 11 April by police and taken to Lisadi Gate police station, Meerut, for allegedly possessing illegal weapons. Bailed out by father on 13 April and admitted to a nursing home.	Died in nursing home after release, allegedly from police beatings with rifle butts.	Local residents demonstrated and <i>gheraoed</i> Lisadi Gate police station. SSP, Brijlal, lodged an FIR against SHO and ordered an inquiry into the death.
Dr Anis Ansari, doctor and social worker	14-16 Nov 1991	Arrested in house-to-house searches by the PAC during communal riots in Varanasi on 14-16 November. Reportedly beaten in full view of the DM and SSP.	Died in police custody, allegedly as a result of beatings either by police or the PAC.	
Rajendra Sharma, of Jamanpur, near Atrauli	End of October 1991	Arrested near Chaudhary in Ghaziabad with one other on 21 October on charge of "loitering under the influence of liquor". Allegedly beaten by Kotwali police while in custody, and referred at Ghaziabad district hospital to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi.	Initially reported missing from custody of Kotwali police, subsequently reported dead and cremated in Delhi. Allegedly died as a result of torture.	Following press reports about the incident, District Magistrate Alok Rajan ordered an inquiry by Additional District Magistrate, Tej Pal Singh.
Rahisuddin, aged 14	8 Oct 1991	Taken on 18 September to Dadri police station by members of public who	Died either in the Primary Health Centre,	

		found him attempting a theft. Police claim he was beaten by those who apprehended him; others allege he was beaten by police.	Dadri, or in Dadri police station, allegedly from torture.	Magisterial inquiry ordered. Local shopkeeper claimed he was in good health when taken to police station and able to walk.
Kuber Lal, elder brother of Congress (I) MLA	5 August 1991	Arrested by Sandila police on 25 July. Allegedly beaten by police in Hardoi jail. Visited on 28 July by an MLA and doctor who urged hospitalization.	Died in Hardoi jail, allegedly due to police torture and medical negligence by prison authorities.	Parliamentary affairs Minister announced a magisterial inquiry. MLAs requested a high level inquiry.
Four prisoners	22 Aug 1990	Fell ill while being taken to the Munsif magistrate of Khaga.	Four men died in District Hospital, Fatehpur from drunk poisoned soft drinks, reportedly given to them by officers of Fatehpur lock-up.	Head constable of Fatehpur lock-up suspended. Circle Officer of Khaga reportedly started investigation. Police reportedly raided house of member of the district board and recovered soft drink bottles containing a poison.
Shabuddin, farmer	3 August 1990	Arrested by Roda police in Encholi, near Mazaffarnagar and allegedly beaten.	Died reportedly as a result of police torture.	Demonstrations by the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Indian Farmers' Union) followed news of his death. Four policemen were suspended and arrested.
Ganju Singh, of Maliana village, near Muffasil	June/July 1989	Arrested with two others the day before death on suspicion of theft. Taken to Muffasil police station.	Police reportedly tortured him to death, disposed of body and denied arrest.	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha condemned the alleged police involvement in his death and urged that the OIC be prosecuted and compensation be paid to family.
Masha Allah, rickshaw puller, of Maliana, Meerut	16 Sept 1988	Arrested from home on the day of his death. Allegedly beaten at Khulabad police station. Was to appear as a witness before a judicial commission probing the Meerut riots of 1987.	Died in T.P. Nagar police station.	Jan Morcha leader, V.P. Singh, claimed his death was part of a cover-up of PAC atrocities committed during the Meerut riots in 1987. Four sub-inspectors, including SHO of T.P. Nagar police station suspended and orders for arrest given by SSP after preliminary inquiry.
Rajendra Prasad Sahu, trader	11 June 1988	Arrested for possession of "illicit liquor" on 10 June and allegedly	Died before arrival at nursing home where he was taken by police.	Post-mortem reportedly held. Police allegedly disposed of body hastily and in secret, before informing relatives, even though they had requested the body to be handed

		tortured by a sub-inspector at Dhomanganj police station.	Body reportedly left outside by police when staff refused to admit him.	over after post-mortem. Body allegedly quickly cremated on orders of officials. <i>Ex-gratia</i> payment of Rs. 25,000 made to family. District magistrate ordered arrest of sub-inspector on murder charge after large demonstrations in Allahabad.
Darshan Sharan Singh	Mid June 1988	Arrested for non-payment of taxes and taken to Balrampur <i>tehsil</i> lock-up.	Died within a day of his arrest.	State government ordered inquiry.
Naresh, aged 22, son of Kamala Devi	early April 1988	Reportedly picked up on 5 April with brother Rakesh (see below) from their maternal uncle's house in Kanpur by police from Kishunpur police station, Fatehpur.	Police claim he was killed in an "armed encounter" near Silmi village, Fatehpur district, where body was found. Mother claims they were murdered by police in custody.	Mother claims police were bribed by a party which wanted to grab her property by killing her two sons. Chhote Lal Yadav, vice-president of the Janata Party and a former minister, visited Silmi village. Residents denied any "encounter" or exchange of fire had taken place there.
Rakesh, aged 16, brother of Naresh (above)	early April 1988	Reportedly picked up on 5 April with brother Naresh (above). As above.	Body never found. Mother claims they were murdered by police in custody.	As above.
Deen Mohammed (early 20s), son of Abdul Majid	22-27 May 1987	Reportedly taken away during the Meerut riots by PAC on 22 May to Meerut police lines, to Civil Lines Thana and then to Fatehgarh Jail on 27 May. Allegedly beaten and denied food or drink for three days.	Died in Fatehgarh jail, allegedly as result of torture by police and PAC. Father called to jail on 29 May and ordered to bury body before dawn.	Inspector General of Prisons (UP) undertook an investigation and ordered the suspension of four jail warders pending departmental inquiries. Magisterial inquiry found six people died as a result of injuries received, among other places, "inside the jail" where "scuffles" took place. Four jail officials suspended, three other officials indicted by inquiry, and three murder cases filed, although no prosecutions were launched. Texts of post-mortem reports and inquiries are not known to have been released.
Mohammed	22-27 May 1987	As above.	Died in Fatehgarh jail, allegedly as result of	As above.

Osman, son of Abdul Hakim			being tortured by police and PAC after his arrest.	
Jamil Ahmed Dariwala - aged 47	24-27 May 1987	Reportedly arrested by PAC on 22 May and allegedly beaten at the Meerut police lines and then taken to Fatehgarh jail, 24 May.	As above.	As above.
Mohammed Hanif, son of Shakila	27 May 1987	Reportedly taken away on 22 May 1987 by police and PAC to the Meerut police lines during the Meerut riots, and from there to Thana Civil Lines and then to Fatehgarh Jail on 27 May. Allegedly beaten, and denied food or drink for three days.	As above.	Body returned to Hashimpura on evening of 27 May. For inquiries, as above.
Salim Siddiqui, son of Siddiqui Ahmed	27 May 1987	As above.	As above.	As above.
1. Moinuddin s/o Abdul 2. Ghaffoor Zaheer Ahmad s/o Chhote 3. Meeno alias Moinuddin s/o Kammi alias Kammasuddin	22 May 1987	Arrested with several others by police and members of PAC on 22 May and taken to police lines where allegedly beaten with <i>lathis</i> and pipes. Arrests and beatings witnessed.	Died on way to Fatehgarh jail, allegedly as a result of injuries. Police originally denied arrests, beatings and deaths.	Neighbours and relatives stated in affidavits that they saw the PAC beating the three men until they lost consciousness. Next morning, police removed bodies from police station.
1. Qadir s/o Jodha (50) 2. Haji Shamin s/o Wali Mohammed (45) 3. Mohammed Yasin s/o Rahim Bux (65)	22 May 1987	Arrested in Hashimpura by police and members of PAC on 22 May 1987 during the Meerut riots. Over 600 people are alleged to have been arrested by PAC during curfew.	Reportedly taken at about 8 pm on 22 May by truck to Murad Nagar, in Ghaziabad district, where they were shot and thrown into the Gang Nahar (a canal off the river Ganges). Two of the five survivors of the incident	Inquiries carried out by CBI, CID and three member inquiry committee headed by Justice Gian Prakash. His report was submitted to state government in August 1987 but never published. Press reported that it "confirmed 40-60 youths were indeed taken from

<p>4. Mohammed Naim s/o Mohammed Shafique (30)</p> <p>5. Ashraf s/o Kasim Ali (20)</p> <p>6. Qamaruddin s/o Jamaluddin (22)</p> <p>7. Iqbal Urf Balo s/o Dilsher Khan (20)</p> <p>8. Siraj Ahmed s/o Shabbir Ahmed (22)</p> <p>9. Jawaid s/o Zaheer Ahmed (13)</p> <p>10. Haji Mustaqeem s/o Abdal Ghafoor (55)</p> <p>11. Naim Ahmed s/o Noor Mohammed (15)</p> <p>12. Islamuddin s/o Hafizuddin (21)</p> <p>13. Ayyub s/o Sayeed (18)</p> <p>14. Qayyum s/o Sayeed (14)</p> <p>15. Mohammed Younus s/o Subrati (15)</p> <p>16. Allauddin s/o Hakimuddin (16)</p> <p>17. Akeel s/o Alimudeen (18)</p> <p>18. Akhalaque s/o Ahmed Yar Khan (45)</p> <p>19. Mehtab s/o Jafar (20)</p> <p>20. Sadaruddin s/o Azimullah (40)</p> <p>21. Nizamuddin s/o Abdul Shakoor (16)</p> <p>22. Asif s/o Shahabuddin (19)</p> <p>23. Jamshed s/o Jainuddin (18)</p> <p>24. Shamshed s/o Jainuddin (14)</p> <p>25. Abdul Haque s/o Inamullah (24)</p>	<p>Reportedly taken to Shahpeer gate, Meerut, at 3.30 pm.</p>	<p>have testified that they were taken to the canal by uniformed men whom they identified as the PAC.</p>	<p>Hashimpura area in PAC trucks and were since untraceable." Indian government claimed <i>ex-gratia</i> payment of Rs. 20,000 was made to relatives of each of the 13 people identified by their clothing by relatives. Families of 17 of the remaining 19 persons (all except Mohammed Naim and Akhlaque) were also reportedly given an <i>ex-gratia</i> payment by Government of India although their bodies had not been identified or found. The government said these payments did not reflect any determination or acceptance of official responsibility for the killings.</p>
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26. Rizwan s/o Inamullah (22)
 27. Naim s/o Abdul Hameed (12)
 28. Munna s/o Allahdiya (40)
 29. Hanif s/o Dahoor (32)
 30. Mohammed Naseem s/o Jameel Ahmed (17)
 31. Mohammed Yousuf s/o Sharfuddin (24)
 32. Mohammed Shakir s/o Khalil Ahmed (18)

Jawahar Lal Gupta, aged 35, shopkeeper	21 Feb 1987	Arrested on 18 February (police claim 21 February) by Munderwa police in connection with robbery. Family allege torture during period of unacknowledged detention, 18-21 February.	Died in hospital of injuries. Police say he jumped under a moving truck in Khalilabad, trying to escape from their van. Relatives fear he was beaten to death and his body thrown under the truck to make his death seem an accident.	Post-mortem found four wounds, seven contusions and five abrasions resulting from accident. Medico-legal expert found some injuries "could have been caused by police as a result of beating and torturing the deceased". Magisterial inquiry found death was accidental; crime branch, CID, UP police, confirmed illegal detention from 18 February and police negligence in giving "an opportunity to the SHO, Munderwa to detain the suspect for four days and torture him". CID found evidence of police interference with records, but found "no evidence that the police had murdered Jawaharlal". UP government granted Rs. 5,000 <i>ex gratia</i> payment to widow in April 1987. In January 1989 Supreme Court ordered Rs. 175,000 compensation. On 29 October 1988 UP government announced it would prosecute six policemen on homicide and illegal confinement charges. Two constables reportedly suspended.
Gulsheer Ahmad, from Sultanpur Bhawa, Allahabad District	21 June 1986	Arrested from home on 15 June. Allegedly beaten at Khuldabad police station.	Died of injuries at Tej Bhadur Sapru hospital.	
Virendra Bahadur Singh	14 June 1986	Taken from home on night of 9 June and interrogated for six days at Bakshi-	Reportedly died in custody. Police	

		ka-Talab police station, Lucknow district.	reportedly disposed of body and denied arrest.	
Ganesh Singh, primary school teacher from Ramnagar, Mathura district.	9-11 May 1986 (approx)	Arrested on 8 May by police from Vrindaban, in connection with kidnapping. On 9 May he was reportedly seen at Govardhan police station and said he feared police were plotting to murder him.	Police told family he had jumped from a train en route to Agra for further questioning.	
Bhagwati	18 April 1986	Held by Jagatpur police, Rae Bareilly district, in connection with murder.	Died in custody of Jagatpur police.	
Pramod Kumar, aged 35	2-14 March 1986	Detained by two Sub-Inspectors and taken to Araghgar police outpost, Dehra Dun, for questioning on 2 March.	Died at PGI Chandigarh from injuries allegedly sustained during interrogation.	
Garib Ram, landless labourer from Bihar living in Dewal, Ghazipur district	6 Feb 1986	Allegedly tortured on 5 February by Gahmar police on the order of a landlord whose land he had refused to work. Police claimed he had been arrested on suspicion of dacoity in Mishrawaliyan, and had been taken to hospital complaining of abdominal pain.	Died after admission to hospital. Police claim he died a "natural death".	Police reportedly tried to make the family cremate the body without post-mortem, but a local lawyer intervened and insisted a post-mortem examination be held.
Drigpal	Early Feb 1986	Arrested in connection with rape. Reportedly beaten at Madnapur outpost of Tihar police station, Shahjaanpur district.	Died soon after he was sent to prison, allegedly from injuries caused by torture.	
Motilal, <i>dalit</i>	8 Jan 1986	Held in Khampar police station, Deoria district.	Allegedly tortured to death and later falsely implicated in theft.	

Munna, rickshaw
puller Jan 1986

Reportedly beaten to
death by Ghazipur
police.

List of deaths in custody in West Bengal, allegedly due to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES, DATE AND PLACE OF ARREST AND DETENTION	CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACE OF DEATH	ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise stated, no suspensions or prosecutions of police personnel are known to have taken place.)
Unnamed, hawker	21 Feb 1992	Beaten by members of the CRPF at Kharagpur railway station, Midnapore district after he asked one of the CRPF to pay for matches he had given him.	Died reportedly as a result of injuries sustained when beaten by CRPF.	A crowd formed to protest the death. Police took three CRPF <i>jawans</i> into police custody.
Ram Dhan Singh, lorry driver	19 Feb 1992 (approx)	Reportedly shot at point blank range by a constable from Bally police station because he had refused to pay a bribe to police.	Died from being shot by constable.	According to lorry drivers of the district, mobile police patrols regularly stop their vehicles and demand money in return for being allowed to proceed to their destinations.
Lal Mohammad Sheikh	12 Aug 1991	Arrested by Murshidabad police in connection with a murder of a CPI(M) leader.	Reportedly taken by police to a hideout of those suspected to be involved in the murder when police party was attacked. Police claim he was killed during the shootout.	Congress (I) members of the West Bengal assembly protested his death in police custody. Home secretary said state government ordered CID inquiry into his death.
Saiful Sardar, aged 18	11 Oct 1990	Arrested on 10 October in connection with theft. Taken to Khalbar police camp at Merrigunj.	Found dead in Kultoli police station lock-up, South 24-Parganas.	Delegation of Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) supporters, met state Home Secretary on 12 October to complain about the death. Press reported state government would take action against police responsible for death.
Subhash Das, aged 35, undertrial prisoner	10 Sept 1990	Police stated that he was an illicit liquor dealer and had been arrested on the night of 9 September.	Died in Ultadanga police station lock-up within day of arrest.	Body reportedly sent for post-mortem. Deputy Commissioner (Eastern Suburban Division) claimed there were no marks of external injury.

Ramchandra Marma, aged 28	16 April 1990	Arrested on 15 April at Kalabani village after a fight.	Died in Jhargram police station within day of arrest. Local protests about his death reported. District SP said it was suicide.	
Bhola Kotal, aged 26, from Beliaghata, Calcutta	4 April 1990	Arrested on approx. 1 April, allegedly in connection with theft. Held in Fulbagan police station.	Died in Fulbagan police station. Police alleged he committed suicide by hanging. Others said his body was swollen and there were signs of profuse bleeding from the ears.	Post-mortem reportedly held.
Pankoj Chatterjee	1990		Died of injuries in airport police station. Police claim he died after a public assault.	Press report torture may have caused death.
Sankar Garai, aged 35	3 Nov 1989	Arrested for "unruly behaviour" at Esplanade Metro stadium Calcutta, on 3 November. Held at Hare street police station.	Police allege he committed suicide by hanging in bathroom in Hare street police station. Reportedly found by inmates.	
Yusuf Molla, Congress (I) Supporter	31 August 1989	Arrested on 13 August reportedly in connection with a gang robbery. Held at Kulpi police station, South 24-Parganas.	Sentry at police station allegedly found him hanging. Doctor called for; sent to Diamond harbour hospital, where he died.	Congress (I) politician claimed he had been beaten to death by police at Kulpi police station.
Swapan Das, aged 14, High School	25 July 1989	Taken into custody of Thakurpukur police, South 24-Parganas, Calcutta, on 24 July.	Reportedly found hanging in unfinished building in Calcutta.	Officer of Special branch of Calcutta police arrested on 25 July and charged with murder remanded to jail custody. When applying for bail, the police officer

student and
rickshaw driver

Family claim he was
killed by police.

claimed he had stolen a wallet and committed suicide after pleading with police not to tell his mother. Police report submitted to court, however, reportedly did not mention any allegation of theft of a wallet.

Sheikh Babu, aged
45

25 July
1989

Arrested on 23 July with four others on suspicion of theft of mustard-seed oil. Transferred to Kharagpur Sadar hospital on 25 July, after being held at Kharagpur Town police station. Eye-witnesses claim they were beaten during arrest.

Died after admission to hospital, allegedly as a result of torture.

Violent demonstrations followed news of death. Body sent to Midnapore Sadar hospital for post-mortem. SDO (Midnapore) visited hospital on 25 July and conducted on-the-spot inquiry. Local politicians submitted memorandum to Additional SP demanding inquiry, alleging that he died as a result of police torture.

Matiar Rahman
Gazi, aged 50, CPI
activist, from
Kharampur,
Hasnabad

3 May
1989

Arrested with four others on 2 May in connection with a gang robbery and taken to Hasnabad police station, North 22-Parganas, Calcutta. Fellow prisoner said both were beaten by police in custody.

Declared dead on arrival at Basirhat sub-divisional hospital. Police stated initially he died of injuries sustained while trying to escape from a moving van. SDJM said police later changed judicial records to state that he died after jumping from his terrace to escape arrest. Other sources claim he died from torture.

Post-mortem reportedly ascribed the death to cardiac problems. Inquiries by DIG, Presidency Range, and CID. OIC at Hasnabad *thana* was asked to go on leave and murder charge was filed against him by Matiar Rahman's son. Son stated that his father was beaten even after police were told about his heart condition. 15 witnesses alleged he had been tortured. APDR report stated he was tortured and not sent to hospital for 3 hours after falling unconscious, and that this caused his death. CJM, Barasat, found on 23 August 1988 there was a *prima facie* case against OIC and sufficient grounds to start prosecution and that judicial records had been tampered with by police. In January 1990, Chief Minister Jyoti Basu reportedly said: "The police frequently tell lies. I will investigate the matter with the help of the CID".

Raj Kumar Malla,
aged 22, undertrial
prisoner

10 Nov
1988

Arrested around 8 November in connection with forgery. Taken to CBI office, Samabaika building, on Lindsay Street, Calcutta, on 10 November for interrogation.

"Fell to his death" from a toilet window at ninth floor of CBI office, at around 12.30pm in unclear circumstances. Declared dead on arrival at SSKM hospital.

Body sent for post-mortem and magisterial inquiry reportedly ordered. Police investigating allegations of "foul play".

Sakil Ahmed, aged 30, CIT employee	7 Nov 1988	Arrested for disorderly conduct on 6 November in Hatibagan Road, Beniapur, where he had gone to shop. Police claimed he was drunk and that he complained of feeling unwell the next morning. Family sources claimed there were no criminal charges against him. Held in Beniapur police station.	Police said he fell unconscious at 9.30am on 7 November. Taken to Chittaranjan hospital, where he was declared dead.	Magisterial inquiry ordered.
Jiten Halder, aged 55	18 Oct 1988		Died in Basanti police lock-up. Police claim he committed "suicide"; other reports claim he was beaten to death by police.	Political parties, including the RSP (Revolutionary Socialist Party), demanded an investigation into his death, which they claimed was a result of police torture.
Hemalata (female), servant	23 Sept 1988	Held in Barasat police custody in North 25-Parganas.	Police claim she tried to commit suicide in a toilet with a rope. Taken to hospital where she died. Press alleged she died as a result of torture.	Magazine <i>Prativedan</i> , published from Barasat, investigated the incident. Their October 1988 report allegedly found that she died after torture in police custody.
Prabir Debnath, owner of a cloth shop	6 Sept 1988	Police alleged he was a drug addict. Arrested on charge of stealing a bicycle.	Died in Amherst Street police station, allegedly as a result of torture. Police claim he committed suicide by hanging himself at 5.45am but local people dispute this.	In a written statement, mother said report of suicide was false, and that the height from which his body was hanging was less than the height of his body. Family not informed of "suicide" until after 10am on 6 September. Marks of wounds and cigarette burns reported on body. Family have been unable to trace two prisoners admitted to police station at 5.30am because they allege the police obstructed their investigations.
Purne Ghatra, activist with Gorkhaland	21-22 August 1988	Arrested by CRPF in Dooars, Jalpaiguri district on 21 August on charges of holding up a truck with other GNLFF	Senior police official stated that he sustained injuries in a scuffle with	

National Liberation Front		supporters at Patharjhora in the Dooars.	police and died later in custody.	
Binay Kumar, aged 38, CPI(M) supporter	19 August 1988	Arrested with son on 19 August in connection with theft. Both men reportedly beaten in Chandannagor police station.	Died in custody, allegedly as a result of torture.	CPI(M) supporters demonstrated outside police station in protest at his death. Four policemen reportedly suspended from duty and departmental inquiry ordered.
Gopal Singh, aged 24, undertrial prisoner	20 July 1988	Arrested for attempted theft. Police alleged he was severely beaten by local residents who caught him after the theft and later handed him over to Jadavpur police station at 11pm.	Found dead in Jadavpur police station. Police claim he died as a result of beatings by local residents.	Body sent for post-mortem.
Madan Singh, undertrial prisoner, member of Centre of Indian Trade Unions	18 June 1988 (approx)	Arrested on 16 June. Reportedly not produced in court until 18 June. Police claim arrested on 18 June, but reportedly failed to produce evidence that he was in fact arrested that day.	Died in police custody in the Mahestala police station, South 24-Parganas. Police alleged he committed suicide, but local people claim he was beaten to death by police.	APDR sent memorandum to state Home Secretary on 22 June urging that immediate action be taken against police responsible. Local CPI(M) MLA also showed concern at police version of events.
Kunreram Bauri	26 May 1988	Reportedly arrested on 25 May in connection with a theft. Detained at Andal police station.	Admitted to Bidhannagar hospital at Durgapur on 26 May. Wife found him dead on arrival. Police claim he died as he tried to escape from a police jeep.	
Subhankar Sarangi, student, <i>adivasi</i>	21 May 1988	Arrested in connection with a theft. Reportedly tortured in Gopibhallvur police station. Taken to see a doctor at local health centre but discharged after treatment. Reportedly tortured again.	Died in Jhargram hospital, allegedly as a result of police torture.	Local CPI(M) called for a strike. Post-mortem reportedly stated death caused by severe injury to head and ribs and that this was a case of homicide. Family initiated criminal proceedings against circle inspector in Gopibhallavpur, who was reportedly transferred to Jhargram after the incident. Three police officers

Dhiren Hansda, <i>adivasi</i> youth	13 Feb 1988		Died in Rajnagar police lock-up, Birbhum. Police allege he committed suicide.	reportedly charged with his murder and committed to Sessions for trial by the Jhargram court, but as of January 1992 none had yet been suspended or convicted.	Local people demonstrated in front of the police station for several hours, questioning police version.
Acharya Ajitananda Avadhuta, aged 28, monk of Ananda Marg, primary school principal	24 Jan 1988	Arrested with one other on 17 January from his school and taken to Siliguri police station, Darjeeling district where they were allegedly beaten under interrogation about a bomb explosion. Ananda Margis filed a writ petition in Calcutta High Court on hearing reports of torture. Court hearing arranged for 25 January.	Found dead in Siliguri police station, morning of 24 January. Police made contradictory claims - that he had died of poisoning and that he had committed suicide by hanging himself with his <i>lungi</i> . Ananda Marg allege he died as a result of being "kicked and beaten" in custody.	Ananda Margis approached Calcutta High Court. Magisterial inquiry held by Siliguri SDO and SDM. APDR described the death as "murder".	
Joydev Pramanick, aged 32	17 Jan 1988	Arrested in connection with theft of rifles from Bamanghata, under Bhangar police station. Taken to Tiljala police station with six others for interrogation. Police claimed he agreed to lead police team to Bhangar slum to conduct some raids.	Reportedly found hanging in bathroom at Tiljala <i>thana</i> . Police allege he hanged himself with <i>lungi</i> after locking himself in bathroom.	Body sent for post-mortem. DIG (Presidency range) and the SP (South 24-Parganas) visited Tiljala <i>thana</i> on 18 January. Report on death to be submitted to DIG.	
Kartik Mohanty	26 Dec 1987	Reportedly a convicted prisoner.	Died in the custody of Moynapur police, Jalpaiguri. Police allege he jumped from jeep in which he was travelling	About 3,000 CPI(M) supporters protested about the death outside Moynapur police station, challenging police version of events.	

Ganesh Sinha	30 Oct 1987	Arrested on 15 October in connection with a robbery. Held by Amdanga police who allegedly beat him. Admitted with injuries to Barasat hospital on night of arrest. Brought before SDJM on 29 October and sent to Dum Dum jail.	with police and died immediately. Died in Dum Dum Central jail allegedly from injuries sustained under torture.	Inquiry revealed that personnel of Amdanga police station had beaten him on 29 October before producing him before SDJM. DGP reportedly asked to take action against guilty policemen.
Manohar Jaiswal, aged 22, undertrial prisoner	24 Oct 1987	Arrested at 2am on 23 October with brother in connection with theft. Held at Jorasanko police station. Brother released next day, and told relatives that Manohar Jaiswal was being tortured. He said he saw him being "hung upside down.. and beaten with <i>lathis</i> ". On 24 October OIC told relatives that he had never been arrested and was detained only for a few hours.	Found at road crossing. Died later at Vishudhananda hospital. Police alleged he had been assaulted by unknown miscreants but his brother and others claimed he died as a result of torture. Many believed body was dumped at road junction by police.	Inquiries by Deputy Commissioner (Central) and Deputy Commissioner (Detective Department) led to the suspension of two Sub-inspectors and three constables from Jorasanko <i>thana</i> . However, no action taken against OIC whom Deputy Commissioner stated either "connived with his officers" or had "no control" over them. He concluded "it would not be in the public interest to keep him as officer-in-charge, Jorasanko". Calcutta Police Employees Organization criticised police authorities for taking no action against OIC.
Nagen Koeay, aged 60, also known as Nagendra	21 Oct 1987	Arrested with one other on charges of immoral traffic in women on 21 October. Both allegedly tortured in Keshpur <i>thana</i> , Midnapore.	Died in <i>thana</i> , allegedly as result of torture. <i>Thana</i> officials reportedly attempted to cover-up death but were intercepted by local residents taking body to hospital. Eyewitnesses alleged he died from torture.	Crowd took body and demanded arrest of OIC, Keshpur. Body later retrieved by police. DGP asked Special IG (Headquarters) to conduct inquiry. APDR reported that post-mortem found large number of injury marks on body.
Probash Kolay, aged 55, undertrial prisoner, from	19 Oct 1987	Arrested by detectives in Calcutta on 16 October on suspicion of car theft. Produced in court and remanded in	Declared dead at Medical College Hospital.	Police commissioner ordered inquiry into the "unnatural death" to be conducted by Deputy Commissioner of Police, detective department. Police inquiry report

Dadpur, Hooghly district		police custody for further interrogation. Reportedly beaten regularly for three days in Lalbazar police station. In the course of the interrogation he reportedly fell sick and complained of chest pain. When his condition deteriorated a doctor attached to police station transferred him to Medical College Hospital		stated that he had not been tortured, but had been suffering from chronic ailments and was frail and sickly and that the medical report did not confirm that death was caused by assault or torture. It claimed medical report showed body bore marks of old injuries, not necessarily the result of physical assault.
Mohammed Sheikh Alauddin, aged 21, undertrial prisoner	19 Sept 1987	Arrested on 19 September with three others by the Taltala police in Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road on charges of extortion.	Died in custody of Taltala police, allegedly as a result of torture. Police claim found in critical condition in lock-up before interrogation and taken to Calcutta Medical College Hospital and was declared dead on arrival. Police said he died of injuries after being beaten by local people prior to arrest, but later stated exact cause of death could only be established after post-mortem.	Preliminary investigations revealed an "enlarged heart and injured spleen". Doctors said body bore marks of injuries. Police commissioner sought report from Deputy Commissioner (Central) about the death. Joint Commissioner of Police Organization inquired into this and one other death in custody (John Mondal- see below). Local politician reportedly described the death in custody as "shocking". APDR claimed he died as a result of "severe beating".
John Mondal	18 Sept 1987	One of the three accused wanted in connection with a series of gang robberies. Reportedly arrested with two others on 17 September from South 24-Parganas. Taken to Entally police station and then to Lalbazar central police station.	Officials claim he was murdered by associates and buried in a tank at South 24-Parganas. Other reports suggest he died in police custody after beating and/or falling ill and that	Inquiries reportedly conducted by deputy commissioner (Central) and Joint Commissioner of Police Organization, Mr Kamalesh Roy.

Seikh Jamal	31 July 1987	Arrested by Government Railway Police, Shalimar, with three others on 30 July in Birsibpur. Taken to the Satragacchi police station in Howrah, near Calcutta.	police dumped body in South 24-Parganas. Died in Satragacchi police station. Police claimed he died of a "certain mysterious disease", but other sources believe he was beaten to death by police.	Body sent for post-mortem. Executive magistrate and superintendent of railway police, Howrah, both asked to investigate. DGP reportedly issued a notice to superintendent of railway police for "submitting a false report" in connection with a death in custody, according to the <i>Telegraph</i> , Calcutta, on 5 and 7 December 1987. In his report he allegedly tried to "hide facts". Although Seikh Jamal is not named as the subject of this report the details given appear to coincide with his case.
Samsul Haq	8 May 1987	Reportedly arrested on 6 May in connection with two robberies. Police described him as a "drug addict" and said he showed signs of withdrawal symptoms while interrogated at Shyampukur police station. Senior police official said he had been taken to Jorabagan police station for "some formalities" on his way to court.	Collapsed at Jorabagan police station and taken to R.G. Kar hospital by officials from Shyampukur police station. Declared dead on arrival. Official statement said he died because he could not get narcotics.	Press reports questioned police version of his death.
Lakshman Sardar, undertrial prisoner	15 Nov 1986	Arrested on a murder charge. Held in Koichun police station in the Mongolkot area of Burdwan.	Reportedly found hanging from ceiling in Koichun police lock-up.	Crowd gathered outside police lock-up after news spread of death, demanding an inquiry.
Samir Naksar, aged 17	10 July 1986	Arrested in Kanthaltala village, under Bhangar police station, in South 24-Parganas on 10 July and taken to Kanthaltala police camp. His mother was reportedly chased away from police camp when she went to enquire about her son.	Police claim he complained of pain in his abdomen soon after his arrest and died of natural causes. Declared dead at Baruipur Primary health centre. Residents claim	Local residents said he had no major illness and was beaten for submitting a petition to Bhangar police station criticising police inaction in the face of increased robberies in the area. Organized strike to protest against his death. Inquest conducted by executive magistrate reportedly in presence of senior police officials and inquiry reportedly conducted by Additional SP, South 24-Parganas.

Baidyanath Ram alias Ramu, aged 25, servant	17 or 27 June 1986	Arrested in connection with a theft.	he was beaten to death by police.	Died in Jorabagan police station the same day. The Deputy Commissioner (North) said he died "as he slipped from the stairs in the police station", but did admit that the body bore marks of external injury.	Body sent for post-mortem. APDR questioned police version of events.
Lalji Hariji Mochi, aged 70, undertrial prisoner	26 June 1986	Brought from Rajkot by Gujarat police to be produced in Calcutta High Court.	Died in Lalbazar central lock-up, Calcutta. Police said he complained of severe chest pain and suffered from asthma and died despite treatment from resident doctor. Senior police official confirmed he looked very sick on arrival at Lalbazar.	Died in Lalbazar central lock-up, Calcutta. Police said he complained of severe chest pain and suffered from asthma and died despite treatment from resident doctor. Senior police official confirmed he looked very sick on arrival at Lalbazar.	Police commissioner instructed deputy commissioner, detective department (I) to investigate the death. <i>The Telegraph</i> reported in July 1986 that the "usual probe was ordered and, as usual, nothing "unusual" was found". Press and APDR questioned why a 70-year-old man, who looked very ill, was not admitted to a hospital immediately on arrival.
Sheikh Anwar Ali Mollah, aged 22	21 April 1986	Reportedly arrested on 20 April for theft. Taken to Jadavpur police station where allegedly beaten by police. Brother saw him in custody on evening of 20 April and said he was in good health.	Police said he was beaten by a mob after alleged theft and died from his injuries. Relatives claim he was beaten to death by police.	Police said he was beaten by a mob after alleged theft and died from his injuries. Relatives claim he was beaten to death by police.	Relatives stated that when they went to police station on hearing of his death the body had already been sent to Banghur hospital for post-mortem. DIG, Presidency range, reportedly conducted inquiry.
Akbar Mondal	Feb 1986	Reportedly arrested in February from Keorapara Thakurpukur police station in connection with a robbery in	Reportedly found hanging in toilet in Lalbazar lock-up. Police	Reportedly found hanging in toilet in Lalbazar lock-up. Police	Inquiry by Detective department stated he "had committed suicide and the post-mortem report confirmed it". Press and APDR reports questioned police version.

		Narkeldanga. Taken to central lock-up Lalbazar from Sealdah court.	commissioner claimed he committed suicide.	
Kaniklal Mahato	4 Jan 1986	Allegedly arrested with two others, both of whom were released upon payment of Rs. 200 bribe. Kaniklal Mahato and his family could not afford to pay the bribe. Detained in Howrah police station lock-up.	Doctor at Howrah hospital told investigating team that on 4 January at about 12.30pm he was brought dead to hospital. Died allegedly as a result of police torture.	Report submitted to SP, Sadar, by DSP, south, allegedly stated that he died of epilepsy. Local people disbelieved police version and demonstrated, calling for punishment of police involved and compensation for family. Cottage and Small Scale Industries Minister alleged police refused to record FIR about death with result that even 48-hours after the incident no case could be filed. APDR team which investigated were told by family and local people that he did not have epilepsy. APDR concluded death was result of police torture.
Aziz Khan, alias Kallu, aged 17	10 Dec 1985	Arrested with his brother, Feroz Khan, by Karaya police on 5 December from sister's home in Khardah, 24-Parganas, in connection with an armed clash. Sister claims both were beaten by police "in front of my eyes". Held at Karaya police station, where brother claims Aziz Khan was beaten by two drunken constables: "They kicked him in the ribs till he started vomiting blood". Taken on 6 December to Chittaranjan hospital.	Died at Chittaranjan hospital four days after admission, allegedly as a result of injuries sustained under police torture. Sister claims she was never told that he had been taken to hospital.	Post-mortem attributed death to "cardiorespiratory failure in a case of multiple injuries of head and limbs". Deputy Commissioner (South) conducted inquiry and found that "Aziz Khan had been viciously roughed up by two constables who were under the influence of alcohol". OIC at Karaya police station went on leave after incident and was subsequently suspended on charges of negligence. One constable at police station arrested and warrant for arrest of another.
Apurba, minor prisoner	April 1985		Died reportedly after being severely tortured by police at Amta police station.	Judicial inquiry ordered.

Glossary

AASU	All Assam Students Union
<i>Adivasi</i>	Member of a scheduled or nomadic tribe
AIIMS	All India Institute of Medical Sciences
AIYF	All India Youth Federation
AJYCP	Assam Jatiyabadi Yuva Chhatra Parishad
Akali Dal	Sikh political party
AP	Andhra Pradesh
APCLC	Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee
ASP	Assistant Superintendent of Police
Assam Rifles	A paramilitary group active in the North East
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party (Hindu nationalist party)
CBI	Central Bureau of Investigation
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CITU	Centre of Indian Trade Unions
CJM	Chief Judicial Magistrate
CLAHRO	Civil Liberties and Human Rights Organisation
CoD	Corps of Detectives
Congress (I)	Congress party (Indira Gandhi)
CPDR	Committee for the Protection of Human Rights
CPI(M)	Communist Party of India (Marxist)
CRPF	Central Reserve Police Force - a paramilitary group
Dalit	Literally "oppressed". Member of a scheduled caste.
<i>dharna</i>	A "sit in" - a demonstration.
<i>dhoti</i>	Garment worn by men.
DIG	Deputy Inspector General
District Collector	Executive with magisterial powers
DGP	Director General of Police - head of state police
DM	District Magistrate
DMK	Dravida Munnetra Kashagam (Dravidian progressive assoc.)
DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police
FIR	First Information Report - police report
FLAC	Free Legal Aid Committee
Gurudwara	Sikh temple
IPC	Indian Penal Code
<i>jawan</i>	Soldier or policeman.
JUP	Jatiya Unnayan Parishad
<i>lathi</i>	Baton used by Indian police
<i>lungi</i>	Garment worn by men
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly (state parliament)
Naxalite	Maoist revolutionary
NSCN	National Socialist Council of Nagaland
OIC	Officer-in-Charge (of a police station)
PAC	Provincial Armed Constabulary
PHRO	Punjab Human Rights Organisation
PUDR	People's Union for Civil Liberties
RDO	Revenue Divisional Officer
<i>Rickshaw</i>	A bicycle taxi
RPF	Railway Police Force
Rs.	Rupees - Indian currency
SDJM	Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate
SDM	Sub Divisional Magistrate
SHO	Station House Officer
SP	Superintendent of Police
SSP	Senior Superintendent of Police
TADA	Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987
<i>thana</i>	Police station
<i>tehsil</i>	An administrative division of a district
UP	Uttar Pradesh
ULFA	United Liberation Front of Assam
UTNLF	United Tribal Nationalist Liberation Front