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Man complains, wife summoned over abortion

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New Delhi: A Delhi court has summoned a woman for aborting her child on a complaint by her husband. Summoning Sushmita Sarkar, her father Pritisaran Bag, mother P S Bag and sister Sangeeta Bag on December 22, 2006, metropolitan magistrate Pritam Singh observed, "There are sufficient materials on record to summon the accused for the offences under 312 (causing miscarriage), 506 (criminal intimidation), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 384 (extortion) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy)."

In a complaint filed through his counsel, Sushmita's husband Swaroop Sarkar has accused her of marrying him only for extorting money and of causing miscarriage of their unborn baby. According to the complaint, Sarkar, a resident of Sarita Vihar in south Delhi and a textile technology engineer by qualification, married Sushmita in July 2002, after meeting her through an internet matrimonial service.

Sarkar has said that from the beginning, Sushmita taunted him over his meagre earnings and soon her parents started demanding money. Sarkar has complained that Sushmita's father threatened to get him 'eliminated' in Delhi if he did not cough up Rs 20 lakh.

In December, 2003, Sushmita went to Kolkata to attend the marriage of her sister while she was one-and-a-half-month pregnant. On December 17, 2003, Sarkar received a call from his father-in-law, informing him of the miscarriage of their child, the complaint said. Sarkar alleges that Sushmita said she would abort again if she got pregnant and that she wanted to marry her boyfriend. He has also accused his wife and inlaws of stealing jewellery worth Rs 3.6 lakh and Rs 35,000 in cash.