



Mains Practice Question

Case Study

Suppose you are the Superintendent of Police in a district. The state has experienced an increase in communal riots in the past few months. A recent incident occurred in a small village. Mud houses were set on fire. Geeta and her daughter Roopa, who was three and a half years old, fled the village after violence broke out.

Once they reached a nearby village, they were attacked by a group of people. Geeta and her daughter were brutally raped and murdered, and the local police have refused to register the case as two police stations are bordered by the area where the bodies were found.

Locals from the village and relatives of the deceased are protesting and accusing the police of negligence and demanding the arrest of the offender with strong political backing. However, your senior calls you and asks you to conceal and distort the truth.

(a) Identify the stakeholders and various dimensions of the crisis involved in the issue.

(b) What would be the course of action taken by you to manage the situation as a Superintendent of Police? Identify measures that can be taken to prevent rapes (250 words)

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Facts of the Case	Stakeholders Involved
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prevalence of communal riots in the recent past.▪ Fleeing of Geeta and her daughter Roopa from their village.▪ Case of rape and murder.▪ Local police not filing the FIR.▪ Public protest for arrest of the offender.▪ Extreme pressure to distort the truth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Geeta and Roopa▪ Local communities▪ Offender (With strong political backing)▪ Self (Superintendent of Police)▪ Whole District Administration

- **Ethical dilemma:** An ethical dilemma (ethical paradox or moral dilemma) is a problem in the decision-making process between two possible options, neither of which is absolutely acceptable from an ethical perspective.
 - **Personal v/s Professional Ethics:** Following the superior's instructions to distort the truth or following the law in taking legal action against the offender impartially.
 - **Courage of Conviction v/s Senior Order:** If he follows the superior's order without any reason or logic it will lead to loss of value of justice and if he will go for investigation on his own then it will be against senior's order.

Options Available:

Options	Merits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Following superior's instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It will increase his goodwill and reputation in front of

	are good chances of his promotion.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Standard legal procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be the right step in the direction of realization of fairness. It will help in ensuring the justice to victims. The right thing to do being an honest and responsible P 	

Course of Action:

Step	Reason
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Filing FIR ▪ Initiating preliminary inquiry and validating the facts. ▪ Assuring the villagers and relatives to provide impartial investigation. ▪ Initiating awareness drive against Rape. ▪ Actions to reduce communal violence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Being a P in that dir ▪ After filing should ge ▪ Before sta to keep th ▪ The discu victim of channels sensitise ▪ For ensur impose a containin

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