

Govt info denies role of khaps in honour killings

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Khap panchayats in Haryana were not involved in any honour killing cases in the past decade, as per details provided by the state government.

This was stated by local resident Suresh Deswal, who had sought details of cases of honour killing from the government registered by the police between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2011, and the role of any khap panchayat or their representative.

"The information has been supplied by the 23 district police chiefs," said Deswal, who had sought information about honour killings after such bodies were blamed by certain sections of society and reports published or aired in a section of the media in the past several years.

Of late, there has been a campaign against khap panchayats over honour killings and these were declared 'guilty' without ever hearing them. The summoning of the khaps by the Supreme Court for their reply over the allegations levelled against them and the information provided by the police could be instrumental in understanding the problem before coming to any conclusion.

Describing the description of khaps as 'Tuglaki' or Taliban as unfortunate, he said it appeared that a one-sided campaign had been on and unsuspecting people in general were made to believe a lopsided view so far.

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