

CBI ordered to provide closure to Aarushi's parents

Court insists on a complete report for Talwars in murder case

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Ghaziabad: A special CBI court here adjourned hearing in the Aarushi murder case till January 21 and asked the probe agency to provide all documents, including its closure report, to the victim's parents even as the CBI said her father Rajesh Talwar had no 'locus standi' to argue.

"On the basis of the findings of the closure report, no one can be counted accused hence CBI is directed to provide a copy [to the Talwars]," the court said

Rajesh Talwar's lawyer Satish Tamta first pleaded to the court that all documents regarding the Aarushi murder case be made available to him.

Opposing Tamta's argument, CBI lawyer R.K. Saini told the court that Rajesh Talwar was "no more a complainant now".

He added that the Noida police had already suspected and arrested him in the case, after which he had become the accused in the case so he has 'no locus standi' to argue or put his stand in the case before the court. The court, however, did not agree with the CBI's version.

In her order, CBI Special Magistrate Preeti Singh ordered the CBI to provide all documents, including a copy of the closure report, to the Talwars and adjourned the court.

It will hear the case on January 21.

Protests

On Thursday, friends and family of Aarushi had staged a protest at Jantar Mantar in central Delhi and asked for the case to be re-investigated. The protesters held placards with messages stating "We want justice for our friend".

Aarushi's classmate Fiza, 16, said: "We want justice. The CBI [Central Bureau of Investigation] closed the case without any conclusion.

"We don't want the case to be closed. We want it to be re-investigated from the start, following each sequence. Everyone is innocent unless he or she is proved guilty," she said.

Uday Anand, 17, said: "This is not called justice. They just can't blame the parents — it's inexcusable."

Aarushi's parents Rajesh and Nupur Talwar were also present at the march.

Her uncle Dinesh Talwar said: "We want justice for Aarushi, justice for her parents. We want this case to be brought to its logical conclusion."

Around 50 people participated in the march.

Circumstances

The children lit candles around Aarushi's photo and garlanded it.

They also held placards with slogans like "Are you saying that no one killed Aarushi?" and "Stop the blame game".

Fourteen-year-old Aarushi was found murdered under mysterious circumstances in her parents' Jalvayu Vihar apartment in Noida, Delhi's suburban town in Uttar Pradesh on May 16, 2008.

The family's domestic help, Hemraj, initially suspected for the teenager's murder, was also found killed on the flat's terrace a day later.

Indian Dental Association (IDA) member Vineet Bansal, who also participated in the march, said: "We strongly support the Talwar family.

The CBI should stop putting false allegations on the family. I personally know Rajesh Talwar since last 10 years and know for sure that he couldn't have done any such thing".