



## D.K. Basu Case

The [Supreme Court](#) expressed its oral observations on the **2022 incident in Gujarat** where four police officers were involved in publicly flogging an individual who was tied to a pole, accusing him of disrupting a garba event.

- SC questioned the authority of the officers to engage in such acts, emphasising the **1996 D.K. Basu judgment against police abuse**.
- The **D.K. Basu judgment** addressed that while the **police have the legal duty to arrest and interrogate criminals**, the law strictly **prohibits the use of third-degree methods or torture during custody**.
  - **Third degree method** originally referred to the **physical brutality used by police officers during interrogations**, but over time, it has come to encompass various forms of abuse, including [psychological pressure](#), sleep deprivation, and other forms of mistreatment.

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