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# The Kothari Brothers: Police Killings and a Family's Lasting Grief

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The Kothari brothers (background) and their sister Purnima.

## CASE SUMMARY

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| **Home locality** | Ram and Sharad Kothari lived in Kolkata's Bara Bazar. |
| **Arrival in Ayodhya** | The brothers reached Ayodhya with their friend on the morning of 30 October 1990. |
| **Fatal shooting** | Police fatally shot both brothers on the afternoon of 2 November 1990. |
| **Eyewitness account** | Bajrang Gupta says he saw the police open fire while the brothers were walking near Hanuman Garhi. |
| **Funeral** | The funeral took place the following day. Their friend Rajesh Agarwal was the only attendee who knew them. |

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