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Four Die in Darbhanga Fire After Dispute Over Second Marriage

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CASE SUMMARY

Date and district	The fire took place on 14 May in Bihar's Darbhanga district, according to news reports.
Location	The fire broke out around 5 am at the family home in Sheikhpura colony, Supaul Bazaar.
Reported trigger	News reports linked the fire to a dispute over the husband's second marriage.
Deaths	All four family members, including the first wife, died of burns.
Related court hearing	On 2 May, the Delhi High Court sought the Centre's response to a petition challenging polygamy without the first wife's consent.

THE TAKEAWAY

The Darbhanga fire came days after the Delhi High Court sought the Centre's response to a petition challenging polygamy without the first wife's consent.

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