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Women's rights activist Subhashini Ali being arrested by the police while protesting against an anti-dowry judgment outside Delhi High Court on Thursday.

Activists protest against Delhi HC remarks on dowry

New Delhi: Activists of some women organisations on Thursday forcibly entered the high-security Delhi High Court premises protesting against a judgment highlighting the misuse of anti-dowry provisions of law.

Around 25 activists led by leaders of All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), National Federation of Indian Women, Joint Women Programme and Mahila Dakshita Samiti shouted slogans against the high court judgment.

While some of the leaders were taken into the police vehicle forcibly as they did not heed the request of security to peacefully leave the premises, few including AIDWA's president Brinda Karat managed to flee the spot.

Some of the leaders who were taken to nearby police station were former MP Subhashini Ali and woman activists Ranjana Kumari and Ashalata.

Taking note of the misuse of Indian Penal Code provisions leading to breaking of marriages and undue harassment to a bridegroom's family in dowry cases, the court had suggested that there should be provisions for out of court settlement in such disputes and making the offences bailable.

Delivering the judgement, Justice J.D. Kapoor noted that many a marriage had been destroyed because of the misuse of the IPC provisions and even school going children were named as offenders in cases of harassment. PTI