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Summary of Points.

- (1) Section 15, Evidence Act, as it stands, is inadequate to meet a situation where there is no evidence that the accused did anything. An amendment to the section is suggested in order that 'system evidence' may be useful in bringing home the guilt of the accused in such cases.
- (2) It is sought to be shown that s. 27, Evidence Act is a proviso only to s. 26 and not to s. 25, so that, accused in police custody may not be subjected to the 'persuasive powers' of the police.
- (3) Dowry murders cannot be prevented by merely changing the law; but prevention requires a change in social attitudes towards the suspects.