

Mr arslan Siddiqi

Interviewer : Arslan you are here on the behalf of your grandfather, let me know where your grandfather migrated from India in Pakistan ?

Mr Arslan: Basically our family belonged to Indian state UP District Muzafar Nagar's village Jhansar.

Interviewer : If it is in your knowledge then state this ,How were the common dealings with the people and different communities of that area with your families ?

Mr Arslan:Our grandfather told us that initially the circumstances were good enough and there were no problems in over there,everything was going on normally,but with the passage of time circumstances reached on the verge of riots and bloodshed.These things compeled my family to migrate from our home town.

Interviewer:What was the name of your grandfather ?

Mr Arslan:His name ws Qazi Nizamudin.

Interviewer:What was the source of income of your family at that time in India ?

Mr Arslan: My grandfather used to do the agriculture and cultivation of different crops was the main source of income of our family over there.Still we have some of our properties in India and they are doing there job over there.

Interviewer:Have you any link your relatives yet ?

Mr Arslan: Yes definitely we are link with them ,the sister of my father is still in India along with her offspring and she died some days ago,some of her children got married in Pakistan Karachi,So half of family members are in India and half of them are in Pakistan.

Interviewer: So whatever (property) you left in India for migration did your family received any thing in claim from govt of Pakistan?

Mr Arslan: yes definitely ,In claim we received one house in Lahore Islampura ans second home was allocated in Pura Anarkali Lahore along with that we got agricultural land on piko road in claim.The properties of piko road and Islampura are still in our custody.

Interviewer: What was the measurement of properties that you received ?What ever you received was equal to the property that you left in India ?

Mr Arslan: No it was less,we received less property in claim and my grandfather told at that time it was enough because the circumstances were very poor in sub continent.It was fixed in their mind that we would have to leave this place somehow.

Interviewer: So in which circumstances you migrated from India to Pakistan ?

Mr Arslan: In our whole family only my grandfather and grandmother migrated to Pakistan while the other relatives couldn't make migration to Pakistan including the brothers of my grandfather and grandmother. In the main while when my family were preparing to make migration British authorities arrested my grandfather in the charge of revolt against the British empire. Basically my grandfather was the worker of Muslim League and my grandmother made migration alone and my 2 uncles were along with them and the ages of my uncles were 7 and 9.

Interviewer: What about your father he was not there ?

Mr Arslan: No my father was not born at that time.

Interviewer: Can you please tell us the source of transportation of migration of your family ?

Mr Arslan: Yes it was train, via train they migrated from India.

Interviewer: Which city of India your family made migration ?

Mr Arslan: They got train in Meerath and arrived in Lahore a place known as Hindu Camp and stayed for some days over there. Our relatives struggled for our claim in Pakistan and after their struggle we got home in claim in Islampura and settled down over there.

Interviewer: Have your grandmother faced any riots in the way coming from India to Pakistan?

Mr Arslan: Yes' definitely when train was on the border of Punjab Sikh made attack our train and my uncle run away from train to save his life and separated from my grandmother. At that time his age was 9 years. Grandmother started to find him but all in vain and then she left him and came back to Pakistan. But my Uncle managed to come in Pakistan somehow and arrived in Hindu Camp.

Interviewer: Had you family any kind of defensive tool with them ?

Mr Arslan: No and how it was possible for a lady and the children of 7 to 9 years. They had not any kind of defensive weapons with them.

Interviewer: Anyone from your family suffered with cholera ?

Mr Arslan: No at all, no one in our family suffered from cholera. We remained safe from that epidemic.

Interviewer: How your grandfather arrived in Pakistan and met with their family in Pakistan ?

Mr Arslan: Yes my grandfather arrived in Pakistan after the 7 years of migration of 1947. He was released by authorities in 1954 and then he decided to arrive in Pakistan to his family. It was allegation on my grandfather that he forced the public to destroy the property of State and for this allegation he suffered 7 years in jail. That case was pursued by the cousins of my

grandfather. Then he got the bail from jail. In two months after releasing from jail he made to arrive in Pakistan.

Interviewer : what was the reason of the stay of your father's aunt in India ? Why she not made migration to Pakistan ?

Mr Arslan: In her opinion she was not ready to leave the homeland of her ancestors and she really wants to continue the legacy of her parents. Whenever we see the graves of our ancestors on video call definitely we get emotional on this.

So it may be the emotional reasons that's why she never made migration to Pakistan.

Interviewer: Actually the Muslims were divided at that time into two groups the first one was Muslim League group and the second group was Mawlana Abdul Kalam Azad ? So it was not reason?

Mr Arslan : No it was only one reason and that was legacy of her parents .

The three sisters of my aunt married in Pakistan and they are well settled in Pakistan Karachi.

Interviewer: So how your grandmother took startup of her life in Pakistan along with her children ?

Were there any relatives of your family in Pakistan ?

Mr Arslan : No, Actually one of a family who migrated from the same village in India and both families had the same cast. They really supported us and they shared their residence with my grandmother for some days and in the meanwhile we got our home in claim in Islamabad and shifted there.

The family who supported us in early days of Pakistan they are now my maternal relatives.

Both families were of Siddiqi cast and that friendship turned to relationship.

Interviewer: How your grandmother managed the financial need of her family without your grandfather in the early days of migration ?

Mr Arslan: My grandmother started to give religious education and adopted this field as the source of income along with that the cousins of my grandfather continued the support of my grandmother from India because we had our property in India and the cousins of my grandfather used to send a part of that property's income from India to Pakistan to my grandmother. My grandmother used to receive the money order from India .

Interviewer: So when your grandfather arrived in Pakistan what profession he adopted in Pakistan to run the living expenditures of his family ?

Mr Arslan: By profession my grandfather was a doctor and he adopted the same profession in Pakistan and he opened a clinic in Lahore on the same property that we received in claim in old Anakali. Along with that he started a cola factory of cold drinks in Lahore .

Interviewer: What kind of education was in your family ? What was the highest education level in your family religious and English education ?

Mr Arslan : No our family was completely religious and we had only religious education at all . Qazi was basically is a designation and my Grandfather was respected Judge of District MUzafar Nagar.

Interviewer : So how you run the further life in Pakistan ?

Mr Arslan : When my grandfather arrived in Pakistan successfully then our financial crisis calmed down very well and the brothers of my father started to study and he is doctor right now . My father is Hockey Player and my Uncle supported us very well. It was the crisis period of 25 years and we successfully faced that period.

Interviewer : Thank You Mr Arslan

Mr Arslan : Most Well come

