

## Abdul Qadir Baba

Interviewer: So Baba g you are eye witness of Migrstion Of 1947 of India and pakistan ?

Abdul Qadir: Yes,I born in 1943 Ahmadabad in India it is a city of India and Pakistan came into being in 1947.

Interviewer: It means you were probably 5 years old at that time ?

Abul Qadir: yes I was round about four and half to five years old at that time.

Interviewer: So let me know about your family dealings with Hindu and Sikhs communities ?

Abul Qadir: Actually the thing is that before the time of partition most of the muslims were economically ill ,they used to do the labourer and passed their lives,Hindu muslims riots were common thing in our area.

Interviewer:So what was occupation of your father and family members there ?

Abul Qadir: My father and grandfather were mostly remain ill and my uncle was most active person and was responsible for house hold.He used to do the business of Vegetables in Ahmadabad.

Interviewer:Your grandparents came with you in Pakistan?How they reacted on the news of partition of India and Pakistan ? Had you faced any danger of Hindu or Sikh Mob ? Whatever was happening there?

Abul Qadir:No we didn't faced any riots or trouble in the partition because the there were very minor Sikhs in our area and Hindus were in minority when it was declared about partition paln my father died in that while .In the mean while my Grandparents and Uncle and announce to moved Pakistan without us.We lived in the Home of our Nana and Nani along with my mother.

Interviewer:So how you returned to pkistan ?

Abul Qadir: We returned to pakistan in 1948 after 6 months of migriation of my Other family members.

Interviewer: SO What was the source of transportation during migration of your Grand parents 1947 ?

Abul Qadir: They migrated in train But they didn't face any problem in the way .

Interviewer: Means they went out by train ?

Abul Qadir: yes

Interviewer: SO how you went out Pakistan after partition 1948 from India ? How many time circumstances took to be normal ?

Abul Qadir: Circumstances changed within 1 year .The most of the riots happened when people migrated from India to Pakistan.It was initiative of riots from India and by Sikhs.This incident gave birth to new riots in British India.

Interviewer : Sikhs were involved in it ?

Abdul Qadir :yes definately

Interviewer : What was your source of transportation in 1948 ?

Abdul Qadir : We arrived in Pakistan on ship in 1948, that kind of ships were not unmoor on shore they were setted sail 8 kilometers away from shore and mini boats used to serve for further facilitation.During reaching on shore on mini boat our mini boat got turned around and we started to float in sea but luckily out of 31 passengers 30 got safed and recorded one casualty.One person drown in water.

Interviewer : Who were with you during that incident ?

Abdul Qadir : In that incident my mother ,Grandmother ,siblings and my aunt were along with us .

Interviewer : Who was the most senior person in your family during partition times?

Abdul Qadir : In that time my Grandfather and my Grandmother were the most senior personalities

Interviewer : Did your Grandfather faced any problem in during partition 1947 ?

Abdul Qadir : Actually Not , When they arrived in Pakistan their Son In Law was local residence of Karachi and he host them for some time and leter on a Hindu gave them his home to live and they started to live in that home and that Hindu family went out to India.

Interviewer : How you managed in that tiny Home with Whole family ?

Abdul Qadir : We lived in pakistan for four months and we went back to India to my mother's Father along with my brothers and sisters.We lived consecutively 3 years in Mumbai and after 3 years we returned to Pakistan in 1951.

Interviewer : Have you any relatives in India ?

Abdul Qadir : yes my aunts live over there still along with their families .

Interviewer :are you in contact with them ?

Abdul Qadir : My aunts have died and we have no connection with their children .

Interviewer : Have you received any thing in claim from Govt of Pakistan ?

Abdul Qadir : Actually claims were for those who have any property in India and we have no property in India. We were poor in India also.

Interviewer : What occupation you adopted in Pakistan ?

Abdul Qadir : My Grandfather adopted the profession of labourer in Karachi. The Monthly salary of my Grandfather was 35 Pkr and whole family easily managed in this Package.

Interviewer : Lets talk about your education ?

Abdul Qadir : We were not educated because at that time there were no circumstances to get education.

Interviewer : So when you arrived in Pakistan Karachi , Did you meet with those people who suffered from any kind of Brutality of Indians ?

Abdul Qadir : No the people who migrated from India to Sindh they didn't suffer with any serious problem. Most of the riots happened in Punjab.

Interviewer : Have you still that property in your custody in Karachi that was given by a Hindu ?

Abdul Qadir : NO at all, because the family started to divide and we changed home location according to need multiple times .

Interviewer : So your family used to visit India even after partition ?

Abdul Qadir : It was very rare to visit India as I have told you we went out to India and returned to Pakistan.

Interviewer : People of which community are more in Sindh Karachi who migrated from India ?

Abdul Qadir : Jam Nagar, Mumbai Junagar and other different places in India.

Interviewer : It was a peaceful migration in Sindh ?

Abdul Qadir : Yes most of the riots happened in Punjab, most of the massacre happened in Punjab.

Interviewer : So what about school education in Pakistan ?

Abdul Qadir : I took admission in a school in Karachi and studied till 5<sup>th</sup> standard and then left education life and started to earn money.

Interviewer : Thanks a lot Baba G

Abdul Qadir : Well come