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Interviewer: Baba G let me know about your living place in British India ?

Gulam Haider : Our Home was in City Ferozepur Multani Darwaza main City.

Interviewer: What were your belongings over there ? Any property ?

Gulam Haider: We had 2 to 3 Homes with vast Courtyard of our relatives in city Ferozepur and also had good economic conditions over there. My father used to do the business of Sell and purchase of Cows and cattles, But professionally we belong to Gold smith family. We used to do trade of cows and cattles in different cities like Mumbai and Culcatta of British India .That was specification of our business. My paternal and maternal uncles used to live along with us and they were also involved in our business. Most of our relatives lived over there.

Interviewer: It seems that your economic conditions were good enough ?

Gulam Haider: Yes Masha Allah, We were enjoying good business terms over there and we were doing our business professionally.

Interviewer: Baba G let me know, How was your dealings with Hindus and Sikhs before partition ?

Gulam Haider: There were wonderful dealings at that times of my all uncles with Hindus and Sikhs. We had good relations with them we used to join their weddings and funerals hand in hands. Hindus , Muslims and Sikhs go hand in glove with each other. There was no any kind of prejudice involved before partition. We had good terms with them and great bonding of love in our society. We used to follow our religion with full freedom and they used to do the same. There was no restrictions on any one to follow its religion. We used to celebrate Eids , Shab e Barat and other festivals jointly and without any problems. There was peace everywhere.

Interviewer: So, Before partition When you started to hear about the divide of British India what was your reaction?

Gulam Haider: At that time, Only the educated people had the knowledge of partition before 5 to 6 months of partition. An illiterate person had no knowledge of partition and no understanding with partition. Educated families made a secure escape before partition but illiterate families were not aware enough and they came to know only the 1 month ago before partition. Educated families summed up their business with proper time but illiterate got the partition tragedy abruptly. So they had to save their lives and left their belongings in India and run away from their homes to save lives.

Interviewer: Who were the elements of insecurity for Muslims as they had to leave their homes to protect themselves ?

Gulam Haider: Sikhs and Hindus became the element of insecurity for muslims in the times of partition.They used to attack on Weak muslims communities area but avoid muslim's majority area to attack due to expecting the buffeting response from muslims.They used to kill the weak muslims and loot as well.

Interviewer: What were the ways to attack the muslims communities ?

Gulam Haider:They used to attack in the shape of mob and loot the jewellery of women and other tactics to malign the muslims communities.

Interviewer: What was the treatment with women ?

Gulam Haider:God forgive me ,It was undecipherable situation whatever happened with women.My father used to tell this story about women.Govt had installed the relief camps for assistance of any kind but in that camps the Sikhs , muslims and Hindus volunteers used to do the rapes of multiple girls multiple times. They used to check the good looking girls with electric torches and rape them.It is very painful experience to explain such things.they used to cut the breast of women and kill some of them as it was necessary to make sure to rub the evidences of their evil deeds.Taht was the treatment of volunteers with women in relief camps.

Interviewer:But its reality,

Gulam Haider:Yes indeed.

Interviewer:How was their behave with children of opponent community ?

Gulam Haider: They used to snatch the child from parents and toss the child in air and set the spiky iron rod or defensive equipments under that child to make sure its death. They used to make slogance and boast aftert killing an innocent one.They used to play with innocent people in a brutle way.

Interviewer: Which community initiated the riots and blood shed in terms of trains?

Gulam Haider: Muslims didn't initiated the riots but muslims retaliated after getting treated brutally by Sikhs.They send us bangles to make fun of muslim's ventureism and bravery.It was an open challenge to muslims.Then muslims did the same thing with Hindus and sikhs in ordre to take revenge.Sikhs used to cut the arms of muslims women to loot the jewellery and other parts of their body.It was very rainy days at the time of partition.it was raining consecutively eight days.people used to live on higher places due to rain in those days.When the muslim women looked toward this humiliating treatment they prefer to suicide by a single jump in river or wells of water collectively.The colour of river turned inti red due to prevailing blood bath at that time.

Interviewer:What was your source of transportation from India to Pakistan ?

Gulam Haider:Some of the people traveled pedistrain whom homes were near borders consecutively 4 to 5 days.There was a village near Ferozepur named Karmowala a grand carvan of muslims entered in that village and there was a religious leader in that village they joined that convoy and became more big convoy about 20000 muslims.peer Syed Gillani leaded that convoy and it became invulnerable convoy after getting more strength from nearly villages.Sikhs never messed up that convoy. The village of Karmawalla is still famous with the name that peer sab they shifted in Okara after Partition.He had two brothers Syed Ibarhim Shah and Syed Ismael Shah Sab.

Interviewer:Have you heard about your any relatives who lost their lives ?

Gulam Haider: the one who lost means he is no more in this world,Some of them took refuge some where due to situation of law and enforcement.Some of them returned to home from the State of Faridkot after six months due to good relations with sikhs.

Interviewer: What profession you adopted after your arrival in Pakistan ?

Gulam Haider:We adopted the same profession after arriving in Pakistan the business of Sell and Purchase of cow and cattles.

Interviewer:How was religious School education in Pakistan earlier days ?

Gulam Haider: yes it was good environment in paksitan for religious school education in earlier days.The Sadaat community in Bahawalpur and Basilpur gave shelters to live to Refugees.They helped them to settle down here in Pakistan.After our arrival in Pakistan we stayed in kasur for 10 to 15 days and after that we went out to other areas to live.We received houses in Depalpur city there is a town in that city where we lived for 60 years.In our area govt didn't receive any amount from Refugees.

Interviewer: So where did you get the religious education in Pakistan ?

Gulam Haider: I acquired the religious education from Depalpur Badshahi Mosque.It was the mosque of Mughal Empire.That mosque was built by Orangzaib King of Mughal Empire .The mosque of Lahore and Depalpur built in the same time by Mughal Empire.

Interviewer:ok Baba G Do you really think partition was really good Plan ?

Gulam Haider:No I don't know about that but M.A jinah made partition in a very Hurry.Partition should have within phases and very peacefully.

Interviewer: hanks a lot Baba G

Gulam Haider: Well come

