

Sabran Bibi

Interview: Where you lived in India before the partition of 1947?

Sabran Bibi: We belonged to ferozepur city and there was our home in city area.

Interviewer: What was the profession of your parents over there in India?

Sabran Bibi: My father had a little shop of Gold and he continued this profession generation wise. He was a professional Gold Smith.

Interviewer: What is name of your father?

Sabran Bibi: Gulam Muhammad.

Interviewer: Had you any agricultural land in Ferozepur?

Sabran Bibi: No we had no land over there .In the busy days of partition When migration was on its peak and Muslims were migrating in trains through ferozepur railway station sikhs attacked on the railway station to loot the people and to brutally kill them at all. There was no mercy even for children and women. They were killing every Muslim with their swords. They used to put the spear in the body of new born and raise them in air to show their power. They killed my Grandfather before my eyes and elder brother of my father along with his son .When i saw those sights i was standing near and screaming in the main while my father and other members of family rushed from Station and reached in a village. After reaching in village we started to migrate pedestrian with the belief of Allah.

Interviewer: Was there any problem with sikh and Hindu community in Ferozepur before partition? How were your common dealings with them?

Sabran Bibi: No there was no problem before partition in Ferozepur .All of them had friendly relations and they used to do help each other in the time of difficulty.

When authorities declared about migration, in the main while riots reached on its peak within 2 to 3 days. It was scene of chaos every where people were worried about their security.

Everyone wanted to make place in train for himself .Everyone wanted to evacuate as soon as possible but trains were not enough to accommodate all the people especially Muslim community. People made place on the roof of the train .trains were over filled with passengers. Sikhs stopped the train in the way and played a historical bloodbath with Muslims.

Sikhs and Hindus were in majority in Ferozpur.

Interviewer: What about your relatives and business in Ferozepur?

Sabran Bibi: Actually i was very young at the time partition and I didn't remember about whole situation exactly because i am very old right now and difficult to recall memories of Ferozepur. Probably we had our relatives over there.

Interviewer: Had you any relatives in Pakistan?

Sabran Bibi: No we had no relatives in Pakistan and when we came in Pakistan after migrating luckily we stayed in Refugee camps in city for some days. I don't more about further settlement. In the main while my family tried to find out links for settlement and with the passage of time we made our home but we have not received any support from the government of Pakistan.

Interviewer: Anyone in your family suffered from epidemic or cholera?

Sabran Bibi: No i don't know more about that but i remember about brutal way of killing the innocent people and my relatives as well.

Interviewer: When you arrived in Pakistan Govt. of Pakistan gave you anything in claim?

Sabran Bibi: No we didn't receive any property in claim because we have no knowledge about that process.

Interviewer: What was your age at the time marriage?

Sabran Bibi: I was young but exact figure is not in my mind but right now i am 90 years old and you can imagine all things.

Interviewer: Do you have anything in your mind?

Sabran Bibi: No i don't have anything in my mind because in this age it is not possible but i remember that atrocities Sikhs and Hindus made on my family members on railway station are still printed in my mind.

Interviewer: Your uncle had no more children?

Sabran Bibi: No he had only one son at all .Sikhs killed his son first. When they killed his son he had some gold in his bag he threw that precious bag in river because he had lost his everything. And in second attempt of riots my uncle embraced martyrdom.

We were waiting on station in the Main while Sikh attacked on station and there was chaos everywhere on station. Some people run away far and some of them jumped in river to save their lives. They were on huge level the people who attacked on Muslims.

Interviewer: What about education of your family?

Sabran Bibi: we were not enough educated at that time.

People who traveled from kasur to Ferozpur on train they were Sikhs and Hindus they also made atrocities on Muslims who were waiting on station for train on Ferozpur station.

Interviewer: Thanks a lot

Sabran Bibi: well come

