

Sidra Bibi

Interviewer: In which city of India your mother lived?

Sidra BiBi : My grandfather belonged to ferozepur village Dholly wala and he was famous with the name of Dholly wala peer in India. He was a religious leader generation to generation .He used to resolve the issues of people.

Interviewer: What was source of income of your family over there?

Sidra BiBi : He was a religious mentor (peer) of Dholly wala along with that he had agricultural land in that area. They used to do cultivation in that area with other members of family also. They had cattle's and local animals for home use. They were enjoying a lavish lifestyle over there. Sikhs and Hindus had great respect for them. People of different communities used to sit with them and it was great expression of Humanity. Some of them were bad and some of them were good enough. Nobel Sikhs recommended my grandfather not to open the gate of Home for security reasons. They helped my grandfather to evacuate them from India to Pakistan in the darkness of night. They gave us carts and provide other help regarding successful evacuation. After arrival in Pakistan they went out to Chicha watni and started to live over there. In the main while they marry my mother with my father in kot Mehtab khan and my father was property officer (patwari).My father helped my mother's family in every way and provided them property in Pakistan in claim. My father settled down my mother's family in Bhai pheru from chicha watni. When my grandfather's family settled in Bhai pheru i was in my childhood, then my grandfather started a new life in bhai pheru and his religious leadership as well in Bhai pheru.

A letter from India from the shrine of my great grandfather we received and they invited my cousins to visit the shrine of my great grandfather honor .One of my aunt got marry in India and her husband murdered over there. One of my aunt got marry in relatives not any single member return to Pakistan after partition.

Interviewer: Let me know about the common social relations with other communities in India ?

Sidra BiBi : yes definitely ,Sikhs and Hindus had great respect for them. People of different communities used to sit with them and it was great expression of Humanity. Some of them were bad and some of them were good enough. Nobel Sikhs recommended my grandfather not to open the gate of Home for security reasons. They helped my grandfather to evacuate them from India to Pakistan in the darkness of night. They gave us carts and provide other help regarding successfull evacuation.My mother was no educated because we are syed and we had

to follow the religious rules strictly .Ladies from different areas used to visit our home for guidance .She was educated but religiously.

One of my uncle is Property officer (parwari) and second one is religious leader , Still he is famous with the name Dholly wala peer in pakistan.He has great impact on public due to his religious mentorship.People demand Taweez

and other medicines from my uncle in India.

Interviewer : When your family came to know about migration from India to pakistan What was their reaction ?

Sidra BiBi :Actually my grandfather was very wise person and he predicted the situation earlier but he didnt take any practical step regarding this.People usually come to meet him when they come from india on the birth celebrations of Baba Guru Nank.

Interviewer :What kind of claim your family received in pakistan from government ?

Sidra BiBi : Actually my father was a property officer in pakistan and my mother's family had property documents of India.My father helped my mother's family in every way and provided them property in pakistan in claim.My father settled down my mother's family in Bhai pheru from chicha watni.If my father were not a property officer perhaps it may not possible to receive claim .

Interviewer : When your family made mind to migrate did other communities harm your family ?

Sidra BiBi :

In the initial 2 to 3 days of riots we made migration .Some of them were bad and some of them were good enough.Nobel Sikhs recommended my grandfather not to open the gate of Home for security reasons.They helped my grandfather to evacuate them from India to pakistan in the darkness of night.They gave us carts and provide other help regarding successfull evacuation.We crossed the Ganda Singh border within a night and reached in pakistan.

Interviewer : What profession they adopted after migration in pakistan ?

Sidra BiBi : In the early days of migration my uncles started to do labourer and my grandfather resumed his religious status and started to guide the people , later they shifted in Bhai pheru after the allotment of lands in that area, then they started agriculture on that land and made life style good enough.My elder uncle hold the legacy of my grandfather and still he is continuing that post.My mother and aunt told me about my grandmothers grave in India and she was very preety in her life.Still there is a shrine in India associated with my family.

Interviewer : What was the level of education of your family before partition ?

Sidra BiBi : there was no trend of scientific education but religious education. My uncle was in 3 standard in british Raj school and after migration some of them continue their education but not at enough high level.

Interviewer : was there any problem of epidemic or cholera ?

Sidra BiBi : There was no any serious problem happened with my mother's family. All of them remained safe and sound from any epidemic.

Interviewer : Did your family stay in Refugee in camp ?

Sidra BiBi : No there was no option of Camps because the ladies of our family used to do veil on face and due to this reason we never stayed in camps.

Interviewer : Thanks alot

Sidra BiBi : Well come

