Sheikh Noor Muhammad

Interviewer: This is basically a research program and for that, would you allow us that we may interview you?

Mr. Noor Muhammad: Yes, of course.

Interviewer: We actually want to ask you that during the partition of 1947, you had witnessed the whole environment, would you please like to share that with us as well.

Mr. Noor Muhammad: It was such a crucial time. At that time, Pakistan entered into Azad Kashmir and from the Sarhad area, Pathans entered there as well. Pathans started violation everywhere and during that process they eventually arrived at Sri Nagar. There, they robbed everything including jewelry and cash and done a huge oppression to the people. When all this happened, Mahraja Hari Singh started thinking that how this all will be cleared. He at that time requested India that India may deploy army to cover the situation here and help it. Mahraja Hari Singh tried his level best to control and keeps the Kashmir safe. He said that Kashmiris may have the right to make decision that what should be done.

Interviewer: During that period of time, Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs were living together in the area where you were living?

Mr. Noor Muhammad: Yes, there were, but in my village named Balenam, there were not in a huge numbers, but they were living in their own villages, but the relationship between all of them was very good.

Interviewer: When this partition system declared and all of a sudden Indian army came out and from the other side Pakhtoons as well, what happened then?

Mr. Noor Muhammad: Pakhtoons actually occupied and arrived at Sri Nagar. In 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh was the president of the area. Then, later Sheikh Abdullah came in and controlled the situation.

Interviewer: So, the situations were normal during that period of time?

Mr. Noor Muhammad: Yes, it was normal, but later all these brutal killings happened, done by the Pakthoons, by the local people as well and during that situation, Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs were killed. I must say that specifically in Jammu Kashmir, Muslims were killed in maximum even millions of Muslims killed including men, women etc.

Interviewer: Now, tell us, what do you think about this current Kashmir's issue?

Mr. Noor Muhammad: This issue was such a simple issue. Kashmiri's policy of Jinnah actually had to be released, and in no time, Kashmir had to be stay free. Kashmiri's are living slavery life from the last 75 years, is due to rulers of ours.

Interviewer: What the Quaid-e-Azam's policy was for the Kashmir?

Mr. Noor Muhammad: Quaid-e-Azam's policy for the Kashmir was that, at that time our first foreign minister of Azad Kashmir was Sardar Ibrahim Khan. Quaid sent him to United Nation as their ambassador to speak on Kashmir's issue. He did the right things in United Nation constitutions and a couple of constitutions were done as accomplished, but later policy actually changed in 1949 after death of Quid-e-Azam in 1948. So, this issue remains separated from the constitutions of United Nation and as an issue cannot be resolved without any policy, so there was not such a real policy after Quad-e-Azam.

Interviewer: What do you think, how it will be resolved this Kashmir's issue.

Mr. Noor Muhammad: I must say an atomic war is the only solution of that, both sides may suffer a lot, and finally good things may happen.

Interviewer: What if a single bombshell fell to your area as well?

Mr. Noor Muhammad: If this happened, we will martyr as well, but country will be free once again and besides that solution, there is no solution but the policy of Quaid-e-Azam.

Interviewer: Anything, you want to share from the past in 1947 from your memories.

Mr. Noor Muhammad: It was not good at all at that time, but one again I would must say that if now a days Kashmir's are slave, Pakistan government is much responsible for that.

Interviewer: We pray that Almighty may help Kashmir's and they may live their lives without slavery, and as they want freedom, the freedom must be given to them.