

Rizwan Islam

Interviewer: where your Forefathers lived in British India?

Rizwan: As we have heard from our forefathers they lived in ferozepur along with their other relatives. Although, our many relatives lived here in this side of ferozepur as it was quite near so it was easy access.

Interviewer: what was the source of income of your grand fathers?

Rizwan: I don't know much. However, I Had listened That they dealt with the import-export of clothes. Also they have small shop attached with our house.

Interviewer: How they interact with other community members?

Rizwan: They lived Muslim dominant area but not Hindus many Sikhs also lived there. They freely participated even in their religious rites.

Interviewer: had They felt any biasedness on the basis of faith?

Rizwan: Not as usual but at the time of partition they were threatened by the natives as well as Indian soldiers.

Interviewer: had your other relatives also migrated with your family members?

Rizwan: Nope, mostly those who had their lands and cattles over there didn't migrated here.

Interviewer: Tell me about the relatives which had been left there in India?

Rizwan: My father came back with my uncle to find out about their relatives in India in 1958 but they could not find them there and they were told that they Had Also migrated but they could not be found anywhere even in laser and near places.

Interviewer: Now the question is where they had gone?

Rizwan: They all knew about our relatives in kasur and if they had migrated they would have reached here but they could not. It's mean whether they had been murdered or burnt Alive on their way to kasur.

Interviewer: What was source of transportation from ferozepur to basic?

Rizwan: They travelled on bullock-carts because they feared that they could have been killed if they travel through trains.

Interviewer: what was the source of protection?

Rizwan: They had small oxes and sapaddles to save themselves from Hindus. Mostly they travelled in accumulated form as it was more protected way to deal with mobs.

Interviewer: What was the relationship with other people before partition?

Rizwan: It was very good as I had heard from the grandfather that they had been living happily together like brothers. But unfortunately this partisanship against Muslim was erupted from their religious scholars.

Interviewer: Now we talk about your living in kasur. What was the source of income here in kasur.

Rizwan: My grandfather started the same business of cloth here in kasur as they did in India.

Interviewer: Had you got any housing facility from the government in Kasur?

Rizwan: Nope, they could not get any such anything As they were not much awared about legal matters but gradually they settled themselves here by establishing their own business.

Interviewer: you were supported by your relatives?

Rizwan: yes, we have been helped.

Interviewer: Now you have been completely settled here?

Rizwan: yes, we are proud Pakistani and especially Muslim as this country was made for us and we have been doing here everything freely and happily.

Interviewer: thank you very much Mr. Rizwan.