

Sardar Imtiaz Hussain Dogar

Interviewer: First of all we will discuss about your history in British India where you lived in India ?

Imtiaz Dogar: There is a Khai village in Feroze walla District,our ancestors belonged to that palce.We used to do farming and agriculture on land over there,So our home town was Khai.

Interviewer:So the main source of income was agriculture ?

Imtiaz Dogar: yes indeed including Cattle and cow farming .

Interviewer:How was the dealings of your family with the Hindus and Sikhs in Khai ?

Imtiaz Dogar: Whatever we heard from our family about common dealings and realtions with Sikhs,even our family visited that village after partition twice so they met with the people of that village they received outstanding response from them.My father went out to india to see that place with a proper deligation of our family from Pakistan.

Interviewer: It means your family got a chance to visit your native's town in India ?

Imtiaz Dogar: yes definitely they got the chance twice to visit India,a person visited us in paksitan from India to take the all information about our generations in pakisatn.It was the great source of information for us

Interviewer:Most of the people of your area were Sikhs ?

Imtiaz Dogar:Yes definitely they were Sikhs because it was the area of Punjab and sikh were in majority Punjab and we had good relations with them.

Interviewer:How was the time when your family visited India to see their ancestors birth place ? who were in that deligation ?

Imtiaz Dogar: Most of them were my uncles and there is a community of Sikhs Raj Baber.My uncle Sardar Tariq Dogar visisted India several times and we enjoyed good time with them.They also visited once Pakistan with a whole team here and we accommodated them very well and they enjoyed a lot.We entertained them in Lahore and make visits with them other place in Pakistan.

Interviewer: How many years ago your family visited Indai ?

Imtiaz Dogar>Last visit was approximately 10 years ago they made according to my memory.

Interviewer:Lets talk about the time of partition How your family made a secure evacuation from Indiaduring partition ?

Imtiaz Dogar: It was very difficult time ,my grandfather came to know that this is not right palce to live and we had to migrate from India toward Pakistan in na secure environment for

muslims of British India. Infactb there was no reason to withdraw from such a big property except the risk of lives in India for muslims. We were safe from any prevailing Bloodshed during partition at that time. Sikhs of that area really helped us to make secure evacuation from India. there may be any loss but according to my information our whole family made shift safely.

Interviewer: How was the collaboration of sikh community in your area during evacuation ?

Imtiaz Dogar: Yes, they gave us the way out to evacuate from Indai with help and support because we had good realtion with them and some gold we brought with us in Pakistan that was distributed among different families later.

Interviewer: What was the source of transportation of your family during evacuation from India ?

Imtiaz Dogar: We had horses at that time and that area was very near to kasur so we made to evacuate on our own Horses. Some of them travel pedestrian and most senior were on the Horses. Never helped us in this regard.

Interviewer: Had you any relatives in Pakistan before partition ?

Imtiaz Dogar: NO we had no relatives in kasur before partition. First we arrived in kasur then we moved to sahiwall in village 41 we Had realtions with them and on the behalf of that relation .According to my source the law and order was challenge at that time. On successful migration with out any loss of lives we made a thank to God. Other people had to sacrifise a lot. We also received different houses in claim but later. Claim allotted us on different places in country. we had a big family. we had a big family with several family membes but we received homes in claim in different places of kasur. After getting allotment in different places of kasur and other cities we made settlement respectively. we received more property in kasur rather than other cities. We received a factory in kasur to live for whole family. we received agricultural land in different palces of Punjab. We didn't receive any agricultural property in Kasur...

Interviewer: So let me know the agricultural land that you received in in claim near kasur was according to your land in Indai that you left ?

Imtiaz Dogar : No It was very less, according to our forefathers we were enjoying royal life over there, We used to receive the income of agricultural land nothing else ,even the land in India could have served generations without any worry. But in Pakistan we didn't receive like that it was hardly 20% of property in India.

Interviewer: So what occupation your family adopted after arriving in Pakistan ?

Imtiaz Dogar : They adopted same occupation in paksitan due to experience in relavent field.

Interviewer: Who was the most senior personality of your family during the time of partition ?

Imtiaz Dogar : She was my great grandmother and her name was Noor Bibi.

Interviewer: So your father born in Pakistan ?

Imtiaz Dogar :No he born in British India and he was very young at that time.

My grandfather and his brothers were also very young at that time and energetic as well.

Interviewer: It means you are the first generation who born in Pakistan ?

Imtiaz Dogar :yes definitely.

Interviewer: Don't you have mind to visit your ancestral land ?

Imtiaz Dogar : yes,but there is no protocols right now for us and when my father and uncles visited India they received protocols and great welcome as well.The MNA and MPA of community in India used to invite our Uncles and they enjoyed outstanding hospitality. We have busy schedule of life and other responsibilities as well.

Interviewer: Still most of your family members are attached with Agriculture ?

Imtiaz Dogar :yes definitely even I am doing job and cultivation as well,I have very less property right now due to division in generations.Some members of my family doing both job and agriculture.I am doing contract farming right now.

Interviewer: So did you receive any news of Blood shed in your area in India ?

Imtiaz Dogar :yes and it was the reason to left such a huge property in India in order to secure our lives.

Interviewer: Thanks a lot

Imtiaz Dogar :Well come