

Haji Sardar Ali

Interviewer: Your age is more than eighty and you were Ten years old at the times of Partition,How you felt about the common dealings of people in different communities between Hindu ,Sikhs and muslims ?

Haji Sardar : I born in September 1937 in British India.According to my knowledge it was very rare to find out a muslim guy who was not owed by Hindus.It was very miserable situation for muslims because they usually used to take loan from Hindus and when harvested the crop,Hindu baniya were in the fields of muslims to receive their loans and their interests also on that loan.Only the Wheat of four to five months were in the hands of Muslims to survive , then after four months muslims used to knock at the door of Hindus to give them loan once again and demand eatables like flour.Hindu had economic cover.

Interviewer : Means Hindu had their prevalence and control on whole economic situation ?

Haji Sardar : Yes indeed,When any muslim family used to sent their children to school or even any religious school ,Most of the muslims were lower class servant in vegetable market of city.When any Hindu guy used to look at muslim guy that he was getting education ,They used to say do not send him school but send him in the market to serve as labour.Hindu used to say before the school going children that he cany become an officer or a judge in court , send this child to our shop we will give him two rupees to him as daily vages.it will be usefull for you.

Interviewer :It Means they used to distrack the children of muslims from studies ? Hindus were not ready to thrive muslims through their financial policies ?

Haji Sardar : yes , even we were not aware with our rights ,Only one home in our whole area was mentally well reputed that was the home of Syed Mubarak Ali Shah.He was member of cometti of city.

Interviewer : Ok , Lets talk about exactly the time of partition and Hindu Sikhs and muslim migration ?

Haji Sardar: Here there were some shops of Hindus and a street of Hindus as well,when muslims went out to loot them Luckily Hindus have left our area earlier and rest of the belongings of Hindus were taking in their custody.When Hindu families were migrating from kasur, some of muslim looters caught them in the way and demand money any Hindu had to pay for it.There was a Hindu family I our area who adopted islam due to Syed mubarak Ali shah.

Interviewer : My senior have you heard about any riots or bloodshed I your area ?

Haji Sardar : Yes definitely,On our city station several trains of muslims came from india, the breast of muslim women were cut off.Even it was very difficult for children and for mothers also to recognize each other.Some of muslims families in our town adopted some of muslims child who had lost their parents.Our relatives who migrated from India we hosted them.

Interviewer: you were the local of this area ? you hosted them ?

Haji Sardar :yes we hosted our relatives.

Interviewer : What about your relatives who left for kasur ? Do they felt any hardships in the way during arrival from India ?

Haji Sardar: Yes, they have to face very serious problems while coming from india,Half of my relatives reach in Kasur rest of them were killed in the way due to prevailing bloodshed.

Interviewer : I saw a street of Hindus with big houses of that times ?

Haji Sardar: Yes ,That was street of Hindus,who had there hold in our area and on our landlord.

Gandpat Ram , Dollat Ram and Pandit families and there was also an orchard of Hindu family that was very famous in our area(panditan wala Bagh).They were very rich.

Interviewer : was there any kind of Hindu worship Place ?

Haji Sardar:Yes definitely there was temple, along with station there was a Shamshan Ghaat.There was pond of Hindus along with that Shamshan Ghaat.

Interviewer : What about the medical camps in our Area ?

Haji Sardar: Yes, Near station there was a medical camps to accommodate the people.

Interviewer : Any information about Cholera epidemic ?

Haji Sardar: No I don't know about epidemic much more but Cholera was common in those days.people used to dispose of dead bodies very quickly..

Interviewer :Ok

Haji Sardar: Let me narrate you a story of that times.There was a train of Hindus made stop on our station.Muslims made intentin to loot them but they had their defense and gunmans was in that train it was a very long duration of firing.Muslims opened the fire on them but they were well prepared.Muslims couldn't loot them.This was the famous incident of partirtion in kasur.

Interviewer : those Hindus were local population of Kasur ?

Haji Sardar: No, they were not but they were coming from any other area and they were moving towards India.

Interviewer :Who initiated the bloodshed of Trains ?

Haji Sardar: Muslims who came from India suffered more and first such tyranny.The Hindus and Sikhs of our area were very wise and they left this area earlier.They didn't experience any problems.Yeah two Sikhs of Bughri (village) were killed in the blood shed of kasur.

Interviewer : What about the profession of your father before partition ?

Haji Sardar : He was a Labourer.

Interviewer : Ok after partition he used to do the same work ?

Haji Sradar: Yes,till his death.

Interviewer :what about your education ?

Haji sardar: Yes, Me with my cousins ,we used to go in a mosque to study Quran.When Pakistan came into being we completed our religious studies. After the completion of Quran we enrolled in Jamia Islamia in Mubarak Masjid in our Area.We used to study Persian and Arabic from Molana Syed Tayab Shah hamdani and Molana Fazal U Rehman.The father qari habib Ulah was the teacher of Quran over there.I have two brothers and one sisters.My parents were illeterte but they were not aware in which class my son is enrolled.Then we went out to Primary School to be enrolled, they took our test in added us in fifth generation.

Interviewer : What about the source of information in the times of partition ?

Haji Sardar:No there was no source of information except radio in one home in our area.

Interviewer : Did your religious leaders of that times Urged you to do injustice and loot the Hindus and Sikhs ?

Haji Sardar:Not at all, they made huge gathering of all people in our area and ordered our local population to share your resources with refugees ,whatever you have looted from Hindus and Sikhs.People used to accept their orders and people showed positive response on their demand.No one was aware who is migrating from kasur.we had the bricks collection on the roof of our home in order to protect our self from the convoy of Hindus and Sikhs.

Interviewer : Thanks a lot Haji Sardar