

Affidavit of Gurbachan Singh

Misra Commission

I, Gurbachan Singh aged about 33 years son of late S. Swaroop Singh Tilak Vihar, New Delhi do hereby on solemn affirmation state and declare as under:

That I along with my father late S. Swaroop Singh and other family members were residing in our house in JJ Colony No.1, Delhi-41.

I say that on 31.10.84 my brother-in-law (wife's brother) S. Amrik Singh and his brother-in-law (his wife's brother) Tarlochan Singh were also with us in our Nangloi House.

That on 1.11.84 at about 10 AM five hundred to 700 non-Sikhs attacked our house and started throwing stones and big bricks bats on us. Within few minutes they set on fire all the three doors of our house. I along with my younger brothers Kuldip Singh and Gurmit Singh and two other Sikhs who had also entered our house at that time for shelter were defending ourselves from the top of the house which was a double storey house. We had shifted females of our family along with my father Swaroop Singh and relatives Amrik Singh and Tarlochan Singh and children in the house of neighbourer known as Patwari on the back side.

That we went on defending ourselves tirelessly and were seeking from the top of our house that DTC buses and Buses of Haryana Roadways, were bringing and boarding down non-Sikhs in hundreds who were armed with lathies. In about one hours' time, the mob swelled into about 200 persons. We received number of injuries.

5. At about 10 Police Officials were also present at the spot and they were encouraging the mob to kill us. I saw Sajjan Kumar, the then Congress (I) MP of our area standing amongst the mob, and he was directing the mob to attack us with more and more force and kill us.

Among that mob I could identify several persons of the locality. Some of them are one Prem Chand Jain R/o Y-149 Nangloi, JJ Colony, S/o Dr. Gupta, who is having his shop in the Nangloi chowk. One person "KHAL MERCHANT" known as Tunda, one Kariana shop keeper in the back lane and his brother-in-law.

That we all the three brothers were having swords in our hands. But the other two Sikhs who took shelter in our house were not having any arms with them. There were two other Sikh neighbours also who were armless. All these four Sikhs were killed by the aforesaid persons and mob within four hours. At about 2 PM or 2.30 PM Railway Train from Rohtak side came and stopped near the Gurdwara in our colony. About 2000 non-Sikhs alighted from the train, some of them were carrying lathies, while the other some were carrying iron rods and rest of them were carrying kerosene oil containers. All of them attacked us with full force. My father S. Swaroop Singh, brother-in-law Amrik Singh and his brother-in-law Tarlochan Singh were taken out from the house of neighbourer and were killed by striking iron rods on their heads and then sprinkling kerosene oil upon them and then setting them all on fire. This is done by Prem Chand Jain and the aforesaid persons as mentioned in para 6 above. At that time Sajjan Kumar, M.P. was also present there. Then I and my two brothers fled away from the spot by protecting ourselves with the swords.

Subsequently, police refused to record my above statement. Polices took me away from the shelter on 3rd November 1984. When I insisted that my report be recorded with the name of the culprits who committed murders. Ram Pal Rana, SHO Police Station Nangloi reprimanded me and told me that they had already registered the FIR on 1.11.84 and that name of murderers are not recorded in the FIR. Ram Pal Rana was openly saying to the public as to how we four sons of our father escaped being killed.

I say that till today no investigation worth the name have been conducted by the police as if no murder is committed by anyone.

That our entire belongings from our house were looted by Prem Chand Jain and his associates in the presence of the police.

I say that throughout the day of 1st November 1984 when we were being attacked time and again by the non-Sikhs mob, Ram Pal Rana, SHO, remained present on the spot.

After about one month, I and my brother Amarjit Singh went to bring ration from the fair price shop in Y-Block. We were caught by the police headed by Dalel Singh Sub-Inspector and were taken to Police Station there we were detained, beaten and threatened and kept under wrongful confinement from 11 AM to 7 PM. Our photographs were taken by them and addresses of our relatives were taken. We were told by Dalel Singh SI that in case we tried to name any murderer of our father and other relatives we will be done to death.

That I and the remaining members of my family remained in the camp at Gurdwara Gur Sangat Sabha B-Block, Tilak Nagar for about one month.

That I say that Ram Pal Rana had obtained my thumb impression on several papers on 3-11-84 itself. I do not know the contents of those papers, nor they were disclosed to me.

I submit that when I was taken to Police Station and my brother was also taken to Police Station, the SHO Ram Pal Rana was having one barber in the Police Station and our hair were got out from him forcibly at the pain of death.

That when this judicial enquiry was ordered several persons posing themselves to be Police Officers came and by threatening me took my thumb impression on blank papers.

It looks very strange that thousands of Sikhs were killed intentionally and mercilessly in this carnage, but no murdered case is either registered or investigated. But curiously enough in subsequent Bomb Blast in Delhi, about 49 persons were killed and the investigations are

made in a matter as if the entire Sikh community is to be hanged. Where this law had gone out of the statue in November 1984.

That unless these hardened criminals in Police Force and Congress (I) Party are not hanged for murders there does not seem to be any point for us to gain confidence in this partial government. This conspiracy was hatched out by the ruling party and thereon – Sikh members of the police force.

I pray that the culprits be prosecuted, and proper compensation be given to me and my family members.