

Affidavit of Jasbir Kaur Misra Commission

Miss Jasbir Kaur (no. 147) whose father was employed as a Caretaker in the Bokaro Steel Plant, states:

".... On 1-11-84 at about 8. 30 or 9 a. m. he (father) got ready to go to his office but as we had heard that the atmosphere in the entire city was surcharged with tension and anti-Sikh sentiment, we advised him not to go to the plant lest there may be any danger in the way. Thus, my father remained in the house.

That my brother Kamaljit Singh (aged 25 years) was undergoing TV Course at Calcutta and he had come to meet us on 30th Oct. 1984. Thus, he was also at home.

That my mother Harjit Kaur (aged 43 years) had some fracture in the ankle which was plastered up to down the knee and was therefore lying on a bed in the house.

That my younger brother Kuljit Singh (aged 16 years) was a student of Xth class studying on IX B High School. But as there were examination preparatory leave those days, therefore, he did not go to school and was also at home Sector IX, Qr. No. 1066 had come to our house to meet us and thus he was also at home. That my brother in law (S.Avtar Singh aged 32 yrs.) who owns a Trekker and resides in Sector.

That on November 1, 1984, at about 10 a.m. or so, a mob comprising of more than two thousand persons came towards our house. They were having iron rods, lathis axes, spears, firearms, stones, etc. etc. with them. They were shouting anti-Sikh slogan like "Maar do sale sardaron ko ", "loot lo" etc. etc. Among the mob, the conspicuous whom I could identify at that time were Mr. Upender, Mr. Joginder and Mr. Ajit all residents of Sector IX. Forth was Mr. Vinay Kumar Sahu of Sector VIII and one Mr. Deepak. Later on I identified other accused

in the Identification Parade. That on seeing the threatening attitude of the mob and their menacing advance towards our house, we four sisters , namely , myself , Balwinder Kaur (27 years), Paramjit Kaur (21 years) Charanjit Kaur (19 years) and two daughters of Balwinder Kaur (aged 2 years and 2 months respectively) escaped from the back door to the house of our immediately neighbour residing in Qr.No. 2015. From the window of house no. 2015, we saw everything that happened in our house. My mother could not accompany us because she was bed-ridden.

That the aforesaid mob, on coming near our house, started attacking it with sabbals and stones. At that time I saw that some in the mob were having tins of kerosene oil or petrol. They broke the window panes of our house and some of them started throwing burning rags inside the house through our window. By this time the mob had surrounded our house from all sides. There were some clothes lying near our window which caught fire. My brothers and father and brother-in-law tried to extinguish the fire by pouring water over it. In the meantime, I heard the sound of somebody firing through a firearm. I could not know whether it did hit anybody or not. Some miscreants in the mob started hitting the door of our house with iron rods and sabbals. At that time, I heard somebody saying that the water connection should be cut off. Somebody stopped the water supply because after that I saw fire and smoke in the house. Probably the inmates of the house aforesaid did not find water to extinguish the fire.

That thereafter the miscreants broke open the door of the house and started dragging out my mother, younger brother, father, elder brother and brother-in-law above mentioned.

That all the victims were dragged to the open compound outside the room. I saw that two persons had my younger brother, Kuljit Singh caught firmly, and they were asking other miscreants to bring the spear to kill him. My brother-in-law is a clean shaven Sikh. Kuljit Singh

cried for help to his mother, but the mother wept bitterly and so much choked that she merely looked at her son helplessly. I heard his cry for a few minutes and the miscreants started beating the boy mercilessly before his parents and brother and brother-in-law. All of a sudden, the miscreants pounced upon all the five persons i.e., my mother, father, elder brother, younger brother and brother-in-law and started beating them with all parts of weapons on which they could lay their hands upon. All the five victims aforesaid fell dead.

After committing the gruesome murder, the miscreants started looting the house. "