

**Affidavit of Prof. Madhu Dandavate.
Misra Commission**

Madhu Dandavate MP. Age 61. New Delhi.

I, Prof. Madhu Dhandavate, do humbly and solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. After I received the news of Smt. Indira Gandhi's assassination on 31st October 1984, I started for Delhi from Bombay by Rajdhani Express on 1st November, 1984.
2. When our train reached Ratlam Station it was announced on the train that if passengers wish to get down and return to Bombay they will be allowed to do so since there was some trouble around.
3. When the train reached Mathura Station on the morning of 2nd November, 1984, I found large number of armed police as well as commandos guarding the station. At this station some outsiders entered the train.
4. When the train reached Tughlakabad station on 2nd November morning a large number of persons carrying iron rods, axes, crow bars etc. entered our train. They were searching for Sikh passengers in the train. They declared that no Sikh will be allowed to leave the train alive. At that time I found that some Sikhs in the adjoining compartments were pulled down by these outsiders carrying weapons. I found two Sikhs killed and thrown on the platform and then their dead bodies were set on fire on the platform. The police standing on the platform made no efforts to prevent either the killing or burning of the Sikhs.
5. After some time I found a railway employee in blue uniform and who was a Sikh came out from the Station Master's office. He

was immediately surrounded by a crowd of outsiders assembled on the platform and the Sikh employee was killed on the spot.

6. The train halted at the Tughlakabad station for more than 4 hours. The outsiders who had stormed the train had spread the rumour that area of Ashram marg on way to New Delhi was surrounded by Sikhs and in the train moved towards New Delhi Station every Hindu if the train was likely to be attacked by the Sikhs. Frightened by these rumours, many persons in the train and particularly women, asked the train authorities not to move the train further.
7. I then contacted the Station Master and asked him to find out from the New Delhi Station whether there was any disturbance on the route from Tughlakabad to New Delhi. When I found that the route was safe and that there was no disturbance at all, I came back to the train and addressed passengers in a number of compartments assuring them that there was no disturbance on the route and if they keep the doors of the train closed so that no outsiders enter the train, the Rajdhani Express could reach the New Delhi station safely. On the demand of the passengers, I requested the police authorities to post an armed policeman in every alternate compartment. On doing this the passengers allowed the train to move forward and ultimately the train reached safely at New Delhi Station.
8. When I went round the Rajdhani Express at New Delhi Station, I discovered at least 3 more dead bodies of Sikhs lying in various compartments.
9. The murders of the Sikhs and burning of their dead bodies at the Tughlakabad station could have been definitely prevented if police at the station were not to remain passive spectators of the gruesome acts of the hooligans who had come from outside the Station.

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