



The Execution and the Jail Journey of Bhagat Singh

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When the sentence was passed on October 7th, 1930, Bhagat Singh was not present in the court. So, the public lawyer came to the Jail barracks with superintendent to announce the punishment. Addressing Bhagat Singh, he said "Sardar Bhagat Singh, unfortunately, court has sentenced you for death." Bhagat Singh said, "There is nothing to be mourned about, I have already heard it." The Lawyer was heartedly aligned and could not resist to say, "You are brave, I praise your bravery but young man, this youth is not to be punished like this. But Bhagat Singh said calmly.

'The death, from which the world is scared, I feel joyful, Death will make me meet the complete peace.'

The Lawyer suggested him to make an appeal, but Bhagat Singh replied, "No need." Nothing will come out of it and there is no hope from the cruel British government of Britishers. It is better to die than to beg from the enemy. I am the warrior of light of independence. Then, superintendent asked the guide of the jail to shift the belonging of Bhagat Singh and asked Bhagat Singh to move to the cell no. 14. Bhagat Singh hugged his companies, Sukhdev and Rajguru and conveyed a message before departure,

"Friends, We meet to depart, we might not meet again, when your imprisonment will be completed, you should go back homes and then do not get caught in worldly traps. Do not rest until the Britishers are sent out from the country and socialised democracy is established. This is my last message to you."

The news of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev spread like a fire of jungle. The British government was surprised. An agitation was being held in every nook and corner of the country, so these new were coming now. The securities were being tightened around the jail. The police and army were ordered secretly to be ready. The English people were asked to stay inside their houses. Even, some of the English officers were completely scared over the danger.²

On the other side, the half of the village was gathered in Kishan Singh's house. Every face had a shadow of sadness and grief. While the whole village and the house was over discussion of the punishment. Bhagat Singh was busy in noting down some important ideas from the book "Where Britain is going , sitting inside the dungeon. He noted," It is possible, when we stand against this imperial-group to vanish it, which is not ready to get down from the stage, then strength of the struggling group seems to be inside itself. But no, Macdonald wants enlighten the spirit of social unity, but whose ? The spirit of the labour-group is the presentation of its internal commitment against the imperial group. The Russian revolution has lessened us well in the world of Macdonald. It has shown that the revolution is nothing more than destruction and problem . This revolution raises the problem only but the British democracy has raised its imperialistic war.

The defence committee has been working well in Lahore conspiracy case. It's not only cared about the legal procedure of the case but also managed for the stay of the kens of the prisoner's and also helped the families suffering from economical crisis. The defence committee was preparing a file to appeal against the decision of Tribunal. But Bhagat Singh was against this appeal. Because in this case, neither the prisoners nor their lawyer were present and not any argument was played by the public witnesses for the defending of the prisoners. Watching over the case from this aspect, it was a weak one. But the British justice was exposed off the front of the world, and on this fact that the case would expose the Britsh, Bhagat Singh and his comrades agreed to do so. Because it was going to tell that how, political prisoners were facing inhuman maltreating . Bhagat Singh was satisfied that the appeal would stretch the attention of the people of England towards socialist inqulab party H.S.R.A, so that a campaign for Indian freedom can be done and people are made to know about it. This motive of the appeal was also to attract the anti-powers toward Indian Revolutionaries.

There was an act of case in front of 5 judges of privy- council. The appeal files for Bhagat Singh verses British emperor were insisting over the matter that the ordinance passed in 1930 to organize a special court for this case, was irrelevant and regular. This sizes the accused to appeal in high court, which he can be availed without organizing the special court. The government contretempted that according to the section of act of 1915, governor General has the unlimited rights to establish a special tribunal.

D.N Prit, K.C Hores Duglus C Sidney had been presented on from Bhagat Singh and his comrade's side. Walkout Dinedm, Lord Thanketon, lord Russel Kiloven, Sir George louds and Sir Dilshah Mullah Etc, were the judge in the privy-council. The lawyer from the side of Bhagat Singh and his companion, D.N Pritt said that there are three bans on the right of Governor General1,emergency 2, ordinance should be for the well management of political system in British India .3, Ordinance should be according to the legislature of indian Legislative assembly. Pritt said the no any condition exists from all three above.3

This is completely not according to the rule which is manifested again and again and board does not work in special court in a judicial case. If these grievance are taken right then it will be an interruption with the judicial sector and its proceedings and its difficult to define the right situation of the emergency. It means to deal strictly with the circumstance, and to take a decision after testing it according to the situation, and it is clear that only Government General can be a decisive person.

The hope raised in the privy- council appeal, was broken and once again the country was under turmoil. The slogans on the names of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were begun to hear in the streets. When Bhagat Singh came to know that, B. K Dutt had not been charged with the capital punishment, then he wrote a quite simple and natural letter to him. Because B.K Dutt had got the life time imprisonment for assembly bomb tragedy, hence he was released.

Dear brother,

I have been sentenced with the capital punishment . There are many other accused also in the gallows, waiting to be hanged. They are praying for a narrow escape from the death punishment. Perhaps I am the only one in them who is waiting for the day curiously, when I will be privileged to hang for my principles. By hanging in such a happy way I will show the world that how bravely revolutionaries can scarify themselves for their principles.

Bhagat Singh compares both the charges, one of his death penalty and other life time imprisonment of B.K Dutt, as equally important and significant for the freedom of the country. He said that of his hanging will put a revolutionary flame in the minds of the Indian youth, then Dutt's life time imprisonment will prove that revolutionary can even bear the and face the maltreating of the enemy and even with great pleasure.

Yours Bhagat Singh

Since the day of the announcement till 14 November, Bhagat Singh had converted his prison -room as a laboratory of his thoughts and principles. He enhanced with the hobby of reading from Durga Dass Library of Lahore. He had studied from Veer Savarkar to Karl Marx during that time. Stalin, Charles Dictens, Lenin, Marx, Tagore and Sachinder Nath Sehgal were some of his favourite writers. He had translated the two parts of Sangal's book, "Bandi jeevan" and made his friends to read it. The prison apartment no. 14 was not the place to live waiting for death, rather it, became the place of study of world literature. Now only books were his companions. Hence, he demanded of books only. He wrote a book to his friends Jai Dev, asking him about some books.

Lahore Central Jail.

24 July 1930

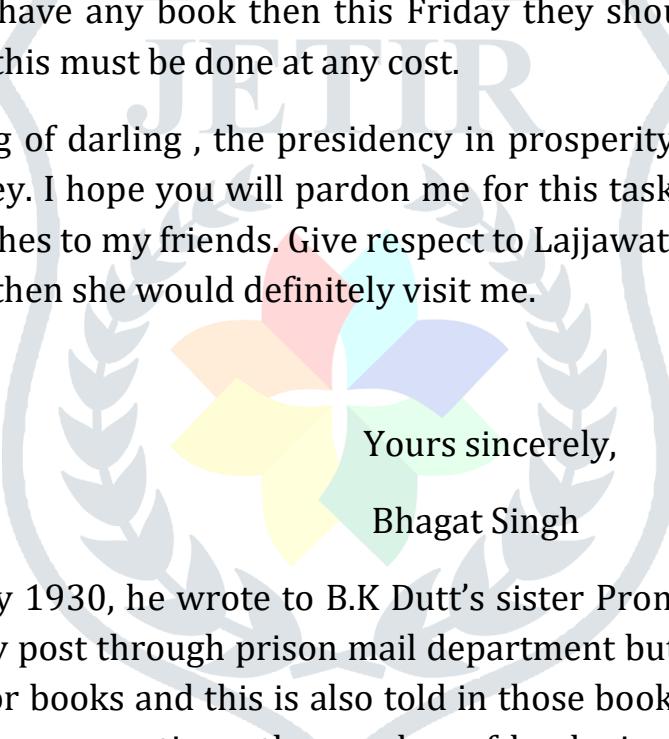
My dear Jai Dev,

Kindly, send me the following books by Kulbir's hand from Dwarka Das Library, "Materialism, Why Men Fight, Soviet at work, collapse of IIInd International, Left Wing communism, Mutual Aid, Fields, Factories and Workshops, Civil war in France, Land revolution in Rusia & "Spy', Theory of Historical materialism."

And try to confirm from the Librarian of Punjab Public Library if some books are already sent to the Borstal Jail prisoners. These people are completely without books there. They have sent a list via hands of hands of Jai Dev, Sukhdev's brothers. But they don't get any books yet. If they don't have any book then this Friday they should be availed with these books. Kindly , take care, this must be done at any cost.

And with this a writing of darling , the presidency in prosperity and debt and 2-3 books also, sent for doctor Almey. I hope you will pardon me for this task. I will not trouble you in future. Kindly pay my wishes to my friends. Give respect to Lajjawati Ji on behalf of me. I hope of Dutt's sister will come then she would definitely visit me.

With regards



Yours sincerely,

Bhagat Singh

Another Letter on 17 July 1930, he wrote to B.K Dutt's sister Promila Devi about B.K Dutt's jail shifting. They not only post through prison mail department but send some secret letters also a source of asking for books and this is also told in those books that from which library these could be availed. Even sometimes the number of books in specific register was also told. Charles Dickens was their favourite writer. The boot of reeds, ' Ten days that shun the world Russian Dasso' and Maxivan's book " Principles of Freedom" were read those days. Gorkhi Marx, Omar Khyam, Angels oskar wild, George Bernard Shah were all their comrades in the gallows. They read lenin very carefully those days. And they studied about Russian revolution, its ways and consequences, day and night.⁵

Bhagat Singh actually made his dungeon a study room, where he had studies about Political science. Economics, world-revolution and sociology . Sometimes he would stop writing, studying and made his room music room and started singing martyr Ram Parsad Bismil's lines in great zeal-

Mera rang de Basanti chola

Is rung me rung ke shiva ne mun ka bandan khola

Mera Rung de Basanti chola

When all these sweet songs would start echoing in the prison then, Jail employs would get surprised and thought how strong Bhagat Singh was people are trying hard to live but he was calling his death to him fearlessness, to hug it soon. According to varindra Sandhu , there is a Baudh tree in Gaya (Bihar), where Lord Budha did austerity for enlightenment, and found the way to cure the sorrow of the human life. Bhagat Singh was finding the way to solve the problems of the people, but in his dungeon. Then, how that place could merely be a jail that was the room of asceticism and ascetic was busy free his nation through his death practice 6

This revolutionary- devotion of Bhagat Singh had been lighted up the revolutionary flame in the hearts of the Indian youth and gave a roar to their blood and produced a fire in it , So India could achieve a bright future and could be eliminated and all will be prosperous and feel proud of them. He also wrote some books when he was in dungeon such as Autobiography, the door to death, ideal of socialism, Punjab first rise in the part of freedom fight.

Although some part of those books are found in Prof. Jagmohan Sing's book but if all the writing would have reached us , then it would be a priceless treasure of country. While writing about the findings of these books, Kuldeep Nayer wrote. I tried my level best to find the copies of these books. I was told that the copies which were sent out of the prison before his execution were in the hands of the revolutionaries, at first. But in fortieth decade these were handed over to Miss Lajjavati, who became the principal of central university Jalandhar, later on Lajjavati told that she had handed them over to someone in Lahore, before partition. But who was the person when the copies were given, could not find and it is also said that the man told Lajjawati that he had burnt those papers while coming India in August 1947, in anxiety. But this story is unbelievable. I still think that the copies will be found some day.7

The appeal of privy-council was dismissed. Bhagat singh's devotion came near its liberation. The goodness of Bhagat Singh was the talk of the jail. He was a great hero. Jailer become very close to him , he wanted him to meet and in the same way he met his companion, Raja Ram while going to the court, when he was laughing in prison for some case. Bhagat Singh asked the Jailer for meeting his comrades, Shiv Verma, in December 1930, during darkness of the night, Shiv Verma's dungeon,was opened and he was taken out, which was taken out, which was meant that he was being transferred to another jail. Jailer was quite respectful towards him, so they permitted him to meet his friends.

Shiv Verma was at the door of Bhagat Singh's dungeon. With the sound of iron chains in his feet, Bhagat Singh got up "If I believe in God, I would have worshiped Bhagat Singh " He bowed and touched the ground with his hand and took to his forehead.

The newspaper of 2 Febrary, 1931, took heart broken news for Bhagat Singh and his associates. 'Chander Shekhar Azad has been killed in a police encounter at Alfred part of Allahabad.'

In his jail journey Bhagat Singh meet the Baba Chuhan Singh⁸ and Sant Randhir Singh who were famous gadharists of their time. They have long discussion. Hearing to Randhir Singh said furiously , you get crazy with your fame . You got egoistic and this ago blinded you of the God. Bhagat Singh got depressed over it and in his reply he wrote essays 'why am I an atheist ? He wrote, I am not boastful that I am over the heumanity . I am no more than a common man nobody can claim to be creating greater then a man. There are so much weaknesses in me but ego is not a part of my behavior.

The founder of Gadhar party, Baba Sohan Singh Bhakna to came to meet Bhagat Singh one day. He asked Bhagat Singh, did any relative come. He replied, in our country a man generally like in a family then with relatives and then his creeds, works but my relation is with the Martyrs, like Khudiram Bose, Kartar Singh Sarabha and secondly I related to the people like you who motivated us and with whom we work hard in the dungeons. Thirdly those who will be born in this hard made soil in the form of new generation and will take the mission forward, who could be my relative other than them ?

One day the lady sweeper Boga came to the cell and asked Bhagat Singh ,” so what can I do for you ,” Listening her sympathetic words, said if you will come tomorrow, then bring a home cooked meal for me. Bhagat Singh at the food with great taste and said I enjoy the food today because I ate a mother's food after a long time. The sweeper was really simple , she could not understand and asked. Son I took the food from my house and cooked myself , how it could be like mothers cooked? ‘ Yes mother, the food cooked by you has a great taste and fragrance like my mother. My mother looked after me in my childhood and so are you doing in my youth. Then where is the difference between you and my mother. You too are my mother. You too are my mother, because Bhagat Singh used to call Boga, Babe (mother)⁹. So it shows the sympathy of Bhagat Singh for the untouchables.

During this time Bhagat Singh's parents met him so many times, whence, in one meeting Kultarr, Kulbir, Amar kaur and Harnam kaur also came. Aftar a long time waiting, Bhagat Singh and B.K Dutt stood at the reserved placed for meeting. Mother's heart was throbbed. Both were grown weaker because of hunger strike. But the still looked positive and enthusiastic. Bhagat Singh met all, one by one. Aunt Harnam Kaur was crying while patting on his back. Vidyawati hugged Bhagat Singh and B.K Dutt one by one and said, ' I have taken food

for you ." Mother gave the bits herself in their mouths one by one and thought this is the only heaven. I wish I could feed them like this for years. The mother remembered of the ashes hidden in her satchel. Then he started touching Bhagat Singh's head. The jail employs were watching this. Bhagat Singh immediately , ' Mother why are you putting ashes on my head. Vidyawati immediately got her hand out of the beg. she thought how he got to know that?

Is my son more omniscient then a saint ? The time of meeting was about to pass. Then, mother took out a small shirt out of her back." What is this mother? This is a shirt son, keep it with you. It's a good charm, while we are facing a case, then we would definitely win. Bhagat Singh looked at her mother lovingly and said " keep it safe mother ." After cutting the roots of British rule from India I will bear to you again, and then you can put it on me," He laughed on saying this.

When Bhagat Singh was on hunger strike in Lahore jail. Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru also came to meet him. According to Nehru, Bhagat Singh wished to meet his uncle Ajit Singh who had been exiled Lala Lajpat Rai in 1909, or at least he wanted to know about him. He lived in exile for many years. Nehru said. " some says he resides South Africa but I do not have a definite knowledge about this. I even do not know if he is alive or dead.

According to Lala Pindi Das, he met Bhagat Singh and asked him about his last wish then he said that he wanted to meet his beloved uncle Ajit Singh who became his inspiration even without meeting. And on whose foot-steps. He became a revolutionary and whose love, made him reach the goal. Lala Pindi Dass said that he came back with tearful eyes. He put Bhagat Singh's plea at various places but could not succeed. Their lawyer Pran Mehta made to talk to Bhagat Singh and his comrades were not in favour of this yet it was tried. Pran Nath said, " Gandhi ji is also trying hard and his efforts might be fruitful too, if you people will co-operate. Rajguru asked in a serious manner, " How, our corporation?

Pran Nath said, " Do not be so serious, Rajguru, I am scared of your image." The situation become lightened then. Pran Nath continued, " then you people will be most needed in the free India. " who can build a new nation better than you? Sukhdev said, " you are only buttering , Pran Nath , we people are just the foundation of the freedom. The upper building will be made by the new generation. That is not our matter to be bothered. Pran Nath said, " Friends this building has been founded by you. As an engineer can do so. An engineer can estimate well of the strength and you people are definitely going to make it.

Bhagat Singh was about to say something but Pran Nath came to point and said to them, " your lives are the possessions of the country and public wants that to strengthen Gandhi's hands, you should send this appeal for commutation to the viceroy , there of them got very much serious over it, Sukhdev, Rajguru was about to speak something angrily but Bhagat Singh made a sign of expression to keep them quiet. He asked politely, " what kind of pity you

want to be appealed for." Pran Nath said excitedly, "Do not miss concept me, my dear friends, we do not want to take such actions, which can stigmatise your bravery and reputation. Today, during night we are going to make a draft in our committee meeting. I will take it to you tomorrow. Rajguru and Sukhdev got angry over it, but a guessing did not let them speak and said smilingly. Even we ourselves can prepare an appeal but our case has made you a successful lawyer always keep in mind, o not forget the country of the friends.

On March 1931, during the last meeting, the whole family with Sardar Kishan Singh, grand father, grand mother, aunt, sister, brother, all came. Their hope of survival was all gone till this time. They came to him as to forbid him like a setting sun as he was a great, brave revolutionary and man of words of the family. To get emotional was very natural for the family. The grand mother even themselves took part in social activities, but at the old age when they were feeling proud of their grandson and was feeling miserable too. Bhagat Singh came to the bars to meet them because to meet his family was always a great thing to him. The pain of the last meeting can only be felt them who ever gone through it. Grand father Arjan Singh who himself planted the revolution in the family and whose fruit was in front of him, he came to Bhagat Singh and blessed him. So many things were there to be said but emotions stuck in his throat and with tearful eyes, he could not utter a word. When the emotions got uncontrolled, then even it was impossible for him to stand near him and he got aside.

Mother, who gave birth, grand mother's lucky charm, beloved of aunts, who took him to their laps, whose tears, he himself swiped with his little hands and used to say that he would get the Britishers out and will take uncle back, today, he was going from everyone. The sweet memories were recorded in the minds of siblings. They were memorizing the moments of playing together, fighting and loving each. But Bhagat Singh was peacefully smiling and telling his family about his increasing weight in the jail.

Bhagat Singh's mother met her loving son, kissed him and said, son you did not move." Death is sure but that is much blessed, when whole world will mourn over it. I am happy that my son is going to sacrifice his life for a good cause. I wish my son will stand at the plank of the hinge and shout "Inqilab Zindabad." She said, your weight should increase not decrease.¹⁰ Bhagat Singh said, 'Mother, it will happen only.' He said to his mother, grand parents will not live for much time now, you should go bangle and live with them. Father Kishan Singh said, 'son, there might be one more meeting.' Bhagat Singh asked, "have you heard something ? Kishan Singh,"yes. Gandhi wants if you people are definitely going to be hanged, and then this should happen before their Karachi session, which will held at the end of this month. Bhagat Singh, then it is really good because summers are arriving and it is better to die than to burn in prison cell. My thought will always be inspiring to people to achieve goal. Everybody will get a stable justice. The struggle will be continued and my country will definitely get liberty. In

the end Bhagat Singh condolence his father and said them to be in positive nation and after giving blessings kishan singh said good bye with a heavy heart.

Bhagat singh talked differently to everyone and condolence ever one. He said to his brother not to be discouraged and not to shink from their social duties after him. If needed they should scarify themselves, for the nation. At the end his mother said enthusiastically, do not come to take my dead body yourself, send Kulbir for this. If you will cry then people will say Bhagat Singh's mother is crying, saying this he burst in to the laughter in this way that jail employees got surprised. The same day Bhagat Singh wrote a letter to his younger brother kulbir singh and then to the youngest brother kulbir singh and then to the youngest brother kultar singh who was only of 12 years then, he wrote,

Dear kulbir singh

You have done a lot for me. At the time of meeting you asked me reply your letter, look I did not do anything of any body for you too. Today I am going , leaving you in all miseries. What will be of your life ? what about living ? it shakes me thinking of it. But brother do not lose heart. Never be scared nothing more to say now.

Moving to America would be better but now, even this also seems impossible. Do a steady hard work in study. It would be better to have skill of some work. But to everything with fathers advise. Make your living with love and togetherness. what can I say now I know that you are having a deep grief in your heart these days?. I am getting tears in my eyes, over thinking of you. But, what we can do?. Be courageous my dear. My dear brother, life is too hard and the people are cruel. Only love and courage can make you live. You have to take care of kultar's study too. I cannot do anything instead of being ashamed and regretful. The other letter is in Hindi give that letter to B.K Dutt's sister.

Ok Namaskar

Dear brother goodbye

Your well wisher

Bhagat Singh.

On March 03, 1931, 20 days before his hanging he wrote two letters to his younger brother from the prison. These letters are a message to everyone. These documentary letters are taken the writings of Bhagat Singh and his comrades, which are edited by jagmohan singh.

At last, the day of the execution was decided. This was kept all secret. The Punjab Government had been informed through a telegram. Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev will be executed on March 23 at 7 P.M. This news will be sent in Lahore only on 24 of March in the morning. On the 23 march the politics prisoners were taken out of their cells, casually and

they usually kept like this till dark in the evening. That day means on 23 March 1931, in the morning. Bhagat singh had spent 23 years, 05 months, 26 days of his life. He reading two-daily Tribunes as usual did. His mind stuck on a point of Lenin's life and character was published. Bhagat singh got exited, how to get that book to read. Reading about Lenin's life and character was as a meeting with Lenin for him. He thought deeply and sends a secret letter to his friend and Lawyer Pran Nath Mehta through a jail warden,¹¹ " meet for the final will immediately, but do not forget to take Lenin's life and character."

While Pran Nath was finding the book, High Court has cancelled Government and s. kishan singh's application and government lawyer. Corden node had gotten the permission of Bhagat Singh hanging from the high court immediately. The matter of execution was being kept secret. On the other side the rumour was begun to spread over the people that Bhagat singh will be hanged over the people that Bhagat singh, s. Kishan singh and his family waiting outside and Kishan singh was arguing with the jail authorities for the last meeting. Two hours prior to the execution, Bhagat Singh's lawyer Pran Nath Mehta got the permission of meeting. His argument was to know the last of his client. So accepting his plea, he got the permission to meet him. Shri Pran Nath got in to the cell to meet him and the words of Pran Nath, the view of the meeting was as below-

"On that very day I stayed with Bhagat Singh for one hour. I had met him so many times to him at the same place. I had seen him with my eyes. On their hunger strike, with police and in the court but I never felt before that he was such a brave, courageous and great man. I knew, and he too, that time of death was nearing slowly. The time was going to take him near the gallows. But instead of this I saw him happy. His face was glowing the same and when I reached him, he was walking like a tiger in a cage.

While I was stepping inside, he asked me in a great manner. " Do you get the books?" I handed over the revolutionary Lenin to him quietly. He got pleased to see it.

I said, " give your message for the country." Without thinking he said immediately, imperialism, may fall, Inqulab Zindabad (Long Live Revolution). To know the feelings of Bhagat Singh, I asked, " How do you feel today." He replied, " I am quite happy ." what is your last wish, only to born again and serve the motherland once again." I thanked to the leaders who took interest in his case and gave well-wishes to the run-away companions. The strange thing was only that due to this environment of execution may voice was trembling. But Bhagat Singh was quite healthy, mentally as well as physically. He was quite peaceful that on watching over his courage for death, one may doubt of his being a God.

His bravery can also be explained on the incident of 22 march 1931, when the second Lahore conspiracy case, of Barrack no. 14 of Lahore central jail send him a small letter, in that chit the revolutionary asked Bhagat Singh if he wanted to be released from the death penalty.

This could be done only that period of time. Replying this Bhagat Singh sent a written message and that letter became his last script.

" It is natural that I should wish to live too. I do not want to deny it but my living is only at one condition. I do not want to live as a slave or prisoner. My name has become a symbol of Indian revolution and ideal of the revolutionary party and its sacrifices has raised me so high that with the wish of living I can never be there.

Today people are un-aware of my weaknesses. If I will be spared from the execution it will be visible and the symbol of the revolution will grow dimmer perhaps diminished. But with my courageous and happy way of accepting the hanging, the Indian mothers would wish their children to be like me. And the revolution will be strengthening in such a way that it would be difficult for the Demon's power of imperialism to control this revolution.

But I still feel that I couldn't fulfil even the thousandth part of my wishes to serve the country and the humanity. If Azad would have been survived then perhaps an opportunity could be there to do so, and I could fulfil my desires.

I have never been with any of other kind of thought in mind, other than this. Who is luckier than me? I am feeling proud on myself these days. There is a curious wait for the final examination now. I wish it would become nearer.

Your comrade, Bhagat Singh

The other lawyer Baljit singh said, when I went to meet Bhagat Singh for the last time in the prison. I was anxious. The Deputy Superintendent of the jail said " Bhagat Singh is going to be hanged, but why you are anxious. My throat was checked. I stood, watching over Bhagat Singh but Bhagat Singh's self control was tremendous, that he realized me of my duty. He said "Execution is a natural consequence of our deeds and I am happy and peaceful. My duties are ending. S. Baljit singh's duty is going began now". I was stuck and stared at him Bhagat Singh, Lahore central jail has become a pilgrimage and people flocked to see him.

All the prisoners were out, at that time. They used to be out till it grows dark. Today, when Charat Singh, the guard of the prison did came at 4 pm and asked them to go inside then they got surprised. This was not the time for then to be locked. Today Charat singh was not only strict but forcing them also. But he was not telling the reason only saying that it was an official order from high authority, instead. The prisoners liked him and always called him " Charat Singh ji." They discussed with each other that there could be a serious cause of doing this and they all got inside one by one. But still they were watching around from behind the bars, surprisingly while, Barkat, the barbar was going in every cell one by one. They tried to make something out of it. He gave them the news that three of them were going to hanged during the night. Is there anything of Bhagat Singh like, his watch, comb, pen or something

else, is there for them to be kept as a token of memory of Bhagat singh. He can take those things for them. The charming person Barkat was sad today.

All were in grief in their cells. They were standing behind the bars to see Bhagat Singh passing over there. Likewise when Bhagat Singh crossed over there once, a state prisoner asked him, then Bhagat Singh replied that the ideal to which they lead for that, death is necessary. This ideal will be strengthened with their sacrifice not with their exemption in the court.

The senior jailor of the Lahore Central jail was khan Bahudar Mohammad . Akber and this time he was also feeling restless. His words were "He felt as if to cry bitterly and he all at once said, you don't know, what Bhagat singh is to me." He came to Bhagat singh, he was busy in reading the biography of Lenin. With great love, he put his hand on Bhagat singh's shoulder and asked, " what's going on dear? Bhagat singh laughingly said, " you can see." Then khan Bahadur wishpered to him that government has decided to hang you today only at 7 p.m. instead of tomorrow 6 a.m. Bhagat singh said , " so , I will not be allowed to finish my book." Khan Bahadur is silent and looking at him affectionately and said, "Be ready dear" without looking at him Bhagat said,' we are ready khan Bahadur sahib." He was actually deeply busy in reading the biography of Lenin and jailor looked at Rajguru and Sukdev with a great singh.

At 3 p.m the chief of Lahore central jail, s. Charat singh was informed to organize everything as they three were going to be hanged that day.Charat singh was a well behaved that day. Charat singh was a well behaved and God's lover person. I never saw any hanging at that time as it was always done in the morning. Is the British government got scared of them? He got to Bhagat singh and said, " son, the last time has come. I am as your father, so you should obey me this time, at least.

Bhagat singh said laughingly, " what's the order." Charat singh said, I beg to you, to pray at least in these last moments of your life. I brought you this holy book (Gutka sahib) Bhagat singh replied happily, I would have fulfilled your wish, if you would have asked me, sometime before. But now if I will remember God in last moments, he would say that I am a coward.

He did not pray me, throughout his life but now, when the death is in front him, he suddenly started worshipping me. So, it will be better for me to go from the world, the way I lived before. People blamed me of being an atheist, but at least they will not consider me as a crowd. Hearing this, Charat singh got tears in these eyes. And thought, 'He, not even, bothering about death.

The execution principles said that the prisoners of death sentence can be hanged in the morning and the bodies are handed over to their family. But in concerned with such rules for the execution of Bhagat singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev, both the rulers were ignored, by the Government, because Government wanted to avoid the unpleasant effects on the political

basis. When all the prisoners were in their evening roll call, all the ceremonies for the revolutionaries were made secretly and on the way out of the rule, because they all were fully confident and embracing their self respect to not to oppose any of such activity of the Government.

Bhagat singh was reading the book and without stopping this reading, he said," wait, a revolutionary is meeting and another revolutionary. His voice was so enthusiastic and ambitious to meet his revolutionary friend. After reading some paragraphs, folded one page. Chater singh asked Bhagat singh, you are not coming back to read the remaining book, then why did you fold the page. Bhagat singh replied calmly, ' I have read this book but up to this page and how after me give this book to the youth of my nation and tell them that Bhagat singh could not complete this book. Then he saluted the picture of Lenin on the book with his folded first. He handed over the book to the jailor and said, give this last message of mine and this last token from mine and this last token from my side to the youth of the nation. Jailer holed the book and regretted about his job. He wished to break down the British chain in the form of this uniform, which he was wearing since a long time. He knew that the incident going to be happening was actually going to be recorded in the history with golden colours. He and his companions were showing the way of freedom to people, with sacrifice their lives. Today, this was evening when history was going to move by fits and starts and was to put a milestone as its symbol.

All three of them were made to take bath in the cell. They were weighed, and all of the three have gained weight. Bhagat singh said," Do not tie handcuffs to us and neither the caps should put. Jailer accepted this demand of Bhagat singh unconditionally. They denied wearing black clothes too, as they were neither dacoits not simple criminals, they were political or state prisoner and revolutionary. They fought against the British Government so they have not to put on the clothes, all knew that Bhagat singh and others only obey Khan Bahadur, so they rushed to him to make them agree to do so. As it was the law of jail. Khan bahadur was in a difficult situation and sadly, " Do not, make my situation more pitiable this time, dears. Ok khan sahib, we will wear the black as you say but will not put on the black caps. The later was accepted.

At 6:45 in the evening the jail superintended Mr. Chopra, I.G Police, D.C Lahore and I.G Jail reached the place altogether, on the side Bhagat singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were being taken out of the prison. Bhagat singh glanced at the cell emotionally, before leaving because he got attached to the place. The famous literature of the word was read here. He thanked the cell in his mind, where so many other prisoners had stayed and today Bhagat singh was leaving it for the some other revolutionary.

Three of them hugged each other, walking behind the jailor, all three of them had clanged each other. Bhagat singh was between Rajguru and Sukhdev. At the dusk, all the other

prisoners were waiting for some unusual, breathlessly. Now, suddenly the footsteps could be heard, of all three of them and then the singing voice of them was heard in the jail.

“ Dil se niklegi na mar kar bhi watan ki ulfat,

Meri mitti se bhi khushboo-a-vatan aayegi.”

With a blink, three different voices got mingled and became one. All three of them were singing, the songs of their success in great zeal. As soon the song finished they started shouting the slogans “ “Inquilab Zindabad,” Doon-down union jack, British imperialism, downfall. The sound was echoing in the jail prisoners were giving response to the slogans. Every heart was sad and crying bitterly as they were going to their destination.¹⁴ Bhagat singh started singing in his sweet voice and his companions too-

Sarfaroshi ki Tamanna ab Hamare Dil Mein Hai

Dekhna Hai Zor Kitna Baazu- e- qaatal Mein Hey

Other song “ Mera Rang De Basanti Chola” was also song by sung by Bhagat singh and his Comrades. The prisoners inside the barracks were singing too and policemen besides them were too, but in their minds. The offices were quick and watching them surprisingly, because they thought, what all this excitement of death was that shines on their faces.

The warden went ahead and opened the black door of the execution place. Deputy Commissioner Lahore was inside, according to the rule. He got disturbed on seeing all three of them unchained. But jailor made him confident that the revolutionaries were not people to run away being afraid of the death. There was a peace and pleasure in the eyes of Bhagat singh and addressed the deputy commissioner. Well, Mr Magistrate, you are fortunate to be able, today to see. How Indian Revolutionary come embrace death, with pleasure, for the sake of their supreme pleasure.

Deputy Commissionar got down his head as he got impressed with the truthfulness of the voice of Bhagat singh and he got ashamed too, Bhagat singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev are getting upstairs to the stage of the execution. Really, after a long time, these stairs have got the opportunity to be touched with the joy of love of the motherland has reached the place, where the roots are hanging. The planks of the stage were old, but the three young revolutionaries were so overwhelmed with patriotism and were so healthy persons.

All of them were standing on the different planks. Bhagat singh looked in to the eyes of offices and started singing-

“Tegon ke saaye mein, hum pal kar jawan huye hai,

Ek khel jante hai, fansi pe jhool jana”

This was the last song that Bhagat singh sung. All three of them having hinges hanging over their heads. The execution came near then signaled. Bhagat singh stopped him. Three of them shouted the slogan- Inquilab Zindabad, Downfall to imperial and kissed their hinges and put on their neck. Bhagat singh said to the execution, which was looking at them surprisingly, "kindly set the hinges yourself." He walked like a dead one, with a heavy feet and trembling hands, he tied the ropes in their necks and got down. After getting the order, the execution with heavy heart, did his duty. All the three revolutionary soldiers got sacrificed for their mother India. At 7:33 p.m the history got a revolutionary turn and India lost his Lenin, the Lenin of India got Martyr. But this episode of these three revolutionary has put the last nail to the shroud of the British Imperialism.

There dead bodies were to be cremated at the bank of river Sutlej, near Ferozepur and for the same all the arrangements were already done there before. Some said that to complete the funeral in shorter time the dead bodies of the martyrs cut in to pieces, but no official record was found to justify this statement. When their bodies were completely set on fire, the British officer asked the policeman to cool down their ashes with water, when these would be completely burnt and then threw it in to the river water. The above activity of the Britishers shows the significant role of Bhagat singh in establishing a great hero's impression and reputation that Britishers were scared of them even after their death. They knew that people will burst out their death, so they did everything secretly and even did not follow to their families. Perhaps, Bhagat singh and his companions were motivated for the same, behind their courage to die like this, there was a visualization of ignition of national among the people.

1. Cell no. 14 in the central jail was the one where the prisoners to death were kept till their hanging. The prisoners were to stay in that cell day & night
 2. Kuldeep kaur dhaliwal. Op cit p 226.
 3. Ibid.p.227.
 4. G.s deol. Op cit. p 143
 5. Varindra sandhu. P 231
 6. Kuldeep kaur dhaliwal.op.cit. p 231
 7. Kuldeep nayer, The Martyr Bhagat singh- experients in Revolution, New Delhi, New Delhi, 2004, p.7.
 8. Baba chuhar singh son of Buta singh of the village of Lilan, Ludhiana District, was an old Ghadrite, Who was convicted in the first Lahore conspiracy case (1915) and was sentenced to transportation for life along with the forfeiture of his property.
 9. Chippian to pehlan, by Devinder Daman Parkashan Ludhiana, 2006
- 10.interview by the writer with the mother of Bhagat singh on 10th April, 1967 at Pardaman Nagar, Saharanapur

- 11.kuldeep nayer, op cit, p. 85
- 12.Manmanthnath Gupta, op cit, p 194.
13. Ibtd. P 195
14. G.S Deol, op cit, p 97.

