

PREFACE

The Sikhs is a community which finds a prominent place among the various Indian Communities. And the Sikh Gurus, right from Guru Nanak Dev Ji, had played a unique role in upholding the rights of individuals including the downtrodden and women. The writer of this Book who is a socio-religious activist connected with the Servants of the People Society and Ashirwad Senior Citizens Council N.D. has studied quite deeply the lives of Great Gurus, Saints and other Personages. His special study of the subjects like 'Birth of Khalsa', History of Harimandir Sahib, Supreme Sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib and the lives of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, Maharaja Ranjit Singh, Shri Rama Krishna Paramhans -the guiding star of Swami Viveka Nanda, Lala Lajpat Rai and Netaji Subhash Chander Bose etc. will help the readers to get something fresh and interesting based on historical facts. Most of these Articles (included in this Book) were published in various Newspapers and Magazines in India. The endeavour of the writer to publish this Book is nothing but an effort to reach those readers who might not have read these articles earlier. In fact the writer, after his retirement from the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, has been devoting his leisure hours to study these subjects for a number of years after collecting necessary material from different libraries including the library of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha and a big library at the Lajpat Rai Bhawan, Chandigarh. As a matter of fact, the job of writing an Article on a particular subject takes a lot of time and labour for an irregular writer like me. The writer had written many more articles but he failed to locate the manuscripts of many articles (after their publication) and accordingly this Book contains only 26 Articles the manuscripts of which were found from his record. Hence these 26

articles (contained in this Book) are laid before the indulgent reader with all the shortcomings of which the writer is fully conscious.

In compiling this Book I have studied most of the available authorities bearing on the subjects.

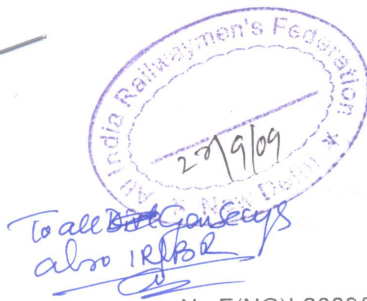
I, hereby, thank the Editors of the various Newspapers and magazines who encouraged me to write these articles and then published the same in their newspapers and magazines. I also thank my friends and relatives who also encouraged me to write these articles by enquiring about my next articles appearing in particular newspapers and magazines and finally encouraged me to compile these articles in a Book form for use by the readers at large and also for use in various libraries

My special thanks to my elders who felt elated and proud on finding my articles published in various newspapers and magazines from time to time.

I also have special thanks for my friend S. Bhupinder Singh Artist who helped me in editing the entire material of this book.

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**Government of India
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(Railway Board)**

No.E(NG)I-2009/TR/22.

New Delhi, dated 18.09.2009.

The General Managers(P)
All Indian Railways/PUs
(As per standard list)

Sub:- Posting of husband and wife at the same station
Instructions in respect of Group 'C' and 'D' Railway
employees.

Detailed instructions regarding posting of husband and wife at the same station, issued pursuant to recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission, are contained in this Ministry's letter No.E(NG)I-97/TR/28 dated 5.11.97. One of the provisions incorporated in this letter viz 5.11.97 is that a separate register may be maintained at each Divisional and Zonal Headquarters of the Railways for registering requests for transfers from railway servants for posting at the place of posting of their spouses, which may be reviewed from time to time. These instructions were again reiterated vide Board's letter No.E(NG)I-2005/TR/7 dated 10.05.2005.

2. It has however, come to notice that Ministry of Railway's above directives to keep husband and wife at the same station are not being followed in the Railways at the Divisional/Zonal Headquarters. It is therefore, desired that extant instructions on the subject as referred to in the preceding para may be followed scrupulously.

Please acknowledge receipt.


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