

[Transcription of interview with Mohinder Singh Gidda]

Mohinder Singh Gidda Transcription
Interview Date: November 30th, 2014

ME: What is your name?
MG: My name is Mohinder Singh Gidda.
ME: And when were you born?
MG: June 13, 1949.
ME: And where were you born?
MG: Village Pathawa, Punjab, India.
ME: Pathawa?
MG: Pathawa, P-A-T-H-A-W-A, Punjab, India. The district used to be Jalandhar then
Now it is Mewat here.
ME: Yeah. And was that where you lived, in Pathawa, Punjab?
MG: No, in Sujjan.
ME: Sujjan? What is the spelling?
MG: S-U-J-J-A-N.
ME: Sujjan. So you were born in Pathawa and you lived in Sujjan.
MG: Pathawa, Pathawa.
ME: And had you studied there?
MG: Yes, I did my grade ten there first. Then after that I went to tech school in
Phagwara.
ME: Tech School?
MG: Yeah, industrial training in...?
ME: So, after the tenth grade.
MG: I finished grade ten in '66. In '66 I then went to Phagwara. It used to be called (TA
then, Industrial Training Centre, or called ITC or ITI. Industrial Training Institute, yeah.
ME: And so you finished your education there then? Your degree?
MG: Yes, over there I learned trades for radios and TV's.
ME: How long did you study there?
MG: It was for 2 years. And after that I did a one-year apprenticeship then.
ME: Where?
MG: Palsi, District Hoshiarpur.
ME: Oh, okay.
MG: P-A-L-I, I think D-I.
ME: Palsi.
MG: Yeah, district Hoshiarpur. There I did roof work.
ME: You started by doing roof work?
MG: The apprenticeship, yeah. One year. One-year apprenticeship.
ME: Then?
MG: So, that's '68 I did two years of school and 1 year apprenticeship, '68. Then in '69 I
opened my own shop in Neva Sher.
ME: Oh, okay. What was it called?

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