

Dec. 15, 1948.

Dr. D.P. Pandia,
5-2 Northwood Hall,
Hornsey Lane,
Highgate,
London, N. 6,
England.

Dear Sir:

Re the case of my son-in-law, Karnail Singh
Saroya, and the Immigration.

I have received a letter from the High Commissioner for India, the Hon. Mr. Malik, stating that the Minister of Immigration used his discretionary powers to allow my son-in-law to stay permanently in Canada. I am very, very thankful to you for all your efforts in obtaining this success. My wife joins me in our heartfelt thanks and our best wishes for the Season. Please keep on writing to me once in a while.

Yours truly,

Mayo Singh

MS/RC

Dec. 15, 1948.

Hon. Mr. Jas. McKinnon,
Minister of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

May I express my heartfelt thanks to you for your kindness you have shown in my son-in-law's, Karnail Singh's, appeal to stay in Canada. My wife and my daughter join me in expressing their gratefulness to you in giving your utmost consideration to the above case.

Yours truly,

Mayo Singh

MS/RC

Dec. 15, 1948.

The Hon. H.S. Malik,
High Commissioner for India,
114 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Reference #HCC/II-6)48

Dear Sardar Sahib Ji:

I have received yours of December 11th, 1948 in connection with my son-in-law, Karnail Singh Saroya, and the Immigration. Would you please accept my heartfelt gratefulness to you in obtaining success in this case. Mrs. Mayo joins me in giving you and Sardarni Ji our heartfelt thanks.

I am writing to the Honorable Mr. McKinnon, Minister of Mines & Resources, of my appreciation in using his discretionary power in permitting Karnail Singh to stay in Canada.

Best wishes and the Compliments of the Season,
I am

Yours very truly,

Mayo Singh

MS/RC



No. HCC/II-6)48.

114 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, Ontario,
December 11, 1948.

Mr. Mayo Singh,
Paldi,
British Columbia.

Dear Mr. Mayo Singh:

You will remember writing to me about your son-in-law, Karnail Singh Saroya. I am glad to inform you that, as a result of the representations that were made to the Honourable Minister on his behalf, the Honourable Minister has now decided to exercise his Ministerial discretion to approve Karnail Singh's entry to Canada.

I am delighted that the representations in this case have been successful, as I was convinced from the very beginning that the request made was a reasonable one. I have written to the Honourable Mr. MacKinnon and thanked him warmly for the human sympathy and fairness that he has shown in re-considering his previous decision on appeal and authorizing the entry into Canada of Karnail Singh, and I am sure that you and your family must be feeling very grateful to him for this, also.

Yours sincerely,

High Commissioner for India.

Dec. 7, 1948.

The Hon. H.S. Malik,
High Commissioner for India,
114 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Sardarg ji:

This will refer to your letter of December 3, 1948 in connection with holding a mass meeting in Vancouver on the first anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death. I whole heartedly support your proposal and will be ready to perform any duty imposed on me in connection with this. Thanking you and awaiting your further advice in this regard, I am

Yours truly,

Mayo Singh

MS/RC



114 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, Ontario,
December 3, 1948.

Mr. Mayo Singh,
Paldi,
British Columbia.

My dear Mayo Singh Ji:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter that I have today sent to the President of the Khalsa Diwan at Vancouver, and would be glad if you would kindly advise me regarding your views on this question. All I am anxious about is that this Anniversary should be observed in a suitable and impressive manner worthy of the dignity of our country and of the great man whose anniversary we will be observing.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. S. Malik

High Commissioner for India.

114 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, Ontario,
December 3, 1948.

The President,
Khalsa Diwan Society,
1866 West 2nd Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sardar Sahib:

I have been considering the question of a Public Meeting on the occasion of the First Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death. After giving the whole question my fullest consideration, I have come to the conclusion that a Public Meeting on a suitable scale can be arranged best at Vancouver which is, of course, the centre of the area where the largest number of our people in Canada now reside. A meeting of this kind could have been arranged, of course, in Ottawa or Toronto or Montreal, but in any of these places the number of Indians is very small and it would be difficult to have a truly impressive and representative gathering. I think, therefore, that the best place for it would be Vancouver, and I would be glad if this matter could be considered by you and the members of the Diwan. I think you will agree that on this, the First Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death, the Public Meeting should be on an impressive scale, and I am quite sure that for such a meeting the best place would be Vancouver. However, I shall be glad to hear from you regarding your views on this matter by air mail as early as possible.

If you and the members of the Diwan are proposing to hold a meeting, then I would be glad to come to Vancouver with my wife especially to participate in it.

Yours sincerely,

High Commissioner for India.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Mr. Mayo Singh,

Mayo Lumber Co.,

Paldi, Vancouver Island, B. C.

CANADA

Yours sincerely,

D. P. Pandia

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5-2 Northwood Hall,
Hornsey Lane, Highgate, London, N. 6,
December 10, 1948

My dear Mr. Mayo Singh:

I hope that you received my two cables alright. As soon as I received your letter, I got in touch with Mr. Congdon, Canadian Commissioner for Immigration, now stationed in London, and I phoned to Ottawa immediately to the immigration officials asking them to review your son-in-law's case. I then wrote to the Department in Ottawa, explaining all the details of the case and asked them to give it their immediate and sympathetic attention.

I have no doubt that the Government will give him permission to remain in Canada. I should like to know if you have received any communication from the Immigration Department as I asked them to write to you directly.

I am sorry that such a problem arose for you. If you had told me while I was in Ottawa, I could have arranged a special Order-in-Council for him as I did in the case of Lakha Singh's brother. Anyway don't worry.

I was happy to know that you are giving every cooperation to the Canada-India Association in their work on behalf of the community, and I am grateful during my long stay in Canada for your assistance in my work for our people.

I wish you all success. Kindest regards to you, Mrs. Mayo Singh and the family.

Yours sincerely,

D. P. Pandia

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P.O. BOX 787,

VICTORIA, B.C.

December 13, 1948

**IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO MR. J. A. Byers
OUR FILE 1197**

Mayo Singh, Esq.,
c/o Mayo Lumber Co. Ltd.,
Paldi, via Duncan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the admission of Mr. Karnail Singh Saroya to Canada, we wrote to him on the 19th of November that the Minister had dismissed his appeal and was allowing him ninety days in which to leave Canada. Immediately on receiving this, our Mr. Byers applied to the Minister for a personal hearing in the course of an expected visit to Ottawa, and he also took up the matter to the High Commissioner for India. We are glad indeed to be able to inform you that as the result of these representations and other representations which we were able to make on your behalf, the Minister has decided to exercise his discretion in favour of Mr. Karnail Singh and approved his entry to Canada. We have not yet received the official communication from the Minister, but the High Commissioner, who has been a personal friend of Mr. Byers for more than thirty years, has just written to him letting him know of the decision.

We trust that you and Mr. Karnail Singh will be pleased with the result of our efforts on your behalf, especially after the appeal to the Minister had already been dismissed.

Yours truly,

MORESBY, FARR, BYERS & MORESBY

A. L. Moresby

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