

## Brief of the Khalsa Diwan Societies of British Columbia [addressed to The Honourable Walter Harris, P.C., M.P., Minister of Citizenship and Immigration]

KNALSA CINAN SOCIETY Sikh Temple 1866 West 2nd Avenue, VANCOUVER, B.C. BRIEF OF THE KHALSA DIMAN SOCIETIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA The Monourable Walter Harris, P.C., M.P., Minister of Citizenship and Inmigration, ON SEHALF of the seven Khalse Diwan Societies of British Columbia representing some 1500 members of the East Indian Community, we would like respectfully to draw your attention to come anomalies in our position so citizens of Carada. We are seasiv prateful that citizenship rights have been granted to East Indiana along with other minority groups. But we desire to point out certain hangovers from a provious are which perpetuate the inequalities of our former position as ascond-class citizens. More specifically we wish to deal with a problem which comes under your department, that of the immigration rage stations as they concern East Indians. IT is a matter of great regret to the members of our Society and indust a matter of great hardship to sens of them that Canadian citizans of East Indian origin do not unjoy the privilege of bringing their relatives to Canada as do their fellow citizens of European origin.

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