

LIST OF DATES

In these arguments the facts/incidents upto 1 p.m. on 27.2.2002 are covered which are given at Paras 32 – 59 (Pages 30-41); 459-463 at Pages 205-207 of Volume I of the Protest Petition

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| 6.12.1992 | Demolition of Babri Masjid. In the demolition, the Kar Sevaks belonging to VHP, Bajrang Dal, BJP and RSS were involved. Criminal trial is still going on. Narendra Modi A-1 supported the demolition of the Babri Masjid. |
| 7.2.2002 | State Intelligence Bureau messages from PB Upadhyaya to the DGP, Gujarat, State Home Department and all Police stations of Gujarat warning of the communal mobilisations especially near temples, recruitment of volunteers for the programmes and aggressive posturing in Gujarat. |
| 12.2.2002 | SIB Message (PB Upadhyaya) to DGP Uttar Pradesh also intimating that 3,000 Kar Sevaks from Gujarat will reach Ayodhya on 23.2.2002 to participate in the Mahayagna. |
| 12.2.2002 | Message from SIB records that Praveen Togadia announced at a press conference that there would be active participation by VHP cadres in the Mahayagna would be enthusiastic. Message sent to all Police stations in Gujarat, DGP and Home department Gandhinagar warns of the possible repercussions of this. |
| 13.2.2002 | PB Upadhyaya message to all CPs, SSPs in districts and Home Secretary Gandhinagar intimating decision of VHP that Ram Mandir would be constructed at any cost after 12.3.2002 and enrolment of Ram Bhaktas would start from all over the country from 1.3.2002. |
| 20.2.2002 | DCP-INT (Communal) PB Upadhyaya SIB Message to DGP, SP, Western Railway Vadodara that 3,000 Kar Sevaks would be leaving on 22.2.2002 from Ahmedabad station. |
| 21.2.2002 | SIB Message states that Kar Sevaks are going to travel on a train going to Faizabad (Ayodhya) and therefore in respective areas as well as in the railway stations it is necessary to provide bandobast. Take steps to ensure that no untoward incidents take place. Message sent by PB Upadhyaya (SIB-Int-Communa) to DGP, CPS, SPS and Home Department Gandhinagar. |

- 21.2.2002 SIB-Int –Communal PB Upadhya sends a Message to DGP Lucknow about the departure of VHP and Bajrang Dal activists (3,000) between 22.2.2002 and 27.2002 under the leadership of Dilip Trivedi for re-building the Ram temple from 15,3,2002
- 23.2.2002 SSP Faizabad and Home secretary Gandhinagar about 2800 VHP and Bajrang Dal & Durga Vahini activists under Dilip Trivedi and Kum Malabehn Rawal have left Ahmedabad by Sabarmati Express for Ayodhya on 22.2.2002 at 2050 hours.
- 24.2.2002 RSS, VHP supported by the BJP had decided to have Maha Yagna at Ayodhya (Faizabad) as a sequel to the demolition of the Babri Masjid which was announced by Praveen Togadia, international general secretary of the VHP. Further announcement was that construction of Ram temple will commence from 12.3.2002 onwards. Pursuant to this announcement, the following activities commenced
- 25.2.2002 DCP Communal State Intelligence PB Upadhya informing SSPs Faizabad and Home Secretariat Gandhinagar that 1900 VHP and Bajrang Dal activists under the leadership of Vijay Pramani, Hareshbhai Bhatt and Khemrajbhai Desai have left Vadodara by Sabarmati Express train for Ayodhya on 24.2.2002 at 23.10 hours.
- 27.2.2002 Message by Sanjiv Bhatt DCP Int Communal to SSP Faizabad and Home Secretariat Gandhinagar that 1,500 VHP, Bajrang Dal and Durga Vahini activists including Narendrabhai Vyas activists have left Ahmedabad for participating in Mahajhap Majayagna by Sabarmati Express for Ayodhya-Faizabad at 26.2.2002
All message are part of the SIT record as Annexure A Colly.
- 26.2.2002 A group of Kar Sevaks left Faizabad on 26.2.2002 (early morning) which was supposed to reach Godhra around 2 a.m. of 27.2.2002. The train was about five hours late. As per Jayanti Ravi in her fax communication the train Reached Godhra at 7.15 a.m and left Godhra at 7.20 a.m. The same fax says that after about half a kilometre the Train was stopped near Signal Falia and set on fire. Following messages/information was sent:-
 1. Fax Message dated 27.2.2002 sent by DM Janati Ravi (which according to SIT Repoert,

AK Malhotra, 12.5.2010) to Chief Minister's Office, Home Department and Revenue Department. It states that in the train which left Godhra at 7.20 a.m., the Kar Sevaks were shouting slogans. Since the area around railway station is a Muslim area, hearing these slogans, crowds of Muslims gathered and started throwing stones. Thereafter the train stopped again and was set on fire.

2. Sanjiv Bhatt, an officer with the State Intelligence, deputed as DCP-Communal on 27.2.2002 sends a message to the Chief Secretary, Home Secretariat and Chief Minister, MOS Home and DGP Gandhinagar. The message states that on 27.2.2002 the Sabarmati Express travelling from Ayodhya to Ahmedabad reached Godhra at 7.15 a.m. At that time in the train the Kar Sevaks coming from Ayodhya were shouting slogans. Since the area is dominated by Muslims, the crowd started throwing stones and Coach Nos 6 was set on fire. At 10.55 a.m. in chowkey nos 1-7 areas of Godhra town, curfew has been imposed. Kar Sevaks are members of VHP.

(Annexure B Colly)

3. **Note:** Before the train reached Godhra, violent incident had taken place at 2 railway stations including Rudauli. The incident at Godhra took place between 7.30 to 8.00 a.m. The train left Godhra around 11.30 a.m. and after about an hour, reached Vadodara at around 1-1.30 p.m. At Vadodara, two persons were assaulted by the Kar Sevaks, in which one Abdul Rashid died. Another two persons were injured. From Vadodara, the train reached Anand at about 2.10 p.m. Again, violent incident took place in which one person died and two persons were injured. All those attacked and killed were Muslims. From Anand, the train reached Ahmedabad railway station at about 3.00 p.m. Violent incidents also took place at Ahmedabad where bloodthirsty slogans were also raised threatening revenge against Muslims. Stabbings, stone pelting and other incidents also took place. No curfew was declared in Ahmedabad or Vadodara on 27.2.2002.

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9.39 – 9.41 am,
27.2.2002

Two telephone calls were made from the telephone of P.A. Mr. A.P. Patel of Narendra Modi, Chief Minister, from his mobile no. 09825037439 to Jaydeep Patel, General Secretary of VHP, Gujarat State. Pursuant to this telephone message, Mr. Jaydeep Patel, who was at that time at Naroda, left for Godhra. The distance between Naroda Patiya and Godhra is approximately 150 k.m. Mr. Jaideep Patel reached Godhra around 12 noon. (All concerned documents in this regard are at **Annexure C Colly**). Also See Annexure IV, File VI in SIT Papers).

10.30 am, 27.2.2002

A meeting took place at the residence of Mr. Narendra Modi at Gandhinagar. In the said meeting, Mr. Gordhan Zadafiya (A-5), Mr. Ashok Narayan (A-28), Mr. K. Chakravarthi (A-25), Mr. P.C. Pandey (A-29) and other persons of Chief Minister's Secretariat were present. In this meeting, a note was prepared on behalf of the Home Department. In the note, the fact that Kar Sevaks were shouting provocative slogans, was purposefully not mentioned. This is the note which was ultimately read out in Vidhan Sabha at 1.00 p.m. by Mr. Gordhan Zadafiya. (Annexure **D**)

Around 10.30 am,
27.2.2002

Mr. Ashok Bhatt, Minister of Health, left for Godhra and reached Godhra around 1.00 p.m. He had telephonic conversations with A-1 several times especially concerning the hastily conducted post mortems of the victims of the Godhra tragedy.

Around 12.30 pm,
27.2.2002

Declaration of bandh by 12.00 p.m. called by VHP. This was supported by the ruling BJP. (**Annexure E Colly**)

1.00 pm, 27.2.2002

In the Assembly proceedings, a Motion relating to Godhra incident was moved by Mr. Punjabhai Vansh who was not present. Therefore Mrs. Mayaben Kodnani (A-16), M.L.A. from Naroda Patiya, spoke on the issue Mr. Gordhan Zadafiya, as mentioned above, has also read out the note, which was prepared in the meeting at Chief Minister's residence at 10.30.

In the Vidhan Sabha, Mr. Suresh Mehta, Minister of Industries, was sitting next to Mr. Narendra Modi (A-1). Mr. Suresh Mehta has given a statement to the S.I.T. on 15.8.2009. In the said statement, he said "I was sitting by the side of Mr. Narendra Modi, Chief Minister, who remarked that 'Hindus should wake up now.'" (Statement of Suresh Mehta at **Annexure F**)

27.2.2002

Messages by Sanjeev Bhatt, DCP-Intelligence (Communal) to all CPs, SSPs and Home Secretariat that state that:

1. Godhra Incident will have statewide repercussions
2. At about 3 p.m. the train carrying dead bodies is likely to reach Ahmedabad and after that the funeral processions shall take place in various areas. Communal tension is likely to occur, therefore take precautions.
Tomorrow 28.2.2002 VHP is likely to call Gujarat Bandh. Therefore take precautions.
3. VHP has called a Bandh and today at 4 p.m. there is a meeting at VHP office Ahmedabad concerning manner to organise a Bandh.
4. Tomorrow VHP has called a Bandh. So take necessary precautions.
5. On 28.2.2002 Bandh call has been given. Ensure that in your districts, no untoward incident shall take place. Have proper bandobast.

(Annexure G Colly)

