



10 DOWNING STREET

15 June 1983

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Professor Bedi,

Thank you so much for your letter of 2 June and for your good wishes which I very much appreciate. I am delighted that we had an opportunity to discuss the very important issues raised in your letter when we met on 8 June. Like you, I regard the Sikh community as being an important part of British society and you can be absolutely sure we shall continue to listen very closely to your views and problems in the years to come.

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Hill

Professor M P S Bedi



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Dated 2nd June 1983.....

Dear Prime Minister,

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Some members of our Association, along with World Sikh Leaders, met you recently, and we are indeed gratified to acknowledge your genuine interest in our affairs.

We are fortunate to have with us three of our leaders who have specially flown here to advise us in mobilising Asian votes. You are fully aware that there are 64 constituencies where minority communities are a decisive factor. The 300,000 Sikhs now living in the United Kingdom are an integral part of the British society.

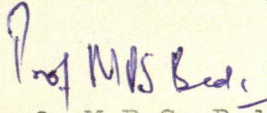
The Sikhs of the United Kingdom would be much encouraged and gratified should the future Conservative Government view with sympathy the aspirations of the Sikhs and their great concern about the territorial status of Nankana Sahib, the birth place of the founder of our religion, the venerated Holy Guru Nanak.

As you have very succinctly pointed out our links go much further back in history. The Sikhs cherish this splendid association. More so we uphold those very commitments of the Tory Party that stand for free private trade and enterprise, the freedom of the individual, and the British way of life so that Britain continues to lead the world. We believe that the views and traditions of your Party are in very close accord with the beliefs of the Sikhs and of our Guru Nanak.

We earnestly hope that the Tory Party under your dynamic and enlightened leadership will accept the legitimate and non-controversial demand of the British Sikh community so that it may be well publicised throughout the country by our Asian media before the 9th June.

We wish you once again a landslide victory.

Yours sincerely,

  
Prof. M.P.S. Bedi.

P.M. MET PROF BEDI

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>,

AND DISCUSSED ? WITH HIM.

SHE MAY THEREFORE JUST ACKNOWLEDGE  
HIS LETTER AND SAY SHE ENJOYED CHANCE  
TO TALK MATTERS OVER . . . . *SW*