

INSPECTOR JAGJIT SINGH, No. 16/CHG



Insp. Jagjit Singh was born at village-Maujgarh, District Ferozepur on 10.10.1951. He had 03 Brothers and 02 Sisters. He passed his Matric class from Govt. High School, Abohar and did B.A. from Govt. College, Sector-11, Chandigarh.

He joined the Chandigarh Police as an Assistant Sub Inspector of Police on 06.05.1972. He was promoted to the rank of Sub-Inspector on 11.10.1979 and was promoted as an Inspector on 11.10.1984.

On the night intervening 16/17.07.1988, secret information was received late at night that one Varinder Pal Singh an extremist, who had recently been released on bail by the court, is putting up in House No. 2195/1, Sector-45-B, Chandigarh. The source further revealed that few other armed

terrorist are also hiding in this house and may indulge in commission of crime in the city. In pursuance of this information a raiding party headed by Shri Sudhir Mohan, DSP was hurriedly organized. Because informer told the police that the group of terrorist hiding in Sector-45 house could leave it at any time. This raiding party reached house No. 2195/1, Sector-45-B, Chandigarh and took position. Shri Sudhir Mohan accompanied by Inspector Jagjit Singh and others went upstairs and found house No 2195/1, Sector-45-B bolted from inside. After taking due precautions the raiding party rung the door bell and the door was opened by Varinderpal Singh. House No. 2195/1 comprises three rooms, one w/c, one bath room, one kitchen and a veranda.

On interrogation Varinder Pal Singh denied to have kept armed terrorist in this house. He also readily agreed for the house search. During the house search no incriminating evidence was found. However one room adjacent to the veranda was found locked. On being asked Varinder Pal Singh told the police that he had sub-let it and persons occupying it had gone out of the town locking the room.

The raiding party decided to check the room before calling off the raid. The locked room had two doors to it. One was locked from out and the other door was bolted from inside. Inspector Jagjit Singh forced open the bolted door while remaining members of the police party were attempting to break the lock.

Inspector Jagjit Singh was the first to gain entry into this room. There he found three terrorists and one of them was carrying an AK-47 assault rifle. When this terrorist attempted to open fire on the police party, Inspector Jagjit Singh jumped forward to snatch the rifle to save the other police men present in the room from massacre. As soon as Inspector Jagjit Singh tried to snatch the rifle from the terrorist, the terrorist opened fire, killing him on the spot. In the meanwhile, other police men took defensive positions in the ensuing melee. Varinder Pal Singh also joined the three terrorists and under the cover of fire and darkness they escaped through the window. The police party covering the escape route also came under fire. They too returned fire and also chased the fleeing terrorists for about half a kilometer. In the gun battle which lasted for about 15 to 20 minutes, three terrorists were killed and one escaped with an AK-47 rifle. HC Rajbir Singh of Chandigarh Police and Constable

Shilaram Yadav of Gujrat State Reserve Police received bullet injuries.

In this regard case FIR No. 192 dated 17.07.1988 u/s 302/353/333/IPC, 25/27, 25/59 Arms Act and TADA Act, P.S. South, Chandigarh was registered. No magisterial/ and Departmental enquiry was ordered/conducted in this regard.

Inspector Jagjit Singh thus displayed exceptional courage, devotion to duty and laid down his life to save fellow policemen and to effect arrest of armed terrorists. He was, therefore, recommended for President's Police Medal for Gallantry and awarded President's Police Medal for Gallantry (Posthumously) on 10 May, 1989 vide President's Secretariat Notification No. 44-Praise/89 dated 10 May, 1989.

During more than 16 years of service in Chandigarh Police, he had earned 24 Commendation Certificates including, 8 CC-1 with total cash reward of Rs.2130/- and President's Police Medal for Gallantry was awarded (Posthumously) on 10 May 1989.

May the God Almighty rest the noble soul in peace!