
AFFIDAVIT OF VINAY K HAZAREY

I, the undersigned

VINAY K HAZAREY

Do hereby make oath and state that:

- 1 I am an adult male citizen of India, residing in Nagpur since 1981. I am 66 years of age. I am an alumni of the Government Dental College and Hospital.
- 2 Unless the context indicates otherwise, the facts contained in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are, to the best of my belief, both true and correct.

PURPOSE OF THIS AFFIDAVIT

- 3 The purpose of this affidavit is to set out fact and events that I believe are important to me and within my personal knowledge and which will assist in the re-opening of the inquest into the death of Dr Haffejee.
- 4 I wish for these facts to be presented at the re-opening of the inquest for the purpose of establishing the truth as to what happened to the late Haffejee.

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MY TERTIARY STUDIES

- 5 I studied MDS at the Government Dental College Mumbai between 1976 - 1978. After completion of clinical assistantship in 1976 at Government dental college and hospital Nagpur, I enrolled for my Master of Dentistry MDS from Bombay University for a two year post-graduate qualification in the subject of Oral Pathology and Microbiology. Between 1978 and 1980, I worked at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research and Government Dental College & Hospital, Mumbai.
- 6 Since 1981 I worked at Governmental Dental College & Hospital Nagpur in various capacities i.e. Lecturer Reader Professor and also as the Dean. I retired on 31 January 2017. Presently I am a practicing in specialty dental practice as a consultant oral pathologist at Dr Hazarey's Dental Clinics and Centre of Excellence for Oral Precancer, Bajajnagar Nagpur, India. During my student undergraduate tenure, at GDCH Nagpur I was a Sports Secretary (1972-73) and General Secretary of Student's association for the year 1973-74. As a teaching staff I was involved in various Student's activities in the capacity of officer in charge of sports, magazine, cultural activities and as a Dean, President of Student's Association of Govt Dental College & Hospital Nagpur.

MY ASSOCIATION WITH DR HAFJEJEE.

- 7 Dr Haffejee was one year junior to me when he joined at Government Dental College & Hospital Nagpur India in 1971. We spent approximately four years as student colleagues and also held responsible positions at Student's association of the college. I was the General Secretary in the year 1973-74 and Hoosen was the President in the year 1974-75. During intervening years we worked for the welfare of student's community and also represented college team in sports like cricket, soccer and hockey. He showed excellence in studies and also in sports. He was liked by all students and teaching staff.

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We used to call him "Haffy" who used to make each one of us happy be it in academics or social and cultural gatherings. I remember during one of the strikes for separate hostel for dental students he briefed me to not lose courage and guided our strike for successful commitment by authorities for separate dental hostel. He was not afraid of any vindictive action by college authorities in being a student's leader. Because of my close interaction with him, I confirmed my opinion that he was an excellent human being, a trustworthy leader and an extremely courageous person.

MY LAST MEETING WITH DR HAFJEJEE

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- 8 After university examinations of final BDS in April 1975 at the college I applied for internship (Clinical Assistant), for a tenure of one year. I remember my last meeting with Haffejee after results .He wished me well for future career and we exchanged greetings to our families. He wrote his home address in his handwriting, I remember it was 545 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He handed me over some of his books and his written notes on Clinical dentistry. Though over the period of 42 years, I lost the 'handwritten Address but I have with me his handwritings in the form of clinical notes and some poem he wrote on "The Pathology of Life."



LEARNING OF DR HAFJEJEE'S DEATH.

- 9 On or about 5 August 1977, I came to know about sad demise of my friend Dr Hoosen Haffejee through the newspaper columns at Bombay. The headline was either 20 th or 22nd person to die in South Africa police custody. I read that he committed suicide. The impact I felt was a combination of deep shock and surprise to me as to how the Dr Haffejee I knew, a very courageous man could commit suicide. It was a tremendous disbelief. I shared the news with other friends and no one accepted the suicide story. In the same week, I recall having attended the obituary meeting in his memory at International Student's hostel Marine Lines Mumbai.

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10 It would not be out of context, if I place on record that, I was keeping myself aware of happenings in South Africa more so since the tragic death of Hoosen Haffejee. I read detailed account of deaths in South Africa in the book published by Amnesty International first published in 1978 which I include as Annexure A .It was painful to note the injuries caused to him during Haffejee's short stay at Brighton Beach jail in Durban. The wounds on post autopsy photographs on the body of Hoosen's body are still fresh in mind (page no 69) since the day I saw them in book. I must admit here that this was the cruellest action of then police authorities on such a noble friend of mine, indeed a curse to humanity. I also read the booklet issued by Haffejee family, The Martyrdom of Dr Hoosen Haffejee. After completion of post-graduation and joining as a lecturer at the aforementioned college, I was transferred. From time to time we conducted many memorial activities.

11 In commemoration of a loyal and brave Dr Haffejee, we used to hold an annual Haffejee Memorial Hockey match between staff and students, as he was a goalkeeper of our college Team. We also hold an annual blood donation camps especially in first week of August to pay our homage to departed noble soul. Dr Hoosen Haffejee's memorial portrait has also being placed at the academic centre of the institution ie.Library. See annexure B. Presently blood donation camps are continued by Student's community to pay tribute to the dear departed soul of Dr Hoosen. He is remembered on many occasions on annual day's publications. I also wrote editorials in college magazines in the capacity of magazine officer in charge and more recently on occasion of the golden jubilee memoir last year in 2017. I wrote a memoir in his memory marked Annexure C.

MY VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, 2003

12 I visited South Africa for an academic participation at Annual Periodontology Congress at Cape Town from 20 October till 30 October 2003.This gave me a chance to travel to Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and

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Pietermaritzburg. There was a desire to visit Dr Haffejee's family and also to visit the PMZ railway station where our father of nation Mr Mahatma Gandhi, resisted the racial oppression. (An Inspiring place) and also the birth place of the late Haffejee and inspirational activists who wanted freedom from Apartheid which is considered a crime against humanity. I visited PMZ railway station and handed over a memorial plaque at Gandhi Square with Mrs Fathima my friends and seniors to me in college, Dr Robin Bhookan and Dr A.D.Gangat (who passed away in 2017). The news was covered by The Witness dated 29 October 2003. Indeed a true tribute to an inspirational Activist. I handed it over on behalf of staff and students of G D C H Nagpur to Mrs Fathima Haffejee, the mother of Haffejee on 28 October 2003 when I visited the family to pay my respects. I enclose the photograph of the memorial plaque, Annexure D, which speaks volumes of late Hoosen Haffejee.

13 The quote reads:

A SALUTE TO LATE DR H.M.HAFFEJEE"
I SPEAK OF A MAN WITH A GREAT HEART AND MIND
WHOM WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE KNOWN – FOR HE WAS ONE OF A KIND
I SPEAK OF A MAN WHO SPOKE HIS MIND
WHOM THE NORMS OF SOCIETY COULD NOT BIND
I SPEAK OF A MAN WHO FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT
WHO STOOD BY HIS VIEWS OF WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS RIGHT
I SPEAK OF A MAN WHO STOOD HIS GROUND
WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE CAUSE HE FOUND
I SALUTE A MAN – A HERO- IN INSPIRATION – A FRIEND
WHO FOLLOWED HIS DREAMS TO THE VERY END,
STAFF AND STUDENTS GOVT DENTAL COLLEGE &HOSPITAL NAGPUR
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FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE OF HAFFEJEE

- 14 During my visit and only visit to Haffejee's home at 545 Church Street Pietermaritzburg, Haffejee's mother Fathima handed over to me the anterior fixed partial denture worn by late Hoosen at the time of his death. The partial denture was placed on a decorative piece mirror consisting of four anterior teeth. It consists of a (1) right central incisor (2) right lateral incisor (3) left central incisor (4) left lateral incisor with a metal backing. It was packaged in a cardboard box supported in a cotton balls. She handed it over to me as a sentimental memoir. I was the Dean of the University where we both studied at. I immediately took it into my possession as a sign of respect. At the time that it was in our possession, it sustained no damage. Neither I nor anyone else tampered with it. During the time that it was in my possession, no one else had authority to tamper or interfere with it. It was placed on a wooden shelf at the Prosthetics department of the Governmental Dental Hospital, Nagpur. A brief history of Dr Haffejee was placed on the glass panel of the shelf for the sake of viewers. It remained locked with the key always with the head of the same department until I retired on 31 January 2017. On my retirement I handed over the complete charge of the dean to Professor Dr, Mrs S M Ganvir.
- 15 Haffejee's mother told me that this denture was found loosely in mouth at the time of handing over of his body. I submit that neither I nor the staff of the said college have ever damaged this memoir. (We consider such memoirs sacred and act as source of inspiration). I wish to add that, this partial artificial denture which is cemented takes support of natural teeth to replace missing teeth.
- 16 Since my visit in 2003, the mother of Dr Haffejee, Fathima, his elder brother Yusuf and my senior colleague and friend, Dr A D Gangat passed away. I pray for the peace to departed souls and offer condolences to families.
- 17 I submit here that Dr Hoosen Haffejee who laid down his life for the freedom struggle at South Africa is a Martyr. His martyrdom must be honoured with

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dignity. Hoosen Haffejee was an inspirational activist and inspiration never dies. I also feel my friend Hoosen Haffejee was brave, an excellent human being and he was not coward to commit suicide. I conclude that the re-opening of the inquest must be done.

18 On Wednesday, 5 December 2018, I accompanied Warrant Officer Kgamanyane from DPCI Hawks, South Africa to G.D.C.H Nagpur where I introduced him to the present team Dr Mrs SM Ganvir and explained the purpose of the visit which was to retrieve the exhibit which was placed in the custody of the Head of the Department, Prosthetics Dentistry, G.D.C.H Nagpur. It was placed in an evidence bag and sealed with reference number PA5002551712.

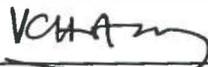
That is all that I wish to state.

I know and understand the contents of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath as binding on my conscience.

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DEPONENT

Thus signed and sworn to at NAGPUR (INDIA) on 2018 DECEMBER 05TH

The Deponent having knowledge that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavits, that it is both true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, that he has no objection to taking the prescribed oath and that the prescribed oath would be binding on his conscience.

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