

To Whom It May Concern

I Mohinder Kaur, am mother of the late Rajpal Mehat. Rajpal died in England on 16th December 2005.

I and my children, Rajpal and Sonia, were born in the Sikh religion but, some years ago, became members of the Radha Swami movement. We forsook allegiance to the Hindu and Sikh religions and took the Radha Swami Vyasa Guru Ji as our sole religious authority at that time. As a universal religion, Radha Swamis take teachings from all the world's great religions but Hindu and Sikh temples refuse to perform holy ceremonies or allow their sacred scriptures to be taken into the homes of Radha Swami devotees, Vyasa Guru Ji preaches that followers may perform the funeral practices of their choice, whether Hindu, Sikh or otherwise.

Rajpal himself worshipped the Hindu God, Lord Shiva, throughout his life and I wanted to respect his beliefs and perform his last rites exactly as he would have wished.

The tragic loss of my son was made utterly unbearable by the fact that his body was not cremated for so long after his death. Baba Davender Kumar Ghai informed me of Rajpal's death in March 2006 and tried his very best to transport Rajpal's body to India for his funeral. However, I know Uxbridge Coroner's Office declared Rajpal's body was not fit for air transport and, thankfully, Baba Ghai helped secure British visas for my daughter Sonia and I to attend Rajpal's funeral in England.

I firmly believe that the deceased should be cremated as soon as possible after their death, especially in such tragic and traumatic deaths such as Rajpal's, in order to seek salvation and peace for their soul.

I personally requested Baba Ji to ensure every ceremony and last rite in the Hindu faith was performed, In particular, I requested that he perform an open air funeral pyre, just as I would have myself if Rajpal had come to India. Metropolitan Police appealed for months for the community in Southall, predominantly Sikh, to come forward to assist in the investigation and they did not Baba Ji also booked the Newcastle crematorium to allow me the choice of performing a conventional British funeral but I insisted his funeral happen as I wished and, thankfully, Baba Ji agreed,

I am eternally grateful to Baba Ghai's help and co-operation.

Sonia and I have been overwhelmed by the many sincere and supportive condolences we have received from the British public. I hope others will also respect a mother and sister's period of mourning. I also hope a political issue will not be made of a family trauma as such interference would reflect upon them in the worst possible way.

Signed:



Mohinder Kaur

Dated: 17th July 2006