**011110 Mistri’s of Dhoke Rajgan**

(31 min 15 seconds)

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| **Persons** | **Discussion** | **Comments/Codes** |
|  | (so much distortion in recording) |  |
| Afshan | How are you? |  |
|  | (Afshan is saying something more but it is not audible due to distortion in recording) |  |
| W1 | Is everything fine? |  |
| Afshan | Yes. |  |
|  | (sound of walking and some women talking in background) |  |
| W1 | Our *bhabhi* went to her parents’ house….(saying something that is not clearly audible from seconds 32 to 36) |  |
| W1 | She got sick (went to labor) there and they took her to Sohawa for delivery case. |  |
| Afshan | Ok, congratulations. |  |
| W1 | Thanks. |  |
| Afshan | Did everything go well? |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | Why have you turned on fan? |  |
| Nighat | For us (smiling). |  |
| Afshan | No, please turn it off. One should not use fan these days, one can fall sick. |  |
| W1 | Hm. |  |
| Afshan | You know we have come from outside and it is so much sun…if one comes from hot weather and immediately sits under the fan, one can fall ill. |  |
| W1 | Yes, one can get sick. I thought you are coming from hot sun so… |  |
| Afshan | Hm… |  |
| W1 | They took her from here…she lived there for 3 or 4 days but she was in pain. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | But her pain was not severe. She called me and I asked her to not go if pain was very mild. I asked her to go when (labor) pain would start. We say that a little bit pain is off and on there. However, they took her there and Nighat told that baby would be delivered by evening. Then she stayed there for whole day. They started her infusion around 12’ o clock at noon. I think the baby was delivered after evening’s prayer. Now, she is there with her mother. |  |
| Afshan | Ok, her mother took her along to her house. |  |
| W1 | Yes, she had gone to her parents’ place. Her mother was with her. |  |
| Afshan | Then how was the case done? |  |
| W1 | They did everything there and Nighat handled the case. |  |
| Afshan | Ok…was it her brother’s wedding or yours? |  |
| W1 | No, it was her brother’s wedding. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. So had you not gone to that wedding? |  |
| W1 | I also went there. They had invited us. I came back home yesterday evening. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | I went there…and kids also. We stayed there. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | Her case was normal. |  |
| Afshan | Yes, her case was normal. We knew that. |  |
| W1 | Yes. If she was here, we could have taken her to Kalas. |  |
| Afshan | Yes. |  |
| W1 | But they took her to Sohawa from there. |  |
| Afshan | Where is her parents’ home? |  |
| W1 | *Jabbay.* |  |
| Afshan | *Jabbay.* |  |
| W1 | She was there so…. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
|  | (dog barking in background) |  |
| Afshan | How is your brother? |  |
| W1 | He is fine. |  |
| Afshan | The man, who went with us on the other day….was he your brother? |  |
| W1 | He was her *dewar.* She calls him brother but he is her younger *dewar*. Her husband is elder to him. I said how I would take care of her…so it is better that she goes to her mother’s place and would go to hospital for delivery case from there. You know that I have my young kids and I have to take care of her other two children as well. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | So it is quite hectic for me…taking care of children and everything. How can I manage everything alone? So, I asked her mother to keep her there. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | I asked her to keep her there for 8-10 days. When she will be fine… |  |
| Afshan | But Nighat in Sohawa charges almost three or four thousand rupees. |  |
| W1 | She did not charge 3000 rupees but just 2000 rupees to her. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | They spent on medicine on their own. |  |
| Afshan | That’s what…if you buy medicines and everything then it makes round about 3500 rupees. |  |
| W1 | Yes, it is like that. |  |
| Afshan | Did her mother pay that amount? |  |
| W1 | Yes, her mother…her parents. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | It is quite a lot of amount…they must have paid for the car also, from morning till evening. |  |
| Afshan | But Kalas is not far from Jabba. |  |
| W1 | Yes, it is not that far. |  |
| Afshan | Rather, Sohawa is far from Jabba. Why did they not take her to Kalas? |  |
| W1 | Kalas is quite near from here. |  |
| Afshan | That’s what I am saying. |  |
| W1 | Yes. It was their (wish)….they thought to go there instead of here. So, they went there and then told me about it. If I was there, I could have taken her to Kalas. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… |  |
| W1 | Then they told me on that day that they had taken her to Sohawa. She made a phone call to me one day before her delivery and I asked her to not go for delivery case…. |  |
| Afshan | When did they take her to Sohawa? |  |
| W1 | It has been almost…… her baby was born on last Sunday. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | Were you there? |  |
| Afshan | I went to my home last Sunday. |  |
| W1 | Her baby was born on last Sunday. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | Your children were also born in Sohawa, is it? |  |
| W1 | My only one daughter was born in Sohawa, other children were born here at home. |  |
| Afshan | Ok |  |
| W1 | My daughter was born in Sohawa but my delivery case was spoiled…so, I don’t believe her. Actually, my case was spoiled there. She asked me to go to Dr. Qamar. But we did not go to Qamar, we went to Dina. We had to spend so much money eighty or eighty five thousand rupees and then I got fine. |  |
| Afshan | Was it your last daughter? |  |
| W1 | Yes. Then they did my c-section (major operation). |  |
| Afshan | Why did you not give birth to your last daughter at home? |  |
| W1 | They said that I was weak and I should go there, they would give me infusion and… |  |
| Afshan | Had you been going there earlier as well? |  |
| W1 | No, I was fine earlier. But I was at my parents’ place at that time and my *bhabhis* and others there….. Actually there was no one here to take care of me. I had my sisters there, so I stayed at my parents’ place. I thought that I would be back once I would get fine…who would cook for my young children otherwise. So, I went there. My son was also born there at my parents’ place….we had called a local *dai* from that village and my *chachi* was also there. They both were with me and my son was born easily in less than an hour. But at the time of her birth, I did not have any pain…but the days (gestational period) were complete. So, we left from home around 11 o’ clock…they asked me to go there for delivery case and what if something wrong would happen at home, what would we do then…. And that I manage two households and I was fine, so it was not fine to put myself at risk. So, I went there… I did not know anything…I did not at what time my daughter was born and what had happened. |  |
| Afshan | Did you have labor pain when you went to Nighat? |  |
| W1 | No, nothing. |  |
| Afshan | Why did you go to Nighat then? |  |
| W1 | They asked why baby was not delivering because the days (gestational period) were complete. Moreover, baby was not moving inside me. |  |
| Afshan | Ok…baby was not moving. |  |
| W1 | No, she was not moving. So, they insisted me to go to Nighat…and what if something wrong would happen. |  |
| Afshan | Hm…. |  |
| W1 | Then I went to her. My *chachi*, my sister and my brother also went there with me. When we went there, she asked them to bring medicines. They brought medicines. I just saw her one time giving me infusions….after that I don’t know how my daughter was born or some pain or aches…I did not know anything. |  |
| Afshan | What had happened? Did you get unconscious? |  |
| W1 | Unconscious…I could not know what they were doing and what was going on. |  |
| Afshan | How had they delivered the baby then? |  |
| W1 | I don’t know how they managed it. My daughter was born there in Sohawa. They had given me some medicine… I regained my consciousness when we were on way to Dina. I asked them where we were going. They told that we were going home. I just talked this much and then fainted again…after that I did not know anything. My condition was so bad that my blood was flowing even on the wheels of the car (Suzuki bolan, *carry dabba*). My condition was so bad that……when she thought my case was beyond her control, she referred me. She wrapped me inside the bedding of her hospital and she did not charge us anything for that case. She asked them to take me immediately, it was Friday…so, they thought that maybe Dr. Qamar’s clinic is closed. They took me to Shafi hospital in Dina. They were not ready to take me, they said that people bring patients to them when patient is about to die. Then my family insisted and requested them… |  |
| Afshan | Which hospital is it in Dina? |  |
| W1 | Shafi hospital…it is a big private hospital. |  |
| Afshan | Ok…it is a private hospital. |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | Even then you did not go to the civil hospital? |  |
| W1 | We did not go to the civil hospital. They took me there. They charged us 75000 rupees only for three days. |  |
| Afshan | Were they bringing you home first? Or they just told you that. |  |
| W1 | No…they just told me that they would be taking me home. They did not tell me that…I had bleeding. I did not know because I was unconscious. They told me that we were going back home. But they took me to the Shafi hospital. |  |
| W1 | There were very senior (baddi) nurses…they consulted each other and then decided to do major operation. |  |
| Afshan | Had they done major surgery (c-section)? |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Nighat | How old is your daughter now? |  |
| W1 | Sorry? |  |
| Nighat | How old is your daughter? |  |
| W1 | Three years old. |  |
| Afshan | Had they used some tools and instruments to deliver your daughter? |  |
| W1 | Yes, maybe she had been using instruments inside me. |  |
| Afshan | When they did your operation, did they give some documents to you? |  |
| W1 | Those from Shafi hospital…they gave. |  |
| Afshan | Do you have them now? |  |
| W1 | I don’t know where they are… |  |
| Afshan | It’s ok…please search them and keep with you. |  |
| W1 | People from Shafi hospital told me that my disease/problem could rise again after six months or a year or… They asked me to keep those documents safe as people keep documents of their land. |  |
| Afshan | That’s why I am asking you….because I also feel that there is something wrong. That is why I am asking you to show me those documents. |  |
| W1 | I don’t know where they are now in Jabba or in Parri…I shall search them and keep for you so that you can see in your next visit. |  |
| Afshan | They asked you to keep safe those documents like people keep their property documents…and you saved them like this? (laughing) |  |
| W1 | Actually, I was there…so my brothers have kept them somewhere. They had been asking me to them with me when I was coming. But I forgot. I shall check if they are in Jabba or in Parri then I shall bring them here. It is a bundle and they have put it is a shopping bag and kept there. |  |
| Afshan | Do show me those documents. |  |
| W1 | Yes, I’ll. She spoiled my normal case…so I don’t trust her. But they took her there. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | The way she handles….*toba astaghfar…toba astaghfar.* |  |
| Afshan | Who? |  |
| W1 | Nighat. |  |
| Afshan | How does she handle? |  |
| W1 | Nighat and there was another lady with her…when they went there, I also went. My younger brother went along me. We went there because we thought that they had gone to Sohawa since 8 o’ clock in morning and had not come back. We made a phone call to them that we were worried. So, we went there. When we reached there, there was a woman who had come there since morning. She was screaming loudly inside there because baby was not getting delivered. It was her first baby. Actually, baby was not moving at all…they tried a lot to deliver the baby…Nighat, her sister and her daughter-in-law all were there handling the case. They tried a lot but baby was not delivered then they asked them to go to Dr. Qamar. Then they took her to Dr. Qamar, God knows….the baby was delivered there without any operation. They made a call to her to tell her. Her six or seven children were aborted and one daughter was born. They don’t take care of patient properly. They just give infusion and then go to their room and start eating….no matter if someone is dying outside. So, what is the advantage?  So, when they took her there…we had been standing there with her. I, her mother and two other women from village…we all went there. We all were standing there near her. They gave her infusion and poor she was screaming…then they came on the exact time to handle the delivery. They did her minor operation (episiotomy) and a daughter was born. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… minor operation (episiotomy) is very common these days. |  |
| W1 | They do the minor operations. |  |
|  | (silence for a while) |  |
| W1 | Would you like to have some water? |  |
| Afshan | No, no need for water or anything. |  |
| Nighat | No thanks. |  |
| W1 | Shall I bring cold drinks? |  |
| Afshan | No, no…I don’t take cold drinks at all. |  |
| W1 | Why? |  |
| Afshan | It’s just…. We heard about the delivery and thought to come here. |  |
| W1 | What about tea? |  |
| W1 | Ok, thank you…may Allah keep you safe. My other *bhabhi* is also pregnant. It is her seventh or eighth month. Her whole body is swollen. |  |
| Afshan | Is her blood pressure high? |  |
| W1 | It is low. |  |
| Afshan | Have she got it checked? |  |
| W1 | Yes, she went to Gujar Khan for checkup….and also went to Chakwal many times… |  |
| Afshan | There must be blood deficiency in her. |  |
| W1 | Ok, blood deficiency. Her body has gone very heavy due to swelling…she has so much swelling…her thighs are swollen and gone bigger like this much…and her feet also. Her legs are also very swollen. She can’t even walk. They prescribed her some injections from Gujar Khan, when she gets that injection…she feels comfortable for a while. |  |
| Afshan | Those injections which are red in color? |  |
| W1 | Yes, red colored. |  |
| Afshan | She has severe blood deficiency. How many children she already has? |  |
| W1 | She does not have any child, it is her first baby. |  |
| Afshan | So, she must already have blood deficiency. |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | She should drink milk and eat egg. |  |
| W1 | She eats properly; we can’t say that her diet is not good. Those people from Gujar Khan told that she needs an infusion/drip of those injections. The injection costs 500 rupees. They gave two injections for 1000 rupees. Those injections were put in the infusion and were infused to her. But she got diarrhea and vomiting with that. She has vomiting problem…whatever she eats, she vomits out. She cannot stand even for five minutes. She gets breathless. |  |
| Afshan | Hm…it is blood deficiency. |  |
| W1 | Blood deficiency…she is in very bad condition. |  |
| Afshan | She should drink milk and eat apples… |  |
| W1 | She eats apples…and takes milk also. She eats whatever she likes. But she vomits out immediately after eating. She went to many doctors but her swelling….her whole body is swollen. Her abdomen is also swollen. |  |
| Afshan | To which doctor she went? |  |
| W1 | I don’t know which doctor but she went to Gujar Khan and also to Chakwal. First she went to the civil hospital in CHakwal. They did her checkup and prescribed her injections. Then they bought those injections and she was given infusion. She went to the civil hospital in Chakwal but I don’t know where she went in Gujar Khan. |  |
| Afshan | Did doctor not check her in civil hospital? |  |
| W1 | Doctor must have done her checkup. They told that they do proper checkup there and nicely. It was they, who prescribed those injections costing 500 rupees. But she got diarrhea after getting those injections. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… |  |
|  | (silence for a while) |  |
| Afshan | Why is Adnan at home today? |  |
| W1 | Adnan is suffering from fever. |  |
| Afshan | Ok…does he have a sore throat? |  |
| W1 | Sore throat… I don’t know. I came in evening and asked him, he was suffering from fever. I gave him medicine two times. |  |
| Afshan | Does he feel cold as well? |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | It must be Malaria…. |  |
| W1 | I have put blanket on him… he sleeps in the sun but after sometime come inside again. I mean, he feels cold. |  |
| Afshan | Hm…it must be malaria. |  |
| W1 | Malaria…. They say that one should go for checkup if temperature is 100 or above. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | Because mosquitoes bite day and night. |  |
| Afshan | Did he go for checkup? |  |
| W1 | Yes he went and brought medicines. |  |
| Afshan | From where he brought medicines? |  |
| W1 | From *adda* here and also from Muliyal. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | I talked about work…right now we don’t have any such work. But I will let you know if there is some need….for work. |  |
| W1 | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | I told you about it but it is not confirm. |  |
| W1 | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | He sent me messages (SMS) two or three times but I could not reply him. You know that I am usually busy. I was in Islamabad in a meeting. |  |
| W1 | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | I got his message on that day but then I forgot. However, I am trying…of course I can just try, I cannot promise. |  |
| W1 | Yes, you can’t promise. It is so nice of you, may Allah bless you with good health. |  |
| Afshan | I’ll try… I will try to do something in this regard. |  |
| W1 | If this problem gets solved, we shall pray for you for whole life. |  |
| Afshan | I have talked to someone about it, I shall ask them again. |  |
| W1 | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | Then I shall let you know. |  |
|  | (silence for a while) |  |
| W1 | I talked with her and she told that she would go to the Holy Family hospital…. My *bhabhi* (brother’s wife). it is the right place |  |
| Afshan | Yes, she should go to Holy Family. |  |
| W1 | I asked her to directly go to Holy Family hospital for case instead of going somewhere here. |  |
| Afshan | Yes. |  |
| W1 | One can see that her condition is so bad. What if something goes wrong….if she goes here, they would refer her to Holy Family only when she will be about to die. |  |
| Afshan | So, it is better to go to Holy Family directly. If one can see clearly that the condition is bad… |  |
| W1 | Yes. Actually her condition is very bad, if you will see… |  |
| Afshan | Which month of pregnancy is it? |  |
| W1 | 8th. |  |
| W1 | Her abdomen is this much extended due to swelling. |  |
| Afshan | Does she have only one child? |  |
| W1 | Sorry? |  |
| Afshan | Had she gone for the ultrasound? |  |
| W1 | Almost six or seven times. |  |
| Afshan | Oh God… does she have only one baby (in her womb)? |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Nighat | It is her first baby. |  |
| W1 | She has so much swelling. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… |  |
| W1 | I asked if she eats soil, but she does not. You know that there are some women who eat soil. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… why do women eat soil? |  |
| W1 | Don’t know why they do so. |  |
| Afshan | Have you ever eaten soil? |  |
| W1 | No, *toba…* I have never even thought about it. Aafiya asked her if she eats soil or uncooked rice. Aafiya who is there in Muliyal. But she told her that she does not eat. |  |
| Afshan | Does rice induce swelling? |  |
| W1 | She told that water retains more in women who eat rice a lot. Aafiya told this. She told that the water that is inside her body (due to swelling)…it is because of excessive rice in diet. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | You know that women eat dry rice…the uncooked rice. If one eats cooked rice, it is fine. But they eat uncooked. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | It is because of eating uncooked rice. |  |
| Afshan | Has she been eating that? |  |
| W1 | Don’t know….she tells us that she does not eat. |  |
| Afshan | Does she live separate…independently? |  |
| W1 | Yes, her mother lives with her there. |  |
| Afshan | What does your brother do? |  |
| W1 | My brother is just at home. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | He does this mason (*mistri*’s) work. |  |
| Afshan | Hm….let’s go? |  |
| W1 | Please sit for a while. |  |
| Nighat | What is the time? |  |
| W1 | It is 11:30. |  |
| Nighat | Ok. |  |
| W1 | Did you go to visit siblings? |  |
| Afshan | Yes, we went. |  |
| W1 | For how many days you stayed there? |  |
| Afshan | I went there on Saturday….no, on Friday and came back on Sunday. |  |
| W1 | If one goes to siblings then one does not want to come back. |  |
| Afshan | No, I stayed there for just two days and then came back. I have to do work also. |  |
| W1 | Is your mother fine? |  |
| Afshan | Yes, thanks to Allah. |  |
| W1 | My sister is just like you…who came on wedding. My youngest daughter says “*Ammi*, that aunty does not come to our home like this aunty?” (smiling) |  |
| Afshan | (Laughing) |  |
| W1 | I laughed a lot. She asked who? I told her that you are just like a sister and live in Islamabad. Actually, my sister lives in Islamabad. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. What does she do? |  |
| W1 | Nothing…she just stays at home. She got married there. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | She lives there. |  |
| W1 | She is also quite fat like you. |  |
| Afshan | Ok…(smiling) |  |
| W1 | My youngest daughter is very smart, she asked why that aunty does not come here like this aunty. (smiling) |  |
| Afshan | Did she come here on wedding? |  |
| W1 | Yes, to attend wedding. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | Her husband works there in some embassy. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | They have rented some house and live there. |  |
| Afshan | Is your husband also your relative? |  |
| W1 | He is my maternal uncle’s (*mamoo’*s) son. |  |
| Afshan | Do you have more relatives here in this village? |  |
| W1 | Yes, this whole *mohalla* is our relative. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | Only Noreen’s family is not your relative. |  |
| W1 | No, they belong to some other caste. |  |
| Afshan | They are *Malyar.* |  |
| W1 | Yes, they are *Malyar* and we are *Mistari.* |  |
| Afshan | Ok… So, this whole *mohalla* is yours? |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | The *Mistari* who live down there in Narra, are they also your relatives? |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | The houses that are up there…on the other side of that shop, they are all *Mistari*’s houses. |  |
| Afshan | Are not *Mochi’s* houses there? |  |
| W1 | There are only two houses of *Mochi*’s there. The houses near this graveyard and along this road…are all *Mistari’s.* |  |
| Afshan | Ok…the houses near graveyard, in Dhoke Surkhru as well? |  |
| W1 | No, they are not our houses. |  |
| Afshan | Who are they, the one who live in Dhoke Surkhru? |  |
| W1 | They are also Malyar. |  |
| Afshan | Ok, Malyar. |  |
| W1 | They all are *zamindar.* |  |
| Afshan | Do you know the *baby* (nick name of some woman)? |  |
| W1 | Yes, we know her. |  |
| Afshan | Are they also Malyar? |  |
| W1 | They belong to Awan caste. |  |
| Afshan | Do they have some relationship with Noreen’s family? |  |
| W1 | No, they don’t have any relationship. These are different and they are different. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. Do they belong to the same caste? |  |
| W1 | Yes, same caste. |  |
| Afshan | So, Noreen’s family and Baby’s family belong to the same caste? |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
|  | (silence for a while) |  |
| Afshan | …and others from Mughalan, they are mostly *Raja*? |  |
| W1 | Yes, they are *rajay.* |  |
| Afshan | …and down there, all the *mirzay?* |  |
| W1 | Yes, *Mirzay.* There are few houses of *Mistari*’s as well. The whole village down here is *Raja’s.* only one or two houses of *Mistaris* are there. However, this whole *mohalla* up here is *Misatri*’s…one or two houses of them and few houses of *Mochi*’s. |  |
| Afshan | Hm…they have bought the land here and build their houses. Have you also bought the land here? |  |
| W1 | Yes, we bought this land. |  |
| Afshan | All of you have bought the land here? |  |
| W1 | Yes, we all. |  |
| Afshan | From whom you have bought this land? |  |
| W1 | They were Raja’s from Mughlan…we bought land from them. |  |
| Afshan | The *Raja*s from Mughlan have done nothing except selling their land. Is not it? |  |
| W1 | Yes, they had been selling. |  |
| Afshan | Yes, they had mostly been selling the land. |  |
| W1 | Yes. |  |
| Afshan | All these R*ajay* are also poor…they are not that rich. |  |
| W1 | They are not rich. Some have land and that is it…they don’t have any other….. But the Raja’s have quite a lot of land, it is not just a little. Their land is extended till up there…beyond Mughalan till Pind. That whole land belongs to Raja families. |  |
|  | (silence for a while) |  |
| W1 | We all saved some money little by little and bought the land here. We were the first one who bought the land here. At that time, there was nothing here except the graveyard. Now this road is built and everything else also. But at that time, nothing was here. There was no road…and there was no passageway also. So, it was my *mamoo* who bought the land here first. Then few others also bought land with my *mamoo.* After that everyone had been buying land here.  Noreen’s family was also very poor. Their house was the only *kacha* house…they used to grow vegetables, they were very poor. |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | Then we and some other people contributed some money and bought a land for them and brought them up….. Her family and family of her paternal uncle who lives on backside there. |  |
| Afshan | Why had you brought them here? |  |
| W1 | It’s just that…. they’re our neighbors. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… |  |
| W1 | This is the reason. The villagers have expelled them…the villagers there are so bad. |  |
| Afshan | Are people of village there are not nice? |  |
| W1 | No, they are not. This is the reason we came here. |  |
| Afshan | What did they use to do? Did they used to beat and torture? |  |
| W1 | Yes…they always used to fight even for little, little things. For example if a hen goes somewhere and someone makes her run away…they start fighting on that. So, all the time fights, disputes and problems. |  |
| Afshan | Why? Do they think themselves as a very high caste and that’s why they fight? |  |
| W1 | It is just Allah who knows that. So, we thought we are earning for ourselves and managing our living…why to take favor (*ehsaan*) from such people. So, we sold our land there and moved here. |  |
| Afshan | Did you have your land down there? |  |
| W1 | Yes, we had a little land…everyone had almost 5 or 6 *marla*….or 3 or 4 *marla*. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | Our compound was little than this one but eight families were living there…eight families. |  |
| Afshan | Ok… |  |
| W1 | Just one room for each family…. There were so many *charpoy*s, of all eight families that there was no way to walk. I mean that the place was very small and we had been living there very difficultly. |  |
| Afshan | Then how had you sold that land? |  |
| W1 | Allah knows…they sold according to the share everyone had in that land. |  |
| Afshan | Who have bought that land? |  |
| W1 | Sorry? |  |
| Afshan | To whom you have sold that land? |  |
| W1 | The *kanna’s wala*…(could not understand properly 00:25:25) |  |
| Afshan | Hm. |  |
| W1 | They bought land from everyone. One brother bought the land….two. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | Then they built their house there. |  |
| Afshan | There? |  |
| W1 | Yes, down there in the village. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | On the place which we sold out. |  |
| Afshan | They are also *Rajay*? |  |
| W1 | Yes, they are *Rajay*. They were from Narra. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | Then they moved here from Narra. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | So….our share in land was 4000 rupees, someone’s share was 7000 and like that. So those two brothers bought land from everyone and built their house there. They left their previous houses. So, these both brothers have a good/enough place now. |  |
|  | (some distortion in recording for few seconds) |  |
| W1 | One has four kids and other four or five. |  |
| Afshan | Was this land cheap here at that time? |  |
| W1 | Yes, it was cheap at that time….very cheap. |  |
| Afshan | So, had you managed to build house here in those three or four thousand rupees? |  |
| W1 | Yes, we built the house but we had borrowed bricks from the kilns here. Then we had been paying them also (for bricks). |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | But we got the cheap land. It was for 2000 rupees at that time. |  |
| Afshan | How come this land was cheap? Was it not an agricultural land? |  |
| W1 | It was just barren land here…no one was growing anything on it. |  |
| Afshan | Ok, it was just barren. |  |
| W1 | Yes. So, we had to fill it with soil (*parandan dalwaien)…*we had to put so much soil. |  |
| Afshan | Ok, you had to add soil here (*parandan dalwaien*)? (surprised) |  |
| W1 | Yes….so much, we had been bringing soil from wells (*khoo*). |  |
| Afshan | Ok… |  |
| W1 | There were wild *keeker* trees and graveyard here…no one used to come here due to fear. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… |  |
| W1 | Then they bought this land and it took six or seven months to build….they brought bricks here…and built the pillars. First they made ceiling with wooden rods (*balay*) but it used to leak during rains… many scorpions and insects also used to fall from ceiling. It was such a dirty, grubby…. |  |
| Afshan | But you have cemented ceiling/roof (*lanter*) now. |  |
| W1 | Yes…then we installed this cemented roofing. We somehow managed to build this roofing after dumping the other one. This house was built almost forty years ago. |  |
| Afshan | You had built cemented roof forty years ago? (Surprised) |  |
| W1 | Yes, at that time no one had the cemented roofs. We were the first one who had this type of roof. |  |
| Afshan | The *lanter* roof must be very expensive at that time? |  |
| W1 | Yes, it was expensive. But cement was cheap, they borrowed money and built. First, they built other roof of wooden rods and then placed flat bricks (*choki*) but you know very big, fat scorpions used to fall from ceiling at night when everyone was sleeping. There were so many snakes and scorpions here at that time. We have here even now but very few. They used not to sleep at night due to fear (of those scorpions and snakes). Moreover, ceiling used to leak so much during rains. |  |
| Afshan | Ok… |  |
| W1 | There was no dry place available to even stand during rainy seasons. It was so much problem |  |
| Afshan | What was your father-in-law’s occupation? |  |
| W1 | He was doing this mason (*mistari*’s)m work. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | His sons were also working with him. |  |
| Afshan | There are big houses of *Raja’s* here….have your in-laws’ building those houses? |  |
| W1 | Yes…our *mistari’s* have been doing all that construction. All the bungalows there. Our *mistaris*…. |  |
| Afshan | You must have been earning some money due to construction of these bungalows also? |  |
| W1 | They have been doing hard work and earning money and saving it. They did not spend much on eating and built the house. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… |  |
| W1 | So, it was like this. |  |
| Afshan | They knew the mason (*mistari*’s) work that’s why. |  |
| W1 | Yes. They are very expert mason/*mistari* and they work a lot. |  |
| Afshan | Hm… what does your husband do? Is he also a mason/*mistari*? |  |
| W1 | My husband also does mason work but now he has left… because his hands get damaged with cement due to allergy. If it is the mud work then he goes for daily wage work….and my *mamoo* hardly works now because he can’t see very well. |  |
| Afshan | Then how are you managing your living? |  |
| W1 | It is just… we go somewhere and do work like washing clothes for someone or things like that. This is how, we are managing our living. Or sometimes he goes for daily wage work if the mud work is available. Or my brothers also help. |  |
| Afshan | What do your brothers do? |  |
| W1 | They also do the mason work. Sometimes they buy us all grocery and sometimes one of them comes and gives 500 rupees or they buy clothes for my daughters…or school shoes and like that. My youngest brother buys clothes for us and this is how… |  |
| Afshan | Does he not have children? |  |
| W1 | No, he is unmarried. |  |
| Afshan | But when he would get married then…? |  |
| W1 | Then…Allah is our lord. |  |
| Afshan | Will you not do his wedding? |  |
| W1 | Actually, he is young. He says that he will not get married early. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | He is a bit smaller than Adnan. |  |
| Afshan | Ok. |  |
| W1 | But if you look at him, he seems quite big *mashallah*. |  |
|  | (silence for a second) |  |
| Man | Where are you? Someone has come from Jabba, Masi Sakina’s…. the one who lives in Karachi. He has come. |  |
| W1 | Ok. |  |
| Afshan | Ok then…you attend them. |  |
| W1 | Please sit. |  |
| Afshan | No, no…it’s ok. We shall go and you attend your guests. |  |
| W1 | I’s ok…you are also guest. |  |
| Afshan | We will be here. |  |
|  | (Everyone is walking and this is making noise in recording, so their sounds are not clearly audible in the last minute) |  |