

Bio-date
Prem Bhatia (1911-1995)

Eminent journalist, diplomat and author Shri Prem Bhatia was born on 11 August, 1911 in Lahore, Pakistan. He was Assistant News Editor, Central Organisation, AIR, 1939-42; Assistant Director, Public Relations, Indian Army, in the rank of Lt-Col., 1942-45; Special Representative and Political Correspondent of 'The Statesman', 1946-58' Editor, 'The Tribune', Ambala, 1959, Resident Editor, 'The Times of India', Delhi, 1960-63, Editor, 'Indian Express', Delhi & Representative of the 'Guardian' in India, 1963-65; High Commissioner of India to Singapore, 1969-73, Editor-in-chief & Director, India News & Feature Alliance, New Delhi, 1973-77; Editor-in-Chief, 1977-86; President, Editor's Guild of India, New Delhi, 1980.

He received Munshi Premchand Centenary Award, 1979, Critics Circle of India Award, 1982 and B.D. Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism, 1984. He was the member of Delhi Golf Club and Delhi Gymkhana Club. He died on 8th May, 1995.

Publications: 'All My Yesterdays', and 'Indian Ordeal in Africa'.

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I. Subject Files

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4
1.	Articles/editorial reports contributed by Prem Bhatia to different newspapers and collected for his proposed publications	1949-93	
2.	Articles by Prem Bhatia perhaps collected for writing his books. Includes articles on personalities, neighbouring countries, political scenario during Nehru era and after, etc.	1956-93	
3.	Material collected by Prem Bhatia (for his proposed book) on Punjab and Khalistan, includes memoranda presented by Sikh Council of North America to Mrs. Indira Gandhi; comments/reactions of the people on editorials/reactions of people on editorials published in <i>The Tribune</i> regarding Sikh community, Khalistan /Sikh nationhood; excerpts from the Constitution and Rules and Regulations-1980 of the <i>Tribune Trust</i> , Chandigarh	1969-89	
4.	Correspondence exchanged by Prem Bhatia, Editor, <i>The Tribune</i> with various persons in connections with their reactions/impressions on his press reports/articles relating to happenings in Punjab, 1984 riots, position of 'Janata Party' etc.	1978-85	

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5.	Threatening letters received by Prem Bhatia, as Chief Editor, The Tribune from various pro-Khalistani individuals and organisations such as-Sikh Students' Federation and Binderwale Taksal, Khalistan Liberation Army, Dasmesh Regiment etc. for his alleged anti-Sikh views	1983-85	

II. Speeches/Writings/Articles By Him

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(a)	<u>Articles/Write-ups</u>		
1.	The file consists of articles by Prem Bhatia published in India News and Feature Alliance Column-Prospect and Retrospect, (being its Editor-in-Chief and Director) on various subjects	1973-75	Printed
2.	Articles by Prem Bhatia relating to Indo-Pak relations, problem of Punjab/Kashmir, functioning of Congress I/Rajiv Gandhi government and other issues, published in <i>Amrit Bazar Patrika</i> , <i>The Tribune</i> , <i>Gomantak Times</i> , etc. under the column <i>At Random</i>	1988	
3.	An article on 'From Khaki to Saffron' by Prem Bhatia to be published under the Column <i>At Random</i>	24 May, 1991	Typed copy
4.	'Public Mourning As Ritual' – an Article for publication in column- <i>At Random</i>	31 May, 1991	Typed copy
5.	An article on 'Councillors and Coteries' by Prem Bhatia for publication in the column <i>At Random</i>	7 June 1991	Typed copy

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6.	'Waiting for D-Day' – an article for publication under the column <i>At Random</i>	14 June 1991	Typed copy
7.	'Unfair to the President'- an article for publication under column <i>At Random</i>	21 June, 1991	Typed copy
8.	Write-ups/reports/articles by Prem Bhatia published in the <i>Free Press Journal</i> and <i>Gomantak</i> , such as-Poll Adventure in Punjab', 'Focus on Narasimha Rao', 'Under the Banyan Tree', etc.	1991	Press-cuttings
9.	'The Naming Game' –a write-up by Prem Bhatia	Undated	Typed copy
10.	'Not Always 'Selective'- a write-up by Prem Bhatia.	Undated	Typed copy
11.	An article on 'Getting on 'Top', Quick'	Undated	Typed copy
12.	A write up on 'This 'Gap' is Dangerous' by Prem Bhatia	Undated	Typed copy (incomplete)
13.	Articles by Prem Bhatia relating to exercise of franchise (vote) especially in the context of Indira Gandhi	Undated	Typed copy
14.	'Ancient Stale Wisdom' – a write-up	Undated	Typed copy
15.	A write-up on 'Politics of the Gutter', by Prem Bhatia	Undated	Typed copy
16.	'In and Outside Parliament' – a write-up	Undated	Typed copy
17.	A write-up on 'A Dinner Long Ago' by Prem Bhatia	Undated	Typed copy

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18.	'Punjab Problem is not Insoluble' - a write-up	Undated	Typed copy
19.	'Bandicoots from Andhra' – a write-up.	Undated	Typed copy
20.	'A Social Revolution' – a write-up	Undated	Typed copy
21.	'An Identity Crisis', a write-up by Prem Bhatia	Undated	Typed copy
22.	A write-up by Prem Bhatia on 'Ministerial Perks and Pains'	Undated	Typed copy
23.	'Back in the Army' – a write-up by Prem Bhatia	Undated	Typed copy
24.	'A Threefold Tragedy' – a write-up on Rajiv Gandhi	Undated	Typed copy
25.	'A Noisy Resurrection' – an article	Undated	Typed copy
(b)	<u>Editorial Articles</u>		
26.	Editorials by Prem Bhatia published in <i>The Tribune</i> on political scenario in Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, functioning of Shah Commission, arrest of Indira Gandhi, Janata Party's victory in Rajasthan/defeat in bye-elections, death sentence for Z.A. Bhutto and Maruti Swindle, etc.	1977-78	
27.	Editorial articles contributed by Prem Bhatia as Editor of <i>The Tribune</i> relating to political situation in India and abroad	1979	

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28.	Editorial articles contributed by Prem Bhatia to <i>The Tribune</i> on different issues	1980-84	
29.	Editorial by Prem Bhatia on different topics published in <i>The Tribune</i>	1981	
30.	Editorials by Prem Bhatia published in <i>The Tribune</i> on political situation/Punjab and Kashmir problem, seventh non-aligned summit in Delhi and elections etc.	1983	
31.	Editorials contributed by Prem Bhatia to <i>The Tribune</i> pertaining to Punjab problem, assassination of Indira Gandhi, Congress I's triumph in Lok Sabha elections, etc.	1984	
32.	Editorials by Prem Bhatia on different topics such as: Centenary Celebrations of Indian National Congress, national/international terrorism, political situation in Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan, International image of Rajiv Gandhi, etc.	1985	
33.	Editorial articles by Prem Bhatia as Editor of <i>The Tribune</i> on different issues viz. Punjab politics, Khalistan issue, Indo-Pak relations, etc.	January- July, 1986	
34.	Editorials by Prem Bhatia published in <i>The Tribune</i> pertaining to different subjects	1986	

III. Speeches/Writings/Articles By Others

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4
1.	Typed copies of the extracts on theory of the origin of state and other aspects of the society	Undated	Typed copies

IV. Press-Clippings

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4
1.	Articles/reports contributed by Prem Bhatia as Special Representative and Political Correspondent of <i>The Statesman</i> on different issues	1947-52	Xerox copies
2.	Reports on his (Prem Bhatia's) tour for four months in Russia and articles such as: 'In Search of Miracles', 'Lustreless Longevity' etc. published in <i>Nagpur Times</i>	1948, 1980, 1993	Xerox copies
3.	Articles by Prem Bhatia as Special Representative and Political Correspondent of <i>The Statesman</i> pertaining to political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir, Nepal's problem and position of the Sikhs in Punjab, etc.	1949-52	Xerox copies
4.	Reports by Prem Bhatia, Special Representative of <i>The Statesman</i> relating to national/international politics	1950-51	Xerox copies
5.	Articles on various topics i.e. 'Builders of the Constitution', 'Strength and Weakness of Congress', 'National Conference A Well Knit Party', etc. by Prem Bhatia	1950-51	Xerox copies

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6.	Reports by Prem Bhatia as Political Correspondent of <i>The Statesman</i> relating to India's first Presidential election, election of Jawaharlal Nehru as leader of the Congress Party, Jammu and Kashmir's relationship with India and India's protest to Pakistan	1952	Xerox copies
7.	Reports by Prem Bhatia as Political Correspondent, <i>The Statesman</i> on Sino-Indian problem, Portuguese affairs in Goa, U.S. policy towards India and Pakistan, significance of Vice-President Nixon's visit, Indo-China talks on Tibet, Nehru's visit to China etc.	1953-54	Xerox copies
8.	Press-cuttings articles by Prem Bhatia contributed as Political Correspondent of <i>The Statesman</i> pertaining to political relations with neighbouring countries and widespread fear of Communism in USA, etc.	1953-54	Xerox copies
9.	Reports by Prem Bhatia as Political Correspondent and Chief of Bureau of <i>The Statesman</i> on various national/international issues such as: state reorganisation report, dangers of Vietnam elections, visit of Soviet Leaders, Nehru and Mohammed Ali talks on Kashmir, Indo-Yugoslav relations, Moscow's enthusiastic reception to Nehru, etc.	1955	Xerox copies
10.	Reports/articles on his (Prem Bhatia's) record visit to Russia and different topics viz. 'Asian-African Conference at Bandung, Trends in Pakistan/Views on Kashmir, Solution of Sikh Problem etc.	1955	Xerox copies

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11.	Press-reports by Prem Bhatia as Political Correspondent, pertaining to Jarring report/U.N. Council debate on Kashmir, political hold of Congress under Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership/Congress affairs, arms deal from Soviet block, etc.	1956-57	Xerox copies
12.	Press-reports by Prem Bhatia published in <i>The Statesman</i> being its Political Correspondent on different subjects such as: agreement with Burmah oil and Assam oil companies for Gauhati and Barauni refineries, Security Council's debate on Kashmir, Krishna Menon in U.N.- a personality sketch, political rift in Jammu & Kashmir, Skeikh Abdulla's performances and arrest, etc.	1957	Xerox copies
13.	Articles by Prem Bhatia relating to international political situation, published in <i>The Statesman</i> under the column- Political Scene	1958	Xerox copies
14.	Press-reports contributed by Prem Bhatia as Political Correspondent pertaining to different issues such as: Indo-Pakistan border dispute, Dr. Rajendra Prasad's visit to Japan, presentation of Chagla report to Parliament etc.	1958	Xerox copies
15.	Articles from the Editor's journal appeared in <i>The Tribune</i> mainly in the series-'From and Near' (6 parts) viz. War against Communism in Middle East, Relationship Awaits Adjustments, More Surprises in Frozen Soviet Union, Soviet Anxiety Not to Defend India, A Small Country with Big Resolution, Hazards of Tensions in Indo-China. Also includes other national/international issues relating to Dalai Lama, Bhutan, Indo-Pak relations etc. and a letter from <i>The Tribune Trust</i> to Mrs. Shakuntala Bhatia	1959	Xerox copies

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16.	Press-reports by Prem Bhatia as Political Correspondent relating to political situation after Indo-China war, Kashmir issue and other miscellaneous subjects. Includes an article on Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit	1963	Published in <i>The Statesman</i> , <i>The Guardian</i>
17.	Articles by Prem Bhatia published in different newspapers such as: <i>Gomantak</i> , <i>Nagpur Times</i> , <i>The Tribune</i> , <i>Amrit Bazar Patrika</i> , etc. relating to political scenario and other topics	1965-94	
18.	Press-clippings containing articles on political situation during Janata Party rule and Ch. Charan Singh's government /regime, coming back of Mrs. Indira Gandhi to power, situation of Punjab, Khalistan movement and Kashmir problem, etc.	1977-86	
19.	Articles by Prem Bhatia published in various newspapers viz. <i>The Tribune</i> , <i>Amrit Bazar Patrika</i> , <i>Gomantak</i> , etc. pertaining to different subjects mostly under the column <i>At Random</i>	1989	
20.	Articles on different topics/subjects, published under the column <i>Perspective</i> in various newspapers such as: <i>Opinion</i> , <i>Nagpur Times</i> , <i>Free Press</i> , etc.	1992-94	