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DID HE MISS

Look who it was aimed at, and who could be next in line

REALLY?

But he has another shoe

The shoe flew, ever so gently, right in front of India's Home Minister's nose, landing with a thud to his right. By now, you know most of the details. And most people will recognize Jarnail Singh from across the road. A simple act of daring, a journalist crossing the blurred line, if it ever existed, between being a human being with a heart and a professional doing his job, has caught the Indian establishment by the scruff of its neck and forced it to stare it in the face, the gross injustice it has meted out.

The shoe was hurled at the face of injustice, in utter frustration of a quarter-century wait for justice.

Jarnail Singh's shoe missed India's Home Minister P Chidambaram, but will it hit the target — the deaf, dumb, blind brahmanical establishment of India whose conscience has so hardened that men like Jagdish Tytler and Sajjan Kumar can be Lok Sabha candidates of a political party seriously planning to rule?

Congress' tickets to these men was a slap on the face of every man and woman with a conscience, but the world only noticed the shoe Jarnail Singh threw.

What does one say when a community keeps fighting for justice for twenty-five years after more than 3,000 members are killed in genocidal targeted brutal barbaric attacks on the roads of national capital of India, most being burnt to death using cycle tyres lit aflame? What does one say when inquiry commissions set up by the

Kalam Nishan Singh

government of India keep finding the same men guilty over and over again but they keep dodging justice? And what does one say when the party that sheltered them all these years makes them once again candidates for the country's Parliament?

That these people are "Jutti De Yaar"?

They deserve much worse than a shoe.

Well, they got it then. Jarnail Singh will be forgiven thousands of times over by every right thinking person who may have a momentary qualm about a journalist breaching protocol, not using his pen but rather hurling a shoe to make an extra-ordinary statement about extra-ordinarily apathetic Indian nation state.



He still has a shoe, and there are so many who deserve it so richly

Oh yes, some of the people find it a very bad thing to do.

To those who find any ugliness in Jarnail Singh's action, our submission is humble: the hordes that Jagdish Tytler and Sajjan Kumar led when they tracked, chased, beat, maim, kill, burn hundreds of Sikhs alive in a pace of three days in Delhi were not very disciplined, and did not come like good guests, asking for a cup of tea in the Sikh community's drawing room, and permission to rape the daughters and kill the young ones. The problem with the Indian nation state, its media included, is that it finds the acts of Tytler and Jarnail Singh equally reprehensible.

Perhaps it is possible for those to do so whose sister or mother has not been raped, whose son or brother has not been made to run for his dear life and then burnt alive as the

family members watched. Perhaps it is possible for those to do so who never considered the victims as their sisters or mothers, their sons or brothers.

It is surprising to see who all deserve a shoe each, thrown slightly more forcefully than Jarnail Singh did.

The inhumanity of the Sajjan Kumars and the Jagdish Tytlers has been matched by every one of those who could sit back and wallow in India's growth rates, thought countries become great by carrying out nuclear tests or striking nuclear deals and that deep wounds of a community can be assuaged by making a Sikh Prime Minister apologize to the Sikhs. God, how many shoes we need? Poor Jarnail Singh threw one. He will be at a loss in which direction to hurl the other.

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