

Subject: Visit to Sibi, Mach and Quetta

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Dear Mrs. Melvin,

Thank God, I reached Sibi on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. When I ordered my train ticket, I requested to be given the lower or middle berth as it is difficult for me to go to upper berth. But when I got in the train on the 8th at 7 p.m., I found my reservation was for upper berth. Then, there was a Muslim family who said to me, ***"Go to your berth and stay."*** It was very difficult for me but I had to, and during night I came down twice and then went up. It was the worst train journey of about 18 hours.

Fr. Amir had sent Bro. Shahzad to pick me up from the station. At night, there was a new problem of countless mosquitoes. They attacked like an army of troops. Due to this, the first night, I could not sleep till 5 a.m. The next day, Father gave me the mosquito killer spray but it did not work properly and still there were mosquitoes.

Can you remember, you had once asked me to contact the bank about purchasing a car on instalments and I had applied for it to the Bank Al-Habib. An officer called me and they are willing to give me a car. I had this conversation on April 8, the day I was to travel and there was no time to ask you for permission, so I told him about my travel and asked him to contact me on 17<sup>th</sup> upon my return from Quetta.

Now, please give me your advice: should I contact him or not? They will need a down payment (he will give detail about the amount) and then a monthly instalment for three or four years according to our agreement.

Travel without a proper vehicle is very difficult due to constant back ache. There is an annular tear at L3L4 and canal stenosis. The spinal doctor recommends rest and surgery. I cannot rest so long as there are souls to reach with Our Lady's Living Rosary. Please pray for me. God bless you!

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