

“REPATRIATE MY SON TO ME !!”

By Mrs. Priya Singh (India)

My letter seeking to trace the whereabouts of my six year old son, Rayhan, appeared in your esteemed news media on October 2, 2011 .

The German philosopher, Fredrich Nietzsche had ordained : “ Man ! Thou goest to a Woman ? Do not forget thy Whip !”. Nietzsche believed that there were only two categories of human beings. Slaves and slave drivers; Leaders and followers; Superior and Inferior beings.

Women, according to him, were certainly in the second grouping. Among his most ardent fan was, Adolf Hitler ! My sisters in Dominica will agree with me, that most men, unfortunately, also subscribe to this view-point.

Some are in fact, quite open about it; even boastful ! This is because financially and physically men have control over women, be they wives, daughters, sisters, employees or even mothers.

When a man is upset, and he yells and shouts, he is deemed to be just acting in a manly fashion. But if a woman does so, she is labeled as being bitchy, hysterical and crazy ! This is a Universal Rule. It's a Man's world.

Make no mistake about it ! This was what my husband expected of me.

Following publication of my missive, I noted a few brick- bats flung at me in the Blogs by people who did not even know me.

Moreover, the vicious swipes, including at my chastity by a purported cop, reeked of malevolence. They were, quite obviously, planted by an interested person.

I have no grudge, however, against an unknown housekeeper who claimed she was employed in our house, for bad-mouthing me. After all, while love makes the World go 'round - money greases the wheels.

I readily forgive them, for they know not what they say. The housekeepers who actually worked with us during my stay at Portsmouth, very fine human beings, will vouch for me, and who themselves filed complaints against my husband at the police station for false accusations of theft and non- payment of their wages.

They will also surely vouch for the veracity of the antecedents I have reflected, very briefly, I will not reveal their identities, since they might be also targeted. What was indeed quite revolting, was a purported “constable”, who cast aspersions on my chastity by making allegations which were false, sadistic, puerile and pathetic which he very well knew. There were some kind people I knew in Dominica, including a gentleman and his wife , respectable family people who tried to help me in my predicament, at the request of the Indian Government.

In sheer amazement – and disgust - I browsed through a response to my submissions written by my husband Karan Singh (October 17, 2011). Atleast, he has surfaced after so long ! He has not

revealed his and my son's whereabouts ,but in this electronic age surely the Dominican government could trace them.

The submissions made by Mr. Karan Singh, my husband, alleging that the article by me published in this newspaper was highly defamatory, cannot hold any water. He has made vicious averments, which are false, concocted, untenable.

However, it is indeed true that I have been constrained to file Court proceedings in Pune (India) against Karan Singh, in which I have, inter alia, sought custody of my son as well as alimony and other reliefs.

To continue the counter to Karan Singh's response, the hollow threats meted out by him to all and sundry, belie the facts of the matter vis-à-vis criminal complaints lodged by Delhi hotelier, Harbhajan Singh Chopra. Chopra owns the Clarendon Hotel, at M.G. Road, Aya Nagar, New Delhi 110 047 (India).

He has lodged complaints for cheating, forgery, criminal breach of trust and other offences in which it was reported that they had been duped of more than Rs. 100 crores (approx. U.S \$22 million). The First Information Report No. 8 of 2008 dated October 22, 2008 u/s 384, 420, 467, 471, 477, 506, 120-B r/w 34 IPC is registered with Jt. Commissioner of Police, (Crime Branch) Police H Q, IP Estate, New Delhi.

Another FIR No. 12/ 2008. (u/s 384, 420, 467, 468, 477, 506, 120-B r/w 34 IPC) is registered with the Sunlight Colony Police Station, New Delhi. Further information and confirmation as to the status of these complaints as on date can be secured from Mr. B. K. Gupta, Commissioner of Police, Delhi (India) Tel : 91-011-23490201.

While, the submissions made in the complaints by Chopra speak for themselves, and at least to the best of my knowledge have not been regarded as being false, nor any proceedings initiated against Chopra for making false complaints to the enforcers of the law, as would happen if they were indeed held to be untrue, I am citing just an excerpt from FIR No. 12 of 2008 dated October 22, 2008 registered with the Jt Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Delhi, which will certainly show that Karan Singh's name was not mentioned in any complaint "in the context as a representing lawyer of one of the accused".

Quote : "Apart from financial extortion Devindra (Sharma) has also forcibly taken my car Honda Accord, registered in the name of my Company, M/s Fountain Head Motels Pvt Ltd, bearing Registration No. DL 3C AJ 1817, which is still in his possession. To Hari Om Yadav, on August 9, 2008 Rs. 8,30,00,000/- (Rupees Eight crores Thirty Lakhs only) to Karan Singh (cash supported with account withdrawal) on January 1, 2008, Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (collected by Mr. Karan & Jagatsingh); on May 10, 2008 Rs. 10,00,000/- (collected by Mr. Karan and while going to Mauritius) On May 14, 2008 Rs. 15,00,000 (collected by Gangaram Driver when he was in Mauritius); on June 3, 2008 Rs. 20,00,000/- (delivered to Karan's house). Rs. 25,00,000 (paid to Karan on 4 April 2008); as also Rs. 1,50,00,000; On May 1, 2008 Rs. 1,00,00,000 by cheque to Karan"

“One property bearing No. E-26 2nd floor Kalandi Kunj, New Delhi was transferred to Mr. Karan Singh by Devindra Sharma on the pretext that Karan will settle and pay Rs. 4,00,00,000 on my behalf to somebody.”

Surely, the veracity of these very serious criminal allegations made ought to have been checked out by the authorities concerned in the Dominican Government before the citizenships and passports were issued ! These are complaints which have been filed by Harbhajan Singh Chopra, who, according to recent talks, contends that his grievances have not been redressed and the FIRs have not been withdrawn. The intimidations issued by Karan in his “response”, are only to try and muzzle this newspaper.

As I have submitted elsewhere here, the political situation in Dominica does not concern me, since I am a citizen of India. However, had it not been for citizenships and passports issued to Karan Singh and secured by him surreptitiously for my six year old son, without my knowledge or permission, under the Economic Citizenship Program, certainly, the present scenario might have been different ! I laud the Editor of this paper for publishing my sordid saga, which will also be of public good to the citizens of Dominica.

Women in Dominica, and elsewhere around the world, including in India, will know that in a custody battle, the woman will be targeted in a most evil and despicable manner by the husband, family and his lawyers etc .She has to be mandatorily depicted as being wanton, schizophrenic, imbalanced and depraved to portray her as an unfit mother. Such men will even ‘arrange’ a psychiatrists certificate to try and prove this. Otherwise, the world knows that the best cradle for any child is the mother’s lap !

The husband will not stand a chance if he cannot feather and tar her thus, even by propping up purchased “witnesses”.

My son is six years old. I last saw him on December 11, 2010. I spoke to him last, briefly on his birthday, with many prior pleas to my husband to let me know their whereabouts so I could be with my son on his Birthday.

But all I was permitted was a brief talk on the phone, after which all communication has been barred, and I have had no way of reaching them. All his email addresses and cell nos. were in fact cut off since first week of Feb 2011, after he left the island to an unknown destination with my son.

Now that Karan has broken cover, I can only hope and pray that the authorities concerned in Dominica and elsewhere will be able to track Rayhan and him down, and my son will be repatriated to me at the earliest !

Is it not amazing that for more than five and a half years, when my husband and I were in India, I was such a good Mom that my husband has complimented me in writing ?! Then, suddenly, after I am tricked into coming to Thailand with our son, and end up in the Caribbean, instead of returning to India as I was told was the plan, I am branded a bad mother ! This because, my

husband, Karan Singh, has bought for himself and our minor son, Dominican Citizenships and Passports.

This is because his objective was to oust me from my son's life," prove me mad and drive me off the island"! During my stay in Dominica, my husband went on trips abroad or returned in the wee hours of the morning, and, paradoxically, he had no fears then about leaving my son alone with me !

Rayhan, Karan and I landed in Dominica in April 2010. The Immigration Authorities can verify whether Karan Singh was using his Dominican or Indian Passport. Notably, Rayhan's Indian Passport expired on 21st Dec 2010. I am an Indian citizen and am proud to travel on my Indian Passport.

They can also easily authenticate as to whether Karan was using his Dominican identity and Passport when he arrived in Thailand, and Orlando (USA) where his sister has a home, before we flew in to Dominica, as also if he had earlier used it to enter other countries. Since Karan and Rayhan are, probably, continuing to use their newly acquired identities as citizens of Dominica, the Dominican authorities can effortlessly also track their trail, be they, presently, in Asia, Europe, USA or the Caribbean !

As for a brazenly concocted blog denouncing me as a woman "after his money", let it be known that I have not received a cent in maintenance and other expenses since December last , and also he didn't have the decency to pay my airfare back to India which ,was paid by my family. I have, as is my right, sought alimony in the proceedings before the Courts .

At this juncture, it may be appropriate to mention also that our "Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2006" safeguards not only married women, but also those in live-in relationships, from economic, physical and other forms of domestic violence they have been subjected to. Women have the right not only to be provided with suitable alternative accomodation during pendency of the litigations , but also to the right of residence in their matrimonial homes., which reliefs are dealt with summarily.

The Indian judiciary frowns severely on physical and mental cruelties meted to the afflicted wife by her spouse and also his family members,who can be imprisoned for three years if found guilty. They can also be arrested on her complaint.Making false averments alleging unchastity to a woman, or that she is mentally unsound and the like, are considered as extreme forms of cruelty, which can be dealt with both in civil and criminal proceedings.

I must set out here, for whatever it is worth, and also for the incumbent Chief of Police of Dominica to take proper note, that I had lodged a statement at the Portsmouth police station ,detailing the reasons,(for my own safety and sanity given the extreme harassment and abuse I was being subjected), which compelled me to leave my husband's house, at Glanvilla.

However, the policeman (constable?) concerned has not taken down all the particulars given by me, as seen in the concocted report, which has been fabricated and fudged, most certainly, in connivance with my husband.

I had every intention of returning to Dominica to see my son, after a visit to India ,as is evidenced by the fact that I applied for and received a fresh visa from the Dominican Govt prior to my departure to India.After my husband vanished there was no point in undertaking the long journey.

Imagine my plight, if you can. There I was, horrendously abused, subjected to the worst imaginable domestic violence in front of my son, with just enough money to subsist. The least of it was that my husband even refused arrange to replace the single broken pair of spectacles ,without which I cannot see a thing.

Perhaps, I suppose, the modern adage that while Actions speaks louder than Words, Money speaks loudest of all, does hold true not only in Dominica, but elsewhere, in other countries also.

I have some questions and queries, the answers to which, if replied to of course, will separate the grain from the chaff.., and allow the Truth to prevail and, which certainly would not constitute defamation by any stretch of imagination !

1. What trouble was Karan Singh in that he, a young, successful lawyer, with a lucrative practice in India, including in the Supreme Court, had to run away from India without informing anyone including me, (except his immediate family), and purchase Dominican Citizenship and Passports for himself and our six year old son Rayhan under the Eco-Citizenship Program at a huge cost of USD100,000.

2. The fact that my husband purchased a Dominican passport for himself and my son without even consulting or informing me shows his malafide intentions of excluding me from my son's life. How can an Economic Citizenship Program allow a father to change the Nationality of a child without the consent of his mother? I understand that a person with such a passport can also change his name and vanish without a trace !!

3. Did Karan Singh disclose to the Dominican Government the criminal complaints and other cases filed against him ? Even if he did, would it not be a serious violation of the procedure vis-à-vis the Economic Citizenship Program, enacted by the Dominican Government ?

4. If Karan Singh has not disclosed the criminal complaints which have been filed against him, should not the Dominican Government suo motu rescind the Dominican citizenships, identities and Passports awarded to him and my minor son, Rayhan ? If so, why cannot Rayhan be repatriated to me, his mother, on my Indian Passport ? Would not the ends of justice, equity, good conscience and fair play be served best, if so done .

5. Surely especially now that he has fired a salvo by shooting off a response", the Dominican Government can to trace Karan Singh and my son, Rayhan, through his IP address, as they would also, in any event, be travelling on Dominican Passports ? (This should be done in a matter of minutes in our Computer Age !)

6. Apart from depositing USD 100,000, there does not appear to be any evidence of Karan Singh contributing in the Economic development of Dominica, although he is said to have floated some

Companies, the activities of which are not known to me. Should not a probe be made to his assets, the contribution he has made to the economic development of Dominica apart from depositing . Believe me he has no interest in your island nation, apart from using the lax citizen laws of your country.

7. Can it be verified whether Karan Singh and/or Rayhan have changed their names, as permitted under the ECP? If so, what are the new names they are now calling themselves ? Have necessary and appropriate changes been made in their Dominican Passports etc, if they have changed their names ? Should I not be given the details, as a mother ?

THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE DOMESTIC SPAT, AS SEEMS SOUGHT TO BE PORTRAYED AS !

Had it not been for my husband surreptitiously acquiring Dominican citizenship Passports for himself and our son Rayhan, under the Economic Citizenship Program, surely the tribulations and trials I am faced may never have occurred ! I miss my son terribly and this is worst form of cruelty any mother could ever be subjected to. I have no clue how my son even is. Therefore, I must ask again “WHERE IS MY SON ?” This, especially, since Karan Singh has cleverly covered his tracks so well, so that his whereabouts continue to remain unknown.

I know, deep in my heart, that the Dominican Government can help me, should they so wish. There is, it appears, a political tug-o-war going on in Dominica. I want no part of it. I just want my son to be repatriated to me, without being forced into an ugly fight for custody, which will not be advantageous to anyone, least of all to my son ! When I was in your lovely island country, despite my traumas faced, I had composed a poem as an ode to Dominica; to her beautiful, warm and loving people, which I am enclosing below, to share with you all. This was sent to my parents in November of 2010, just before I visited India to see my family, and I was at my tether's end.

ISLE OF BEAUTY

Moonlit ripples dance on the bay,
palm fronds in gentle breeze sway,
crickets hum to a night chorus,
scattered jasmine instilling forgiveness,
as it offers up a heady scent,
under my foot crushed and bent,
its life spent on the garden floor,
unconditionally giving, when no more.

Its too late to say be kind,
but in the heart and in the mind,
i can forgive, yet not condone,
others and self if i have grown,
like this flower, with its essence,
divine to all in its presence.

An island nymph of volcanic earth,
sad to see her in loves dearth.

Her sea winds blow in my hair,
soon i shall leave this lair.

Hoping to watch her soaring 'pitons',
in purple ,dewy, misty dawns,
when space and time can better heal,
that i may return one day to steal,

with memories in better days,
her majestic beauty for always.

Thank you for your support and kindness. I must repeat here, if anyone has any information of the whereabouts of my six year old son please inform

The Indian High Commission,
Trinidad, (Tel: 868 627 7480- email ssci@hcipos.org) .