MAHARAJ CHARAN SINGH'S FOREIGN TOURS

FIRST FOREIGN TOUR: FROM MAY 8, 1961 TO JULY 18, 1961

The Master along with his Secretary Mr. Ram Nath Mehta started on May 8, 1961. From Bombay he flew to Colombo and then visited important places such as Singapore, Saigon, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo. During this tour, he met the Indian settlers in these places and delivered discourses and imparted initiation to the seekers of truth.¹ He returned to Beas on July 18, 1961.²

1. Kapoor, Daryai Lal., Dharti Par Suara, PP. 308-310.
2. For Maharaj Charan Singh's first foreign tour route, see Map - 3 facing page 299.
SECOND FOREIGN TOUR: FROM APRIL 21, 1962 TO JULY 11, 1962

During this tour the Master visited Great Britain. On his way he stopped in Tehran (Iran), Beirut (Lebanon), Ankara (Turkey), Rome (Italy), Geneva (Switzerland), Berlin (Germany) and Stockholm (Sweden). He reached London on June 8, 1962. He sojourned here upto June 26. During his stay at various places, he delivered discourses in Punjabi and English for the benefit of the Indian residents as well as the foreigners. He devoted most of the time to individual interviews daily. As a result of his efforts, many persons in the United Kingdom became his followers. He returned to Beas on July 11, 1962.

4. For Maharaj Charan Singh's second foreign tour route, see Map - 4 facing page 300.
THIRD FOREIGN TOUR : FROM APRIL 25, 1964 TO JULY 16, 1964

The Master accompanied by some Satsangis like Mr. Kundan Lal Sondhi, Dr. Randolph Stone and his niece Miss Louis Hillgar flew to Tokyo in Japan. On the way, he visited Bangkok, Singapore, Saigon, Hong Kong. During his second visit to these places, he initiated 24 persons. From Tokyo he went to Honolulu and then reached Los Angeles on May 9, where he met the old Satsangis and delivered spiritual discourses. During his stay there, he also went to San Diego and visited the houses of the Satsangis. After completing the work at Los Angeles, he reached San Francisco; there he stayed for three days and remained busy in holding interviews and delivering spiritual discourses.

On May 22, 1964, he reached Vancouver, where he stopped for four days. After that he arrived at Minneapolis. The Maharaj stayed in the United States till June 24, 1964, and visited some principal cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Washington D.C., New York, etc. During this tour, he was interviewed at T.V. centres where he answered many questions regarding the Radha Soami Movement. He was also invited by the management of the Sikh Gurdwara at Washington to deliver discourses. As a result of his efforts, several persons came into the Radha Soami Fold.

and delivered discourses in English and Punjabi. During this period 12 Englishmen and 81 Indians took initiation from him. On July 13, 1964 he returned to India via Geneva and Rome.

7. For Maharaj Charan Singh's third foreign tour route, see map - 5 facing page 302.
FOURTH FOREIGN TOUR : FROM MAY 5, 1966 TO JULY 16, 1966

During this tour, the Master accompanied by his Secretary professor Janak Raj Puri visited some principal places in Africa. At the outset, he stopped at Nairobi for three days, where he met the old Satsangs who had gathered there. After that, he arrived at Johannesburg (South Africa) and accompanied by one Mr. Sam Busa visited Mbabane (Swaziland), White River, Cape Town, Durban, Dar-es-Salaam and Mombasa. At all the places he delivered spiritual discourses and gave initiation. As a result, during this tour, 97 persons were initiated into the Radha Soami Fold and the total number of Satsangs in South Africa rose to 407.

After visiting aforementioned places, the Master arrived at London on June 5, 1966. During his stay of three weeks there, he visited Satsang centres and delivered discourses. Those who sought his blessings, were initiated and became his followers. On June 25, he left London for Frankfurt. Before returning to Beas in July 1966, he visited Geneva, Vienna and Tel Aviv.

9. Ibid., P. 8-12.
10. Ibid., P. 24.
12. For Maharaj Charan Singh's fourth foreign tour route, see Map - 6 facing page 393.
FIFTH FOREIGN TOUR: FROM MAY 6, 1967 TO JULY 11, 1967

The Master along with Mr. Madan Mehta and Mrs. B. Johnce flew to Bangkok on May 6, 1967 and then after visiting Tokyo, Kobe and Osaka (Japan), he reached Singapore on May 31, 1967. At all these places he delivered spiritual discourses. Then, for the first time he visited Djakarta, the capital of Indonesia and brought 49 persons into the Radha Soami Fold. On June 13, he reached Sydney (Australia) where for five days he held Satsangs and imparted initiation to the seekers of truth.

On June 18, he left Sydney and visited Christchurch and Auckland (New Zealand); at these places, he delivered spiritual discourses and initiated 22 persons. On June 30, he reached Suva (Capital of Fiji Island) and then after visiting Noumea (Capital of New Caledonia), arrived at Singapore on July 8. Here, he again delivered Satsangs and bestowed initiation upon 12 Indians and 8 Chinese. On July 11, 1967, he reached Bombay.

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14. For Maharaj Charan Singh's fifth foreign tour route, see Map - 7 facing page 304.
On April 21, 1970, the Master accompanied by his Secretary, Professor Janak Raj Puri flew to United Kingdom. On the way, he stopped at Athens, Geneva and Amsterdam; at these places, he delivered discourses and imparted initiation to the truth seekers. He reached London on May 1, 1970, where he delivered Satsangs in Punjabi and English. He also imparted initiation to 211 Indians and 35 Westerners.

Maharaj Charan Singh left United Kingdom for America and Canada. On the way, he stopped at Hamilton (Bermuda), Bridgetown (Barbados), Port of Spain (Trinidad), San Juan (Puerto Rico), Kingston (Jamaica) and then reached Miami of Florida (U.S.A.). Further, he visited Mexico City, San Antonio, Dallas, Washington D.C., New York and arrived at Detroit on May 26, 1970. Here he conducted an important meeting of all his representatives of Radha Soami Centres in the U.S. In this meeting it was discussed that all other trusts and organisations

should be dissolved. There should be one central organisation in the U.S. to help and control the Satsang affairs in that country. In addition to this meeting, he delivered four Satsangs at Detroit which were followed by question-answer sessions and bestowing initiation.

The Master left Detroit on May 30 and reached Montreal (Canada), where he stayed for two days. Then he visited Chicago, Minneapolis (U.S.A.), Winnipeg (Canada) and arrived in Vancouver (Canada), where he conducted Satsangs in the evening while individual interviews in the morning; 25 persons were initiated by Captain Limbrick by the order of the Master. On June 14, he reached San Francisco and stayed there for four days. During this short stay, he visited some Satsang centres, delivered discourses and finally bestowed initiation upon 88 persons. Moreover, to maintain the record of Master's discourses, 'the San Francisco Information Centre' prepared a film of the proceedings for its future programmes on T.V. sets.

18. Thus Spith the Master, pp. 55, 71.
19. Ibid., pp. 56, 59.
20. Ibid., p. 57.
21. Ibid., p. 73.
22. Ibid., pp. 74, 83-85.
23. Ibid., p. 91.
On June 19, 1970, the Master reached Los Angeles, his last stoppage in America. It is the prominent Satsang centre in America. Here, the Master delivered five Satsangs and initiated 200 persons into the Radha Soami Fold. It was the largest number to be initiated anywhere in the U.S.A. during this tour. Then, he left Los Angeles and reached Honolulu on July 3, 1970 by ship. He stopped for two days there and conducted general meetings as well as individual interviews. Consequently, he initiated 12 persons into the Radha Soami Faith. He returned to India and on the way he visited Tokyo, Osaka, Hong Kong and Bangkok. He stepped into Qera Baba Daimal Singh, Beas, on July 17, 1970.

24. Thus Saith the Master, P. 109.
25. Ibid., P. 90; Radha Soami Satsang Beas, Kalam-i-Murshad, Urdu, (Delhi, 1975), P. 83.
26. Thus Saith the Master, PP. 104, 105.
27. Ibid., pp. 106, 110.
28. For Maharaj Charan Singh's sixth foreign tour route, see Map - 8 facing page 307.
SEVENTH FOREIGN TOUR OF S. CHARAN SINGH PRESENT HEAD OF RADHA SOAMI SATSANG BEAS, PUNJAB, INDIA, 1971

THE WORLD
SEVENTH FOREIGN TOUR: FROM MAY 15, 1971 TO JULY 14, 1971

During this tour, accompanied by Mr. Krishan Babani, the Master visited Bangkok, Hong Kong, Manila (Philippines), Tokyo, Taipei, (Taiwan), Djakarta, Singapore, Surabaja (Indonesia) and Singaradja (Bali). He consolidated the Radha Soami Movement at the afore-mentioned places. Being impressed by the sermons of the Master, some Chinese living in Singapore showed their inclination towards this Movement and requested the Master to initiate them. But he suggested them to live on vegetarian diet first as it is the first condition of the Radha Soami Faith for its admission. After two months, the Master returned to his head-quarter, Dera Baba Jaimal Singh, Beas, on July 14, 1970 via Colombo (Ceylon).

29. Kapoor, Daryal Lal., Charti Par Swarg, PP. 361-367.
30. For Maharaj Charan Singh's seventh foreign tour route, see Map - 9 facing page 308.