

# Pretty Others

wear their turbaned "Sikhness" proudly. Most strikingly though, there are dozens of Indian or high profile people selling policy agenda in the UK. It took nearly half century for Dalip Singh Sandhu becoming the first Congressman of Indian origin to be elected to the House of Representatives for the next year to arrive (Robby Jindal in 2000). But in the 15 years since then, there have been five of them, and going by the number of MPs in the state level and in Washington (where many of them are key staff members on the Hill, including chief of staff to lawmakers), there could be more than a



(L) and Home Secretary Priti Patel

dozen over the next decade. Although his links to India was tenuous, it was such a novelty when Jindal became Congressman and the Governor of Louisiana at the turn of century. Two decades down the line, the prospect of Kamala Devi Harris vs Nikki Haley race for the White House is not all that far fetched. Underneath -- the political arena itself, PIOs are writing of the seminal policies in the whether it is Ajit Pai heading FCC (Federal Communications Commission) making a call on neutrality, or Rohit Chopra

# Sengar's Writ Runs Large, No Tears for Rape Victim

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**A**h, the life of a politician. In Maharashtra, the ruling Shiv Sena government has been busy with the state assembly. In the past few days, the state government has been busy with the state assembly. In the past few days, the state government has been busy with the state assembly. In the past few days, the state government has been busy with the state assembly.



The MLA's claim is evident in other ways as well. In 2004, his brother Atul Sengar shot an IPS officer, Ramdul Verma, then additional superintendent of police of Unnao, who wanted to check the family's activity of illegal mining. Till date, the case is pending in court. Verma, now a DGG in Kanpur, filed an application under Right to Information Act to know why the case was not moving, only to learn that the entire case diary had gone missing from the records.

This case that led the UP police to finally arrest him from Delhi. A quick trial saw him being sentenced to 10 years in jail last month. The verdict was celebrated in Makhi village, where locals told ET he got what he deserved - for "plotting against Vidhaya ji".

Sengar holds three guns but the licence of none has been cancelled in the past one year while the victim's family and her lawyer could not get a gun licence despite repeated pleas. In this part of the state, even luck seems to go Sengar's way. In 2016, for instance, when the district panchayat elections were held and Sengar (then a Samajwadi Party MLA) put up his wife Sangita Singh as an independent candidate after the SP refused to give her the party ticket. Sangita and the SP candidate finished with the same number of votes, a coin was flipped and Sangita won the chair. Sengar later ditched the SP to join the BJP and won as MLA again in 2017.

Things came to a head between the two families in 2015. This was when, in the 2015 gram panchayat election, Atul Sengar put up his wife Archana Singh as a candidate while the rape victim's mother decided to contest too, according to locals. This became an issue of prestige as the Sengar family had held control over the post of gram pradhan for nearly 50 years, with Sengar himself being the first gram pradhan, followed by his mother Chundi Devi for nearly 10 years. "Under pressure, the victim's mother withdrew her nomination and Archana won. But she died had been cast for a showdown," said a villager, who did not wish to be identified.

Sengar's expulsion from the BJP following the national outcry after a truck hit the car in which the rape victim was travelling, killing her two aunts and leaving her critically injured, appears to have done little to dent his authority in the village.

His residential complex has a big Ram temple and a private school run by him. He also owns over 100 acres of land in the village, a cold storage and a brick kiln. He is a four-time MLA from three different parties, his wife is the zila panchayat chief and his sister-in-law is the gram pradhan. He may have been in prison for over a year, and now expelled from the ruling party, but nobody dares cross him on his native turf. Near his house, a posse of policemen are guarding the dilapidated house of the rape victim which lies abandoned. A CRPF contingent also arrived on Friday after the Supreme Court's orders.

Sengar's family, meanwhile, has put up CCTV cameras outside its house, apparently to keep a watch on the path leading to the victim's house. His dab-daba (influence), as another group of villagers put it, shows in the fact that although he was in jail, local election posters put up during Lok Sabha polls carried his pictures prominently. Later, Sakshi Maharaj went to thank Sengar in jail after winning the election from Unnao.

### THE RAPE CASE

On June 11, 2017 the victim went missing and her mother lodged a first information report on charges of rape and kidnapping against four people of the village - Awadhesh Singh, Shubham and latter's mother Shashi Singh and sister. They are said to be close to Sengar. She was allegedly raped in a car, at Shubham's house and later sold for Rs 60,000 to a person in Agra. UP Police recovered her on June 20 from Auriya district and her parents brought her home from a Child Welfare Society to Delhi on June 30 in a frightened and tormented mental state. She then told her family that Shashi had taken her to Sengar's house in Makhi earlier on June 4, when the MLA too raped her. On August 17, 2017, the victim gave an application saying so but UP Police did not lodge any FIR till

she attempted self-immolation on the night of June 11. She was rescued by the police and taken to a hospital. Her father was also hospitalized. In Makhi, most villagers have a close-knit relationship with the MLA. An uncle of Sengar asked why the girl had not mentioned that she was raped or married the MLA. In her statement recorded last week in a magistrate's court in July, the victim's mother said she was in a state of shock after the rape and "after thought" after the police did not charge sheet Shubham's mother and sister in the July 11 rape matter, apparently because Sengar prevailed upon the cops to drop everything if the two women were innocent.

"This made the girl's family come after Vidhaya ji. They implicated him for rape that had never happened... implicating Shashi too saying she brought her to the MLA," his aide said. The CBI, which later charge-sheeted both Sengar and Shashi in this case, says the rape stands substantiated. What weakens Sengar's stand further is that after a court took cognisance of the rape complaint against him and was set to summon him for a hearing on April 12 last year, the victim's father was assaulted by Sengar's brother Atul Sengar on April 3 and jailed in collusion with the local police in a false arms act case - a charge CBI has upheld. He died in custody a few days later.

### A FAMILY DESTROYED

Between the claims and counter-claims, a few in Makhi do sympathise with the victim's family but are afraid to do so publicly. "It may have been a family of criminals and history-sheeters but the family has been wiped out. There has to be a rule of law. There is no one left to even pursue the matter in court. Something is amiss here... this so-called accident too," said a person, speaking on condition of anonymity.

### THE FALLING OUT

Tales of the closeness and then a bitter rivalry between Sengar and the victim's family are folklore in Makhi. Locals speak of how the victim's grandfather was once a Sengar family loyal and her uncle was virtually Sengar's right-hand man in criminal activities till about 15 years ago, when the MLA's brother Atul accused both the victim's father and uncle of a murderous assault. While the father was acquitted, the uncle went missing, shifted base to Delhi and it was only a non-bailable warrant issued by the court last year in

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 COMPANY SECRETARY

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 Dated: 2nd August, 2019