

### Biography of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Dhudhat Sahib

Hazrat Moulana was born in the village of Kond near Ankleshwar, in the district of Baruch. Here he received his primary school and Islamic education. He completed his hifz in Madrasah Miftahul Uloom Taraj, Surat. The founder Hazrat Moulana Ali Muhammad Kara Sahib (R.A.) made the closing dua at his Hifz completion and emphasised to him to take admission at Madrasah Asharafiya in Rander to study Farsi. On his admission Moulana Ahmed Ashraf Sahib Randeri (R.A) took his Urdu exam and noted that: “there is no need for you to study Urdu, but to continue with Farsi”. Hazrat Moulana studied two years Farsi here and did a further year of Arabic. Thereafter nearby his village in the town of Tadkeshwar, Darul Uloom Falah e Darain opened under the leadership of Moulana Ghulaam Muhammad Norgat Sahib (R.A.). Hazrat Moulana’s class of 9 students sought admission there. With the blessings of Allah, they completed five years of studies there. As this was the first batch of students to complete, Hazrat Moulana Fakhruddeen Ahmed Sahib Muradabadi (R.A.) of Darul Uloom Deoband was called to deliver the first Bukhari Shareef Lesson. Due to the auspiciousness of the occasion, the crowds that gathered were admirable.

Then in 1969 during the leadership of Moulana Abdullah Sahib Kapodrawi Maddazilluhu, Hazrat Moulana graduated. The names of the asatiza that Hazrat Moulana studied under are as follows: Moulana Mufti Abdul Hay Bismillah Sahib (R.A.), Moulana Abdullah Patel Kapodrawi Maddazilluhi, Moulana Sayyed Zulfaqr Ahmed Sahib (R.A), Moulana Hajee Yakoob Desai Sahib (R.A.), Qari Muhammad Ramadan Sahib Mewati (R.A.), Moulana Qasim Anti Sahib Maddazilluhu, Moulana Sheikh Taqiyyuddeen Nadwi Mazahiri Maddazilluhu, Hazrat Moulana Mufti Ahmed Bemat Sahib (R.A.) and Moulana Sheer Ali Qandahari Sahib Maddazilluhu.

In 1970 Hazrat Moulana went to Deoband for a year. Every Thursday he would accompany Hazrat Mufti Mahmood Sahib Gangohi (R.A.) and be in the Khidmat of Sheikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Sahib (Nowwarallahu Marqadahu). Two years prior to this, he had already taken bayah at the hands of Hazrat Sheikh (R.A.). On most occasions after Fajr, Hazrat Moulana would visit the tomb of Hazrat Moulana Qasim Nanotiwi R.A. After Asr he would attend the Majlis of Qari Muhammad Tayyib Sahib (R.A.) He Studied Tafseer Baydhawi under the tutorship of Hazrat Moulana Fakhrul Hasan Sahib, Hidayah Aakhirain by Moulana Mirajul Haq Sahib, Musalam al Thubuut & Mebzi by Moulana Muhammad Hassan Sahib Bihari (R.A.) and Khooshkhathi (calligraphy) under Munshi Imtiaz Ahmed Sahib. He spent the Ramadhaan after his final year examinations, in the Khanqa of Saharanpur.

Hazrat Moulana began his Deeni Khidmat by serving the local Maktab and Masjid. As there was a need for kitaabs in Gujarati, he wrote a few of them. Then at the request of Moulana Abdullah Sahib he taught for two years at his alma-mater Darul Uloom Tadkeswar and for seven years at Miftahul Uloom Taraj. During this time the principal of Dhabel, Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Saeed Buzrug Sahib (R.A.) requested him to take the final year Farsi exam at Dhabel.

In 1983, with the mashwara of the seniors, Hazrat Moulana travelled to England to serve the Masjid and Madrasah of Apton Park in London City. There Hazrat Moulana actively involved himself in carrying out the effort of Dawat & Tabligh, conducted Darse Quran lessons and worked amongst the Pakistani community.

In South Africa, Qari Abdul Hameed Sahib (R.A.) had already come to Darul Uloom Zakariyya. Hazrat Moulana had known Qari Sahib (R.A.) from the period he studied in Jamia Ashrafiya Rander. Hajee Abu Bakr Bathia Sahib had come with his family on a visit to London. After meeting with Moulana, he said: "Qari Abdul Hameed Sahib has conveyed salaams to you and that you have to come to the Darul Uloom in South Africa. Perform umrah and proceed to India, I will take you from there."

Thus in 1985, in the company of Qari Sahib (R.A.), Hazrat Moulana arrived and in his words to "one unknown uninhabited location far outside Lenasia. Qari Sahib use to always say: Molwi Muhammad Sahib, you have to change this jungle into a palace. Qari Sahib R.A was very alert, very principled, honest and loved very much by the awaam and khawaas. (May Almighty Allah shower his special blessings upon him). Qari Sahib was continuously in contact with his Sheikh, Sheikh Muhammad Raza Ajmeri (R.A.) through me on the paise of taleem and other Madrasah related affairs. Qari Sahib would himself make Imaamat of the Fajr Salaah or he would request one of the asatiza to do so."

Hazrat Moulana was responsible for initiating the Urdu Anjuman at the Darul Uloom. He was blessed with the opportunity of doing Imaamat for a long time as well. During this period Qari Sahib (R.A.) had to return to India after two years due to his overwhelming responsibilities there. There was a shortage of teachers at that time. Hazrat Moulana was tasked with the responsibility of running the Kutub Khana, as well as spending time in educating and nurturing the students.

Part of the syllabus at the Darul Uloom includes basics of Farsi that was prepared by Hazrat Moulana. To inculcate interest for the Urdu language, Hazrat Moulana wrote a book on the laws

of masculine and feminine words in the Urdu language called 'Urdu al-Faaz ki Tazkeer wa Tanees' as well as 'Guldasta Gulzaar e Saadi'.

May Allah Ta'ala bless Hazrat Moulana with good health and grant us the ability to benefit from him for a long time to come. Aameen.