

Darpan LOUNGANI

STATES

I am 30 years of age.

I am married to Pavan Loungani. We have been married for 9 years. We have 2 children, aged 8 and 2.

I am a school teacher by profession.

I was born in Bombay, India. In 2003 my family and I were granted permanent residency in Australia. My family and I lived in Australia between 2000 and 2004. We returned to India to enable my husband to pursue a business interest.

Between about June 2002 and December 2003 my husband worked with Australian Foods in Perth. He initially performed a variety of work for the company on a sub-contract basis. This led to him obtaining full-time position in the capacity of procurement manager.

During the period of my husband's involvement with Australian Foods, I met Mrs Hemlata Keswani. Her husband is Haresh Shivnani, who also worked for the company.

*Darpan V. Loungani*

I became quite friendly with Hemlata. We often socialised together, including going for walks and picnic. We would socialise with our children, even though there was an age gap between her daughter and mine.

We often spent time at each other's home, and prepare meals together for our families.

We became close, and we would confide in each other about our problems.

Throughout this period Hemlata told me that she and Haresh were applying for permanent residency to Australia. She appeared very, very keen to obtain permanent residency, and she often said that she never wanted to leave Australia.

I am also aware that Hemlata and Haresh had been given a key to the residence of Pavan and Kanchan Shivnani. I am aware of occasions that Haresh retrieved documents from Pavan and Kanchan's home on Pavan's instructions.

There was one occasion that I remember clearly we were talking about Hemlata's application for permanent residency.

Because I had been through the process myself, I was curious about how they were going to meet the point test.

*Pavan P Shivnani*

She said "That's not a problem. It's taken care of."

Because I knew Haresh did not have any tertiary qualifications, I pressed her about how they could do this.

I can't remember her exact words, but she told me she had taken some of Kanchan's qualifications, and that they would alter them.

I was shocked about this, and I warned her about the consequences if they got caught.

She said that "No-one would find out. They don't do cross-checks." I understood her to mean the Department of Immigration.

She told me to keep what she had told me between the two of us, and not discuss it with anyone.

*Harpreet P. Grewal*