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انڈین انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف اسلامک اسٹڈیز
پنچکوئیاں روڈ، نئی دھلی ۱

Zafar Nama.
and
Hikayats
or
Tales in Persian.

Zafar Nama is a letter of protest written by Guru Gobind Singh to Aurang-zeb in reply to a summons from him. It was written at Dina to which place the Guru was driven by the army of Aurangzeb that fell upon him while he was staying at Machhiwara after his withdrawal from Anandpur. It is written

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in Persian verse and is
clear evidence of the
writer's scholarship in Per-
sian. The Nafar Name
has 2 parts - al comprising
111 Ashk or Couplets. In
the first part where is
an invocation to God he
enumerates the attributes
of God in praise of him
and seeks his blessings
to resolve his difficul-
ties. The second part
is Dastan - a tale
or address to the king
The Guru has withdrawn
for Anandpur on an
Assurance of Safety given
to him with an Oath on
the Quran.