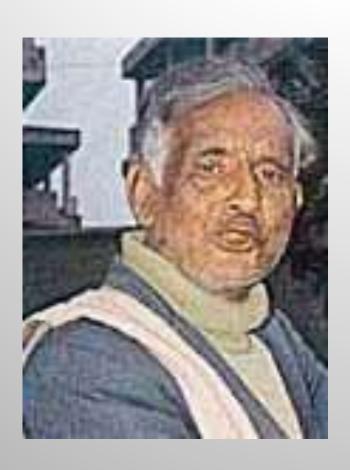


#### Kumar Vikal



- Vikal (1935-1997)
- a well-known Hindi poet
- Poet of deep convictions
- "Poetry is not a private affair of the poet"
- Deeply concerned with the plight of the poor and oppressed

# The blood that lies splattered on the road, just smell it can you tell me whose blood it is



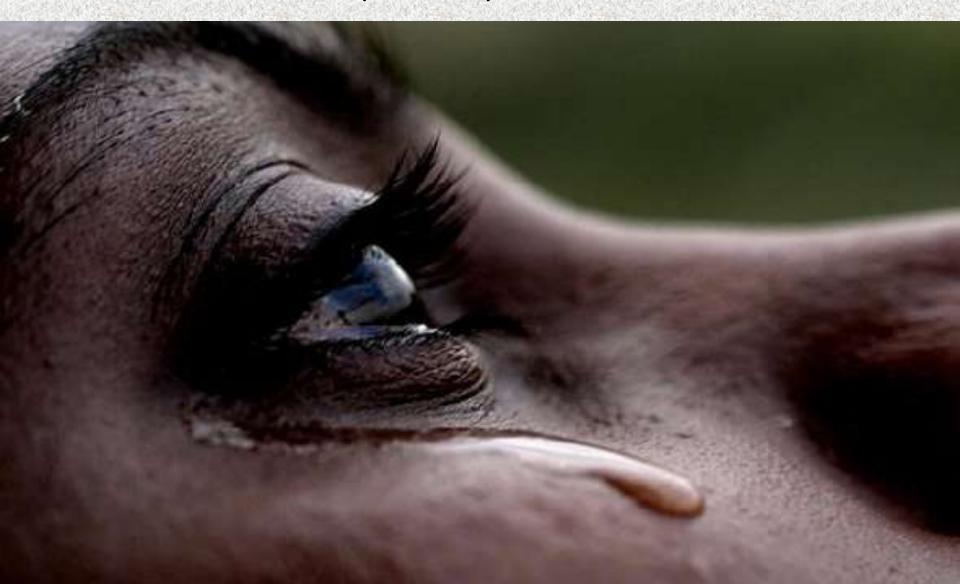
## Can you tell me to which caste the smell belongs



Can you tell me the nationality of those blood stained clothes, worn out shoes, broken cycles, Books and toys?



## Can you tell me the creed Of those tears Welled up in the eyes of the mother



### Whose daughter will never come back from school



## But I cannot tell the inner meaning of their cries

