

**IN THE COURT OF SHRI HASAN ANZAR,  
SPECIAL JUDGE, PC ACT (CBI-03),  
ROUSE AVENUE DISTRICT COURT, NEW DELHI**

*CBI Vs. Rakesh Kumar Jain @ R.K. Jain & Ors.*

*CC No. 327/2019*

*Date of Institution : 13.05.2016*

*IA No. 12/2025*

02.02.2026

**ORDER**

1. This order shall decide the application for issuance of summons for examination of witnesses namely Ms. Susan E. Wright & Ms. Christina M. Stepien through video conferencing in relation to the documents referred in D-171.

2. It is contended that examination of both the witnesses are necessary to explain the expenses incurred by the accused persons towards educational expenses of their son at Syracuse University, New York, United States of America. It is further contended that testimonies of the witnesses may be recorded after 90 days as per the guidelines of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters dated 04.12.2019 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs.

3. It is contended on behalf of the accused persons that examination of witnesses would not serve any purpose and prosecution is trying to delay the proceedings of the present case.

4. I have considered the submission and also perused the contents of the application.

5. It is also revealed from the record that during investigation, by way of letter of rogatory, some documents in respect of a referenced individual were obtained from Syracuse University, New York from Ms. Susan E. Wright (*Title:-Assistant Registrar*) and Ms. Christina M. Stepien (*Title:- Bursar Director/University Bursar*), who are employed/associated with Syracuse University, 900 S. Crouse Avenue/Crouse-Hinds Hall, Suite 513/Syracuse, New York, United States of America and the prosecution is proposing to examine both the witnesses through video conferencing/audio visual means. It is also contended that examination of both the witnesses are necessary in relation to documents referred and relied in D-171 and their testimonies are material for determination of the present case.

6. In view of the submission as well as the fact that both the witnesses are citizens/residents of USA and the best option for recording their testimonies is only through Video Conferencing and therefore, the prosecution is permitted to examine both the witnesses namely Ms. Susan E. Wright and Ms. Christina M. Stepien through Video Conferencing subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- i. Issue summons in the prescribed format to witnesses namely Ms. Susan E. Wright and Ms. Christina M. Stepien (*Foreign Nationals*) for recording of their statement through Video Conferencing for **16.04.2026 & 17.04.2026** (*Reserve Days*). The meeting link ID for the purposes of Video Conferencing is <https://districtcourtdelhi.webex.com/meet/readercbi03radc> and (video address: [readercbi03radc@districtcourtdelhi.webex.com](mailto:readercbi03radc@districtcourtdelhi.webex.com)).

ii. The copy of summons be handed over to the concerned IO/HIO/Id.Sr.PP to be sent to the Under Secretary (Legal Cell), Internal Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi for transmitting it to Indian Embassy at USA to enable requisite arrangements for recording the statement of witnesses namely Ms. Susan E. Wright & Ms. Christina M. Stepien (*Foreign Nationals*) at such place or as deemed appropriate by Indian Authorities of Indian Embassy. IO is directed to coordinate with the Under Secretary (Legal Cell), Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi and furnish any such requirement more specifically mentioned in Figure 4.6 (*format of the Request for service of Summons/Notices/Judicial Processes*) of Guidelines on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matter of MHA.

iii. The witnesses shall be examined within the Court Hours (*between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM Indian Standard Time (IST)*) through Video Conferencing.

iv. The Prosecution is directed to ensure that relevant documents which are to be relied in the testimonies of the witnesses, the certified/attested copy of the same is provided well in advance to the concerned authorities and the same shall also be made available to the witness so as to facilitate the examination of the witnesses conducted in seamless manner.

v. Necessary expenses for conducting the Video Conferencing shall be borne by the Prosecution in consultation with the relevant authorities, as per rules.

vi. The statement of witnesses namely Ms. Susan E. Wright & Ms. Christina M. Stepien shall be recorded in accordance with *Electronic Evidence & Video Conferencing Rules, 2025* of Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

vii. The Prosecution is directed to inform the name(s) and particulars of the Remote Point Coordinator(s) as per *Electronic Evidence & Video Conferencing Rules, 2025* at least 15 days prior to the examination of the witnesses.

7. It would be open for the Prosecution as well as the relevant stake holders to approach the Court for further direction. The CBI is directed to provide the status report every 15 days by specifying about the steps taken for the examination of the witnesses as well as the current status of both the witnesses.

8. The Copy of summons alongwith meeting Link ID and Attested Copy of Order be furnished to the IO/HIO/Sr. PP for the CBI.

9. Accordingly the application (*IA No.12/2025*) stands allowed in terms of the above referred conditions.

**(HASAN ANZAR)**  
Special Judge (PC Act) CBI-03,  
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