

Judicial Form No.7(R)

Form for Recording Deposition

Before the : Special Judge (NDPS), Court No.2, Dhalai, Ambassa

Present : Sri Tapan Debbarma

Case No. : **Spl. NDPS 01 of 2026**

Deposition of witness No. **PW- 3** for the prosecution recorded on oath or solemn affirmation under provision of OATHS (Act,44 of 1969) on this **14th day of July, 2026** in the English language interpreted by me. Name-Sri Pranabesh Paul. S/o. Sri Bibhu Ranjan Paul, Age- 32 years, Presently posted at Ambassa Police Station as Constable. District-Dhalai Tripura, Occupation- Government Service.

Examination-in-chief

1. On last 07.07.2025 I rendered my service as Constable of Police at Ambassa Police Station and in connection with this case the then OC entrusted me to record the video-graphy by using an electronic device namely Tab. Accordingly, I recorded the video of entire process of search and seizure on that day at the instance of the OC Sir at Betbagan Police Naka Point located on the highway under the ambit of Ambassa PS.

2. This video recording having its specific hash value number was prepared and transferred to a pen drive complying with all formalities and this particular pen drive containing video-graphy of search and seizure was officially handed over to the IO of this case SI Joy Thapa as a piece of evidence and in this regard, a statutory certificate was issued. This is the certificate containing my signature at the bottom marked as **Exhibits P-14 and P-14/1** respectively. This certificate bears unique hash value numbers and other details of video graphy.

2. IO seized GD extract copy in my presence on 07.07.2025 at Ambassa PS and I signed seizure memo marked as **Exhibit P- 15/1**. These are seized extract GD entries copies Nos. 4,7,8,9, 25 marked as **Exhibits P-16, P-17, P-18, P-19** and seized information copy marked as **Exhibit P-20**.

3. IO also seized original copy of 57 information and 42(2) information in my presence on 18.08.2025 at the office of SP, Dhalai and I signed seizure memo as witness marked as **Exhibit P-21/1**.

4. These are seized original information copies earlier marked as Exhibits P- 12, P-12(i), P-13, P-13(i).

5. Further IO seized receipt copy and acknowledgment receipt and two command certificates on 25.07.2025 in my presence at Ambassa Police Station and obtained my signature marked as **Exhibit P- 22/1**.

6. This is seized acknowledgment receipt of Tripura State Forensic Science Laboratory marked as **Exhibit P-23**. These are two command certificates issued to constable Santosh Debbarma marked as **Exhibits P- 24, 25**. IO also seized GD extract copies bearing numbers 30 dated 07.07.2025, 13 dated 10.07.2025 and 30 dated 10.07.2025 marked as **Exhibits P-26, P-27, P-28** respectively.

7. IO also seized certified copy of Malkhana register No. 62 of 2025 and my signature was taken as witness marked as **Exhibit P-29/1**. This is the seized copy marked as **Exhibit P-30**.

8. Certified copy of district godown entry Register No. 21 of 2025 was seized in my presence and I put my signature as witness marked as **Exhibit P-31/1**. This is the seized copy marked as **Exhibit P-32**.

Cross-examination

9. The OC orally instructed me for video recording.

10. I took the electronic device for video recording from the possession of the OC.

11. The Tab that was used for video recording may become corrupted.

12. At the outset the video content was transferred to the official computer from the Tab and subsequently, it was again taken to pen drive device. The certificate does not contain the details of said official computer.

13. The hash value number was originated from the video content of the Tab.

14. I did not mention the hash value numbers of pen drive as well as official computer in my certificate.

15. As per the last column of certificate hash value report was not separately annexed.

16. It is a fact that no documentary proof was maintained at the time of handing over of the device from the OC to me.

17. I did not introduce my self as video recorder at the initial stage of video recording pertaining to the alleged search and seizure.

18. It is not a fact that I never recorded any such search and seizure with any electronic device in the form of video-graphy due to which at the inception of recording my introduction as recorder was not done.

19. I cannot recall or say the entire contents of papers where I put signatures as witness.

20. It is not a fact that no such seizure were carried out in my presence due to which I am not conversant with the contents of those papers.

Typed to my dictation
and corrected by me.

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Deposition of witness No. **PW- 4** for the prosecution recorded on oath or solemn affirmation under provision of OATHS (Act,44 of 1969) on this **14th day of July, 2026** in the English language interpreted by me. Name-Sri Nandan Das. S/o. Sri Chinta Haran Das, Age- 42 years, Presently posted at Ambassa Police Station as Inspector. District- Dhalai Tripura, Occupation- Government Service.

Examination-in-chief

1. On last 06.07.2025 I was posted as the Officer In-Charge at Ambassa Police Station.
2. On the night of 06.07.2025 my colleague SI Uttam Kumar Das along with other police staffs left the PS to conduct vehicle checking on the highway at Betbagan Police Naka Point.
3. Subsequently, I was informed by this police officer that a one 14 wheeler Tata Truck vehicle bearing No. NL 04-D-9439 had been stopped at the Naka point during the checking and it was found with huge quantity of rotten onions in the bags and finding such rotten onion bags, they were suspecting having contraband item inside this vehicle.
4. Having been informed, I immediately recorded this particular information through on duty GD Officer the GD bearing No. 4 dated 07.07.2025 on the intervening late night of 06.07.2025 and 07.07.2025.
5. On the following day early morning I conveyed RG messages to the Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Ambassa seeking official permission to conduct search and seizure upon this vehicle as well as to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ambassa with a request to depute one Executive Magistrate at the Naka point.
6. In response, we received permission from the SDPO, Ambassa and pursuant to the written order/permission under my leadership, SI Hannanur Rahaman and other police personnel left the PS and eventually, we reached the Naka point and in the meantime, I arranged witnesses who hailed from the office of local forest department and also from the office of local fire service station.

7. The Deputy Collector & Magistrate Samarjit Debbarma also arrived at the spot.

8. When we arrived at the spot, had seen this vehicle under the surveillance of our police personnel at the Naka point. Hence, on being entrusted by me SI Hannur Rahaman served notices upon available witnesses and he prepared pre-search memo in presence of witnesses and two FIR named accused who were being detained from this involved vehicle as a driver and co-driver namely Rohit Dubey and Dilip Singh. Both are from the State of Madhya Pradesh.

9. Pursuant to thhis pre-search memo our police team members including SI Hannanur Rahaman had been subjected to their personal searches complying with formalities.

10. Afterwards, by maintaining transparency he prepared notices in two sets in respect of both the accused and basing on those notices in presence of the DCM and available witnesses, personal body searches were conducted upon them at the instance of search and seizing officer SI Hannanur Rahaman under my supervision.

11. In course of body searches, two numbers of mobile phone had been recovered from their possession.

12. Today one seized mobile phone is produced in the Court earlier marked as Exhibit MO-1.

13. In addition, the search and seizing officer also conducted search in collaboration with us upon this vehicle and in course of search, initially we recovered huge numbers of bags containing almost rotten onions from which foul smell have been spreading out and under this rotten onion bags, there had been found 197 numbers of bags/packets containing Cough syrup bottles known as Eskuf cough syrup and each bottle was having the quantity of 100 ml.

14. All the bags and packets of rotten onions and contraband cough syrup had been put down from the vehicle by our police personnel at the spot and we conducted kit test by using our available tool and these bottles were found and confirmed the presence of banned liquid material /chemical drug.

15. Hence, those were subjected to seizure by preparing seizure memo in presence of witnesses and accused persons and the DCM at the Naka Point.

16. This vehicle and mobile phones were also seized during that time.

17. Both the accused were arrested by search and seizing officer at the spot complying with all legal formalities.

18. The entire process of search and seizure has been captured in terms of video-graphy by Constable Pranabesh Paul on being entrusted by me using a electronic device so called Tab which was lying available officially at our police station for this purpose.

19. After concluding all those procedures, we returned to our police station taking both the arrested accused as well as seized contraband cough syrup bottles and other seized articles and vehicle.

20. The seizing officer formally handed over both the accused and contraband bottles and the vehicle and mobile phones to me and in this regard, a voucher was prepared and maintained as a token of proof.

21. He also lodged FIR suo-muto addressing to the OC of Ambassa PS enclosing all material papers and memos.

22. I registered Ambassa PS FIR No. 20 of 2025 under sections 21(c) / 25/29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 and 192/197 of the Motor Vehicles Act against both the accused. This is duly filled up printed FIR marked as **Exhibit P- 33** bearing my signature and seal **P-33/1**.

23. FIR/complaint also bears my endorsement, signature and seal marked as **Exhibit P-11/2**. This is another set of filled up FIR form prepared in official computer marked as **Exhibits P-34, P-34(i) to P-34 (iii)** bearing my signature and seal marked as **Exhibit P-34/1**.

24. I handed over all the contraband cough syrup bottles and other seized items officially to the Malkhana In-charge SI Prakrit Jamatia for keeping them in the Malkhana of our PS and in this regard, a voucher was maintained containing our signatures.

25. This is the voucher prepared in respect of handing over and taking over between me and seizing officer earlier marked as Exhibit P-10, bearing my signature marked as **Exhibit P-10/2**. This is another voucher of handing over and taking over between me and Malkhana Incharge

marked as **Exhibit P- 35** bearing my signature and Malkhana Incharge marked as **Exhibits P- 35/1 and P-35/2** respectively.

26. I prepared inventory containing all the details of the contraband in three sheets, annexure-1 and it was handed over to the IO of this case for placing before the respective Judicial Magistrate at the time of complying with section 52 (2)A of the NDPS Act. This is the inventory marked as **Exhibit P- 36, P-36(i) and P-36(ii)** bearing my signature marked as **Exhibit P-36/1**.

27. These are RG messages marked as **Exhibit P-37** bearing signature **P-37/1** and **Exhibit P-38** bearing signature **P-38/1**.

28. Pertinently, in a written form I asked on duty GD officer to register the information in the GD. This is the GD written form of information marked as **Exhibit P-39** bearing my signature marked as **Exhibit P-39/1**.

29. During investigation the IO came to me and requested me to issue extract copies of GD nos. 4,7,8,9, 25, 30 dated 07.07.2025, 13 and 30 dated 10.07.2025. These are extract copies certified by me bearing my signature earlier marked as Exhibits P-16, P-17, P-18, P-19, P-20, P-26, P-27, P-28 and my signatures marked as **Exhibits P-16/1, P-17/1, P-18/1, P-19/1, P-20/1, P-26/1, P-27/1 and P-28/1**.

30. The complainant cum seizing officer communicated two sets of written information in view of section 42(2) and section 57 of the NDPS Act to the SP Dhalai on being forwarded by me. These are my signatures marked as **Exhibits P-12/2, P-13/2**.

31. I prepared an application addressed to the Court of Special Judge praying for fixing the date for certification of correctness of inventory and drawing samples of the contraband as per 52 A(2) of the NDPS Act. This is the application in three sheets marked as **Exhibits P-40, P-40(i) and P-40 (ii)** bearing my seal and signatures marked as **Exhibits P-40/1 and P- 40/2**.

32. We prepared forwarding letter dated 10.07.2025 in proper format comprising of eight sheets marked as **Exhibits P-41, 41(i) to P- 41(vii)** bearing my signatures and seals marked as **Exhibits P-41/1, P-41/2, P-41/3, P-41/4 and P-41/5**.

33. I also forwarded video-graphy of search and seizure contained in a pen drive and certificate under 63 (4) (C) of BSA to the Court prepared

by the IO. This is the forwarding letter marked as **Exhibit P-42** bearing my signature marked as **Exhibit P-42/1**.

34. One Constable of our PS Santosh Debbarma carried out all samples of contraband cough syrup to the State Drug Testing Laboratory, Gorkhabasti and one seized mobile phone to the Tripura State Forensic Science Laboratory under my instruction and later on, he returned and handed over acknowledgment receipt to me which were collected by the IO of this case.

35. Both accused are available on the screen of the VC today.

Cross-examination

36. The written information addressed to the GD officer does not mention the time when the vehicle was stopped during vehicle checking at the Naka point. More so, extract GD copies also does not reflect the alleged time.

37. At the outset RG message was sent to the SDPO, Ambassa and subsequently, to the SDM, Ambassa.

38. RG messages were carried out by police personnel of our PS.

39. The office of SDPO is about 3 km away from Ambassa PS. Whereas the SP office is at the distance of 5 km from PS.

40. It is not a fact that on the alleged date and time or night the said 14 wheelers truck vehicle was detained at Upanagar Naka Point by our police team due to which the exact location of detaining the alleged involved vehicle had been found contradictory in the case diary and other police records.

41. I informed the officials of forest department and fire service department to be available at Betbagan Police Naka point while proceeding towards to that Naka point with my police team members.

42. There are residential houses nearby the Betbagan Police Naka point.

43. I did not ask the local independent witnesses of those residential houses to be available at the spot.

44. It is not a fact that we had chosen official witnesses although independent local witnesses were available during that time.

45. I served no written information upon those official witnesses to be available at the Naka point. It was only done orally.

46. From 10:00am to 4:30pm, the process of search, seizure and all other formalities/procedures were carried out on that day.
47. It is not a fact that by sitting at the police station, all the alleged procedure had been prepared and manufactured in the form of memos, notices to make out a false case against both the accused.
48. There is no mention in the voucher of handing over and taking over with regard to the name of the accused and specific reference case number.
49. It is not a fact that as per the statutory rules and procedures no documents regarding the handing over and taking over and for the safe custody of the alleged contraband had been prepared by us in connection with this case and therefore all alleged vouchers are baseless for this instant case.
50. Except the last sheet, other sheets or pages of inventory do not bear my signature.
51. It is not a fact that inventory is manufactured one since all the pages or sheets do not bear my signature.
52. I did not issue any paper allowing the Constable Pranabesh Paul for recording video-graphy.
53. It is not a fact that today I deposed false evidence.

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