

In the Court of XLIX Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge
[Special Court for trial of NIA Cases], Bengaluru.

Spl.C No.595/2021

WITNESS FOR PROSECUTION

Duly sworn on 24.08.2026.

PW.27 / CW.58

Deposition of : Sri. Chidananda S
Father's name : Sri. Sanna Basavegowda
Age : 43 years
Occupation : Vice President, HDFC Bank Ltd.,
Bengaluru
Residence : Hebbala, Bengaluru

EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY THE LEARNED SPP:-

1. From April 2019 to March 2023 I worked as Branch Manager, HDFC Bank, CMH Road, Indira Nagara Branch.
2. On 25.11.2021 we received a request letter from NIA to furnish some documents in connection with Bank Account No.01841140063759 such as Bank Account Statement since the said account was opened, linked Debit Card and linked mobile number. Accordingly, I furnished the Bank Account Statement for the period from 17.11.2012 to 25.11.2021 along with Debit Card Number and linked mobile number with covering letter. I can identify the said documents. Witness identifies the covering letter and his signature on it. Hence, the said covering letter is marked as **Ex.P.103** and signature of the witness is marked as **Ex.P.103(a)**. Witness identifies Bank Account Statement and his initial (specimen signature) on each page of it. Hence, said Bank Account Statement is marked as

Ex.P.104 and initial (specimen signature) of the witness on last page of it is marked as **Ex.P.104(a)**.

3. At this stage witness while deposing evidence in the witness box produced certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act and the witness identifies the said certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act and his signature on it and hence the same is marked as **Ex.P.105** and signature of the witness is marked as **Ex.P.105(a)**.

Cross-Examination by Sri.P.U., learned counsel for accused No.2:-

4. From 2012 to 05.02.2019 I was not Manager of that Branch. It is false to suggest that the request letter from the IO requesting for documents does not specify from which period to which period the statement of bank account is sought. It is true to suggest that there is no mention of specific period from 17.11.2012 to 25.11.2021 in the request letter of the IO. Witness volunteers that in the request letter the IO had requested to furnish statement of account from the date of opening the account to till date.
5. It is true to suggest that I do not have personal knowledge when the account was opened. When the learned counsel puts a suggestion that you cannot definitely say the account was opened on 17.11.2012, witness states that as per the account details available in the computer system of our bank the said account was opened on 17.11.2012. It is true to suggest that on 17.11.2012 I was not working in that branch.

6. It is true to suggest that the certificate dated 12.08.2026 u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act is produced by me today. It is true to suggest that in Ex.P.105 the address of CMH Road Branch is not mentioned. Witness volunteers that now I am working as Cluster Head, managing Whitefield, Bengaluru.
7. When the learned counsel puts a suggestion that as on today you have no authority to issue certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act as you are presently working in some other branch, witness states that since the system is centralized system it allows me to take the information with my username and password to provide the details.

Question: Are you computer system administrator?

Answer: No.

8. When the learned counsel puts a suggestion that only the system administrator is supposed to sign certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act (Ex.P.105) as indicated in the said certificate itself and you are not supposed to sign the said certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act, witness states that since the statement was issued during my tenure as a branch manager of Indira Nagar branch and on the basis of legal opinion of bank I have signed the certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act.
9. When the learned counsel puts a suggestion that after you received witness summons from this court you prepared certificate u/S.2A of

Bankers' Books Evidence Act, witness states that I received e-mail message from the NIA and then I get the opinion from the legal team of the bank and prepared the certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act.

10. It is false to suggest that under the pressure of NIA I produced fabricated certificate u/S.2A of Bankers' Books Evidence Act. It is false to suggest that I am giving false evidence as per the pressure of NIA.

Cross-Examination by Sri.VKJ., learned counsel for accused Nos.1 and 3:-

Learned counsel for accused No.1 and 3 adopted the cross-examination done by learned counsel for accused No.2.

Cross-Examination by Sri.PLT., for Sri.CRP., learned counsel for accused No.5:-

Sri.PLT., for Sri.CRP., Learned counsel for accused No.5 submits no cross-examination. Hence, cross-examination of PW-27 by the Learned counsel for accused No.5 is taken as nil.

Re-examination: Nil.

(TYPED IN OPEN COURT TO MY DICTATION)

R O I & A C

(KEMPARAJU)
XLIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge &
Spl. Judge for trial of NIA cases,
Bengaluru.