

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL.DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
KODAGU-MADIKERI (SITTING AT VIRAJPET)

Spl.C.No:5026/2019

PW:7

CW:20

Duly sworn through VC on 02.06.2026

Deposition of	Dr. M.D.Gowtham
Father's Name	M P Devappa
Age	50 years
Occupation	Deputy Director, Chemical Section, SFSL, Bengaluru
Residence & Mobile Number	Bengaluru

Examination-in-chief by Special Public Prosecutor:

1. Since from 2015, I am working in SFSL, Bengaluru in various capacities, presently as Deputy Director.

2. On 21.08.2018, our office received one sealed article in respect of the case in Cr.No.92/2018 of Virajpet Town Police Station through HC.No.152-Prakash B.S. The same was sent to my section for examination. The

seals on the article was intact and tallied with the sample seal sent by the Investigating Officer. When I opened the article for examination, I found following article which also contains the IO marking as below.

Sl. Nos.	Description of the article	IO marking
1	Said to be contain Ganja	1

One cloth packet contains dried broken stalks bearing greenish-brown colour small leaves, with fruiting and flowering tops, seeds – having characteristic smell and marked as Article No.1.

3. I have subjected the article on following tests;

1. Microscopic characteristics
2. Duquenois-Levine Test
3. Para Aminophenol test
4. Thin Layer Chromatography
5. UV Spectrophotometric analysis

a) The sample found in Article No.1 has responded positive for cannabis(Ganja).

b) Cannabis contains psychoactive constituents.

4. I have mentioned my certificate of examination regarding method of analysis and result of analysis. Accordingly, I have issued a report at Ex.P.35 along with sample seal at Ex.P.36 and sent to the Investigating Officer through the Deputy Director of our office on 10.05.2019. My signatures are marked as **Ex.P.35(b) and 36(a).**

5. After examination, the article was repacked and sealed with our office seal and sent to concerned IO.

Cross-examination: Sri.CKP Advocate of accused No.1 and 2:

6. I have not received article directly, but office has received. When I received the article, which was weighed 101.98 gms. I had received the article in one packet. I did not separately

segregate flowers, fruits, leaves. I cannot specifically say the percentage of cannabis and each part of ganja sent in article. I was asked to identify presence of cannabis. It is not true to suggest that I did not find any cannabis on article. It is not true to suggest that, when I received the article, the seal was not intact. After examination, I had sent article together. I had repacked in the packing cloth sent by the IO.

7. It is not true to suggest that, without examining the article, on request of IO, issued report.

Cross-examination: Advocate of accused No.3 and 4 adopted the cross examination of accused No.1 and 2:

Re-examination: NIL

(Typed to my dictation in the open court)

ROI & AC

Sd/-

II Addl.District & Sessions Judge,
Kodagu-Madikeri(Sitting at Virajpet)