DEPOSITION OF WITNESS

(Chapter XXIII of Code of Criminal Procedure)

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008.

C.C.No. 530/2022 **Date: 05.08.2026**

Deposition of Witness for Prosecution Witness No.08
Defence Witness No.
Court Witness No.

Name	:	Thiru.Praveen Kumar Gujala
Father's Name	:	Thiru. Vijay Kumar
Age	:	35 Yrs.
Address	:	Plot No.22/P, Fair field Colony, Manikonda, Hyderabad.

(Solemnly affirmed in accordance with the Provisions of Act X of 1873.)

Chief Examination: (Starting time:11.00 A.M.)

Presently, I am working as Senior Manager at Indian Bank, Manikonda Branch, Hyderabad as Branch Manager. During January 2021, I was posted at Indian Bank, South Usman Road Branch, Chennai as Branch Manager. During the relevant time as branch manager I was the overall incharge of the branch. In this case at the request of CBI I had handed over certain statements of accounts maintained with Indian Bank, South Usman Road Branch, Chennai along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Books of Evidence Act 1891.

Now I am being shown LD.No.1014 which is the letter dated 13.01.2021 addressed to Mr.T.V.Joy, Additional SP, CBI, BSFB, Bangalore. Through this letter I had handed over seven documents pertaining to the investigation of the case RC.No.08(E)/2018/CBI/BSFB/BLR to CBI. This letter bears my signature and I identify the same. **LD.No.1014** is now marked as **Ex.P18(02 Sheets)**. Along with this covering letter following documents were handed over to CBI:

1.LD.No.1015 which is the certified copy of statement of account for account number 729490791 in the name of M/s.Nathella Sampath Jwelry Private Limited from 27.04.2007 to 07.01.2021 along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act(BBEA). **LD.No.1015** is now marked as **Ex.P19(1761 Sheets)**.

2.LD.No.1016 which is the certified copy of statement of account for account number 417057794 in the name of Mr.Nathella Ranganatha Gupta from 01.01.2005 to 07.01.2021 along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act(BBEA). **LD.No.1016** is now marked as **Ex.P20(45 Sheets)**.

3. LD.No.1017 which is the certified copy of statement of account for account number 417021983 in the name of Mr.D.Thrilok Babu from 02.01.2010 to 12.01.2021 along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act(BBEA). **LD.No.1017** is now marked as **Ex.P21(131 Sheets)**.

4.LD.No.1018 which is the certified copy of statement of account for account number 417057932 in the name of Mr.Nathella Prasanna Kumar from 01.12.2011 to 24.11.2017 along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act(BBEA). **LD.No.1018** is now marked as **Ex.P22(19 Sheets)**.

5.LD.No.1019 which is the certified copy of statement of account for account number 858891046 in the name of M/s.Nathella Sampathu Chetty & Co., from 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2015 along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act(BBEA). **LD.No.1019** is now marked as **Ex.P23(91 Sheets)**.

6.LD.No.1020 which is the certified copy of statement of account for account number 417077404 in the name of M/s.Nathella Sulochanamma Charitable Trust from 12.01.2006 to 28.03.2018 along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act(BBEA). **LD.No.1020** is now marked as **Ex.P24(46 Sheets)**.

7.LD.No.1021 which is the certified copy of statement of account for account number 417057807 in the name of Mr.Nathella Prapanna Kumar from 05.06.2013 to 29.12.2016 along with certificate under section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act(BBEA). **LD.No.1021** is now marked as **Ex.P25(16 Sheets)**.

Back side of Sheet No.23 of Ex.P24 contains the details relating to transaction dated 30.03.2015. Rs.4,53,54,037/- is being credited through RTGS from M/s.Dewan Housing FI to this account. Similarly on the same day Rs.10,00,00,000/- was credited through RTGS from M/s.Dewan Housing FI to this account. On the same day that is 30.03.2015 an amount of Rs.14,53,00,000/- was debited and transferred to the account number 858891046 in the name of M/s.Nathella Sampathu Chetty & Co.

On the same day that is 30.03.2015 an amount of Rs.14,50,00,000/- was transferred to three accounts that is to the account of Nathella Ranganatha Gupta, Nathella Prapanna Kumar, Nathella Prasanna Kumar. Amount of Rs.6,00,00,000/- was transferred to the account of Nathella Ranganatha Gupta(account number 417057794), amount of Rs.4,25,00,000/- transferred to Nathella Prapanna Kumar(account number 417057807) and amount of Rs.4,25,00,000/- transferred to Nathella Prasanna Kumar (account number 417057932). On the same day the above three amounts of Rs.6,00,00,000/-, Rs.4,25,00,000/- and Rs.4,25,00,000/- were transferred from these three accounts to the account of M/s.Nathella Sampath Jwelry Private Limited(account number 729490791).

On perusal of Ex.P23(LD.No.1019) it is seen that on 07.02.2013(back side of Sheet No.2) that an amount of Rs.6,40,00,000/- was credited from Nathella Sampath, SBI account to the account number 858891046. Prior to this transaction the available balance in the account was Rs.36,614/-. Through Cheque No.362489 an amount of Rs.10,130/-, Cheque No.362485 an amount of Rs.2,08,74,456/-, Cheque No.362487 an amount of Rs.2,78,23,750/-, Cheque No.362488 an amount of Rs.38,02,527/-, Cheque No.362486 an amount of Rs.1,07,53,875/- and through online transfer an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- was transferred.

On 11.02.2013 an amount of Rs.9,50,00,000/- was credited to this account from the SBI account of Nathella Sampath to this account. There are many transactions from this account with the SBI account of M/s.Nathella Sampath Jwelry Private Limited on various dates.

On 11.02.2013 from this account 09 transactions to Kalpavriksh were made, each transaction amounting to Rs.1,00,00,056/- and 01 transaction of Rs.50,00,056/-.

On perusal of Ex.P25(LD.No.1021) account statement of Mr.Nathella Prapanna Kumar(account number 417057807) it is seen that on 18.07.2013 the amount of Rs.1,01,68,000/- and Rs.3,08,29,000/- were credited to this account from M/s.Nathella Sampathu Chetty & Co., There were several transfer of amount from SBI, HDFC and account of M/s.Nathella Sampathu Chetty & Co., on various dates.

On perusal of account of M/s.Nathella Sampathu Chetty & Co., that is Ex.P23(LD.No.1019) it is seen that on 18.07.2013 an amount of Rs.14,00,00,000/- was credited to this account and on the same day that is 18.07.2013 an amount of Rs.1,15,36,000/- was transferred from this account to Nathella Prasanna Kumar, an amount of Rs.1,01,68,000/-was transferred from this account to Nathella Prapanna Kumar, an amount of Rs.5,48,58,000/-was transferred from this account to Nathella Prasanna Kumar, an amount of Rs.3,08,29,000/-was transferred from this account to Nathella Prapanna Kumar. I was examined by the CBI officials in this regard.

Cross Examination:

Question : How long you have been in the banking sector?

Answer : 11 years.

Question : Do you know section 2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act 1891?

Answer : Yes. I am aware.

Question : Did you personally take the printouts of Exhibits Ex.P19 to Ex.P25?

Answer : Except one account number 729490791, all other I have taken printouts .

Question : **Except the change in account number in the certificate u/s.2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act, there is no change. Is it correct?**

Answer : Yes.

Question : **In all the certificates issued u/s.2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act, is there any mention about that you are the incharge of the computer system. What do you say?**

Answer : No. I have not mentioned.

Question : **Likewise in what mode that the datas were transferred from the system have been mentioned in the certificates issued u/s.2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act in Ex.P19 to Ex.P25?**

Answer : No.

Question : **Likewise have you mentioned about the unique identification number or the make of the server maintained at Indian Bank Data Centre at South Usman Road Branch, Chennai-17?**

Answer : No. I have not mentioned.

Question : **The certificate produced u/s.2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act to Ex.P19 to Ex.P25 are standard formats?**

Answer : Yes.

Question : **Are you aware what is section 4 of Bankers Book of Evidence Act?**

Answer : I am not aware.

Question : **You have not given a certificate separately u/s.4 of Bankers Book of Evidence Act?**

Answer : Yes.

Question : **Likewise you have not mentioned through which printer the statements in Ex.P19 to P25 were printed?**

Answer : Yes.

Question : **I suggest you that you have signed the dotted lines of the certificate issued u/s.2A of Bankers Book of Evidence Act by CBI on their request?**

Answer : I deny it.

Question : Did you handled any of the accounts of the company during your course of employment?

Answer : I have not handled.

(Finishing Time:12.30 P.M)

Typed to my dictation in Open
Court, read over to the deponent
and admitted to be correct.

Sd/- M.Sivasakthi
ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE,
EGMORE, CHENNAI-08.

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