

**IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,  
VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT, HOSAPETE.**

**S.C. No.5061/2019**

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Name : Smt. Chandrika G  
Father's/Husband's Name : Dr. M. Kirankumar  
Age : 45 years  
Occupation : Asst. Director, FSL, Bengaluru  
Residence : Bengaluru

Duly Sworn on : 09.01.2026.

**Evidence conducted by way of Video Conferencing.**

**Examination-in-chief by: learned P.P.**

Since 2004 I have been serving in FSL, Bengaluru in different cadres. I have attended foundation course at NICFS, New Dehli, on the topic " Questioned documents examination". I have attended various seminars, conferences, and workshops concerning the vary same topic across the country. I have examined questioned document in more than 1000 cases and adduced evidence in several cases. I am a post graduate in M.Sc. in Physics from Bengaluru University. These are my credentials.

On 16.10.2015 C.P.C. 989 Sri. Vijayakumar (C.W.19) had produced two sealed covers pertaining to Crime no. 153/2015 of Hosahalli Police Station, in reception counter of FSL, Bengaluru. The seals found on the said covers were intact and tallied with sample seals. The contents inside the sealed covers (namely the documents containing admitted writings and documents containing questioned writings) tallied with the list of documents sent by the Police Station. The section head has allotted the

documents which were sent to the FSL ( in connection with this case) to me for scientific examination.

The questioned writings and signature found in death note in loose unruled sheet are marked as QD 1 and QD 1(a) both by the investigating officer and myself.

The admitted writings and signatures of deceased Sri. C. Basavaraja found in pages containing dates 25.04.2008, 04.05.2008 to 14.05.2008 in a blue color Executive 2008 Office tech Dairy ( in 12 pages) are marked by investigating officer as S1 and S1A; and the same are marked by me as A1 to A12 and A13 to A36.

By using Stereomicroscope, Microwatcher and Video Spectral Comparator – 5000 available in FSL, Bengaluru, I have carefully, thoroughly scientifically examined the said admitted and questioned writings and signatures in all aspects of handwriting identification and detection of forgery.

In my opinion the person who made the writings and who put signatures at A1 to A12 and A13 to 36 has made the writings and put the signatures as per Ex.QD1 and QD1A. After completion of the examination I have prepared my report which is now shown to me. The said report is already marked as Ex.P.14. My signature therein is now marked as **Ex.P.14(b)**. Now I see the sample seal of FSL which is submitted along with Ex.P.14 report. The said sample seal is now marked as **Ex.P.14(c)**. Reasons for my opinion submitted along with Ex.P.14 is part and parcel of Ex.P.14. My signature found in the reasons for my opinion is now marked as Ex.P.14(d). After completion of the examination of the above said documents and after preparation of Ex.P.14 report, the FSL has sent back the said Ex.P.14 report along with the above referred documents back to

the Dy.S.P. Kudligi. Now I see the above referred blue dairy and also the death note. The said dairy is already marked as Ex.P.7 and the said death note is already marked as Ex.P.8. Now I see the enlarged prints of above said writing and signatures. The said enlarged prints of developed by me as mentioned in my report.

**Cross-examination by Sri. G.B.R., Adv for Accused No.1 :-**

The above said documents were allotted to me for scientific examination on 26.12.2015. It is true that in Ex.P.14 I have not mentioned the said date. On the said date I have commenced the scientific examination of the said writings and signatures till completion of preparation of report as per Ex.P.14. Ex.P.14 was prepared by me on 28.12.2017. It is true that the time gap between 26.12.2015 and 28.12.2017 is two years two days. I have prepared observation sheets as per the procedure followed in FSL. The above said observation sheets are not forwarded along with Ex.P.14 report. It is not true to suggest that as per the instructions of the Police Investigating Officer there is delay in completion of examination of the said writings and signatures. I am the only expert who completed the entire task and of course assisted by my staff. The counter signing authority has verified the work done by me, after I submitted my report to the counter signing authority.

**Question:** Ex.P.14 report merely shows the similarities in the writings and signatures; and does not show dis-similarities in the writings and signatures?

**Answer:** There were only similarities in the writings and signatures; and no dis-similarities were found in the writings and signatures.

It is not true to suggest that I have not states in my report that I have conducted inter-say analysis. In fact, the same is mentioned in reasons for opinion. Inter-say examination in QD1 means comparison of formation of any alphabet like 'ॐ' etc., found in QD1 are compared and examined.

I have given instances of such inter-say comparison in reasons for opinion. At para 3 in reasons for opinion I have used the words "Internal consistency". The said entire paragraph would clearly indicate that I have specifically stated regarding inter-say examination of the contents in QD1.

**Question:** Ex.P.14 report does not show that you have mentioned any specific alphabet/s which is/are inter-say examined in QD1 writings?

**Answer:** There is a specific format in FSL which we have to adhere to and as per the said format I have sent the report.

It is not true to suggest that said format is not part of Ex.P.14 report.

**Question:** Similarly Ex.P.14 report does not show that you have mentioned any specific alphabet/s which is/are inter-say examined in A1 to A12 and A13 to A36 writings and signature?

**Answer:** There is a specific format in FSL which we have to adhere to and as per the said format I have sent the report. The said facts are stated by me at para 2 of reasons for opinion.

It is not true to suggest that even though I have not conducted inter-say examination of writings in QD1 as well as in A1 to A12 and A13 to A36, now I am deposing falsely that I have conducted inter-say examination of said writings.

**Question:** Whether the writings in QD1 as well as in A1 to A12 and A13 to A36 contain only those set of alphabets and numerals mentioned by you in reasons for opinion or are there other alphabets and numerals in the said documents?

**Answer:** There are several other alphabets and numericals in the said documents. For the purpose of explaining to the Court I have taken the mentioned alphabets and numericals as samples. If all the alphabets and numericals in the said documents are taken for explaining, it would become tedious and hence all alphabets and numericals in the said documents are not mentioned in reasons for opinion.

The natural variations are not seen only in a given character (one alphabet/numerical) but it can be seen throughout the writings. I have not mentioned the age of the writings in the said documents while reporting as per Ex.P.14. The witness voluntarily states that the reasons for not mentioning the age of the writings are two fold namely, i) the age of the writings was not sought for by the Police Officer, and ii) the science regarding the age of the writings is not yet properly developed. It is true that to give accurate opinion about questioned writings and admitted/undisputed writings, both questioned writings and admitted/undisputed writings must be of the contemporary period. I can not say whether questioned writings and admitted/undisputed writings are of contemporary period. The witness voluntarily states that that is not relevant for opinion and that what relevant is the formation of the characters which I have compared. It is not true to suggest that the execution of the characters in writings of a person would vary due to the age lapse. I have followed the book entitled " Questioned writings" authored Albert Osborn.

**Question:** Whether the Police Office has sent any memo of instructions?

**Answer:** Question of memo of instructions regarding comparison of handwriting would not arise.

It is true that in the above referred book there is an opinion expressed that while conducting comparison of writings the likes with the likes and inter-say comparison must be done. It is not true to suggest that Ex.P.14 report does not indicate that I have conducted comparison of the characters in the above mentioned manner.

**Question:** You have caused delay and thereafter expressed opinion as per the instructions given by the Police Officer?

**Answer:** Not true. I have taken up the documents in the present case in accordance with the seniority of documents that were pending for examination during the relevant period.

It is not true to suggest that the opinion expressed by me is influenced by the Police Officer.

**Cross-examination by Sri. L.U., Adv for Accused No.4 to 6 :-**

There is no practice of mentioning in the opinion that the matters sent for examination are taken up according to seniority and the said question is internal question of the institute (FSL). The mental condition of a person would not influence the execution of characters. It is not true to suggest that without following the procedure, the opinion is expressed which would favor the investigation.

The rest of the cross-examination done by Sri. G.B.R. is adopted by the Learned counsel.

**Cross-examination by Sri. Y.M.M., Adv for Accused No.2 :- adopts the above cross-examination.**

**Cross-examination by Sri. B.P., Adv for Accused No.3 :- adopts the above cross-examination.**

**(Recorded by way of Video Conferencing, copy of the deposition is sent to the Witness, by way of e-mail; on getting the Signature of the Witness on the deposition, through e-mail, registry is requested to keep the said received signed deposition of the Witness, alongwith this copy of deposition).**

**(Typed to my dictation in the open Court)**

**R O I & A C**

**(D.P.KUMARA SWAMY)**

Additional District & Sessions Judge,  
Vijayanagara District, Hosapete.