

(Via Video Conferencing)

**Spl. Case (ACB) No.19/2015
State Vs. Naina Pohekar & Ors.
Ex.No. 95**

Deposition of Prosecution witness No.2 for the State.

I do hereby on solemn affirmation state that:-

Name : Shrikant Chandrakant Kankal
Age : 54 years,
Occpn. : Police Inspector, Manchar Police Station
Res./of : Manchar, Tq. Ambegaon, Dist. Pune

[Evidence of witness viz. Shrikant Chandrakant Kankal is being recorded on Video Conferencing today. Accused is present in person. Witness is present on Video Conferencing at Civil & Criminal Court, Khed. Ld. advocate for the accused as well as Ld. Spl. P.P., Akola for the prosecution are present in the Court.

It is verified that the accused present is able to see and hear the proceeding. Also verified that witness is seen and audible on V.C. link District Court, Akola and vice versa. As such, the audio-visual quality of all the V.C. connections involved in the proceeding are proper. In view of submissions by the defence, it is also verified and ascertained that the witness present at Civil & Criminal Court, Khed is not being assisted by anyone during his deposition].

Examination-in-Chief by Spl. P.P. Shri R.M. Akotkar for accused.

On 04.12.2012 I was attached to ACB, Akola as Dy. SP. On that day complainant Phale lodged complaint Exh. 65 regarding demand of bribe by API Naina Pohekar. I took down the complaint as per his narration. Complaint now shown to me is the same. It bears signature of complainant and myself and two panchas. Complainant gave ATM slip of Bank's Short Statement Article A. I conducted substantial investigation of the offence. I prepared various panchanamas and made correspondence (Note:- As defence has not disputed those documents, said part is not recorded to avoid unnecessary repetition).

2. On 12.12.2012, I lodged FIR. It was revealed during investigation that API Naina Pohekar demanded bribe amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- from the complainant for not making the complainant and two others accused in a case. In a negotiation, Smt. Pohekar demanded Rs. 50,000/- immediately and Rs. 1,00,000/- more in two days by writing the demand on a paper. Thereafter complainant gave Rs. 30,000/- to Smt. Pohekar and she asked him to give remaining Rs. 20,000/- to accused Prashant Bule. Thereafter complainant, accused Prashant Bule and one more person went to ATM of State Bank of India, Main Branch, Akola. Complainant withdrew Rs. 20,000/- from ATM and gave the same to accused Prashant Bule.

3. On 02.12.2012, the complainant went to meet Smt. Pohekar with mother of Amit and two sisters. Thereafter they went to Bhagat Jewellers, Akola Amit's mother kept chain there and obtained Rs. 30,000/- against it. She also added Rs. 10,000/- to the amount. Thereafter amount of Rs. 40,000/- given to one Pravin at the instance of Smt. Pohekar. She demanded Rs. 60,000/- for giving pen drive and Amit's laptop as well as cellphone. So they all went away. Thereafter complainant went alone to meet Smt. Pohekar and demanded pen drive. She made a demand of Rs. 30,000/- written on paper. As the complainant was not ready to give further amount, he approached ACB Office and lodged complaint.

4. On 04.12.2012, complainant and panch witness went for verification of demand. Smt. Pohekar admitted acceptance of Rs. 50,000/- to accused Prashant Bule. Then she asked the complainant to give Rs. 5 to 6 thousand if she was having great difficulty to arrange sufficient amount. As demand of bribe was revealed, I lodged FIR. The FIR now shown to me is the same. It bears my signature. Its contents are true and correct. It is marked as **Exh. P-96/PW2**. Now I

am shown Printed FIR. It is the same. It bears my signature. Its contents are true and correct. It is marked as **Exh. P-97/PW2**. I recorded statements of witnesses during investigation. Charge-sheet was submitted by Shri. U.K. Jadhav. Now the charge-sheet is shown to me. It bears his signature which I know. I know the accused Prashant Bule. He is present in the court today.

Cross-examination by Ld. Advocate Shri. P.D. Hatekar for accused

5. It is true that in my FIR name of Prashant Bule is not mentioned as accused. It is true that his name was arraigned as accused in the investigation. He was not arrested. I got him identified from the complainant. His TI parade was not conducted. It is not true that sanction for prosecution sought against three accused was not granted during my tenure. It is not true that I did not have any evidence or material against accused Prashant Bule at the time of verification of demand so I did not made him accused in my FIR. It is not true that I did not prepare pre-trap panchanama and did not lay trap. It is not true that I made Prashant Bule accused without any evidence and we submitted false charge-sheet against him.

Cross-examination over.

Re-examination - Nil.

R.O.A.C./Before me

Date : 07.04.2026.

[A. D. Kshirsagar]
Special Judge (ACB), Akola.