

Special Case No. 14/2021
Exhibit No. 181/C

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS No. 7 FOR THE PROSECUTION

I do hereby on solemn affirmation state that :-

My name is : Rahul Kumar

Age about : 37 Years,

Occupation : Court Officer in GST Appellate Tribunal
Ranchi

Residing at : Ma Jagdamaba Nivas, Vrindavan Colony, Ratu
road, Ranchi, Jharkhand

Examination-in-Chief by Ld. Spl. APP Shri. Rushikesh Munde
for prosecution.

01. In August 2020 I was working as a DRI Intelligence Officer at Mumbai Zonal Unit. On 08/08/2020 my Deputy Director Shri. Yogesh Loke orally instructed me for transit remand of three accused namely Survesh Bhatiya, Mohamad Nauman and Mahendra Kumar Nigam at Delhi. The said accused were arrested by DRI, Delhi and produced before Metropolitan Magistrate Patiyala House and obtained transit remand order. Thereafter, the accused were produced before Special Judge Raigad at Alibag. I know the accused persons. The said witness identified accused No.3 Survesh Bhatiya and accused No.5 Mahendra Kumar Nigam available on V.C.

02. I recorded statement of witness Sreekumnar Kochunny, who was working as a CFO of Radiant Mari-times India Private

Limited. It is the shipping agency, which looks after clearance of Import and Export container. (Ld. Advocate for accused No.1 Rushil Alag raised objection that witness can not depose regarding contents of the statement recorded by him. The said witness was investigating officer to the extent of recording the statement of Sreekumnar Kochunny and transit remand. Hence, objection raised by defence counsel is overruled.) Mari-times India Private Limited was the shipping agency of container No.INKU2267955 from which 191.6KG of Heroin was seized by DRI at CFS, Navkar Corporation. The said container was booked by Moj Mad Shipping Services Limited from Nimroz to Mumbai Nhava-Sheva. Asiatic Tiger Shipping Agency, Dubai was partner of Radiant Mari-times India Private Limited. After arrival of the container in India at Nhava-Sheva, Shipping Agency Radiant Mari-times contacted to notify party Protek Logistic India Private Limited requesting it to authorize custom house agent and CFS where container is to be parked. Thereafter, Protek Logistic India Private Limited notified CHA M.B. Shipping Logistic Solution as a delivery agent at Navkar Corporation. All these companies were communicating to each other through E-mail. Witness Sreekumnar Kochunny produced container clearance documents to me. CHA M.B. Shipping Logistic Solution did not produce it's own KYC documents, hence container was lying at Navkar Corporation. Before recording statement I issued summons to witness under Section 67 of the NDPS, Act. Now, I am shown copy of said summons. Contents therein are true and correct. It bears my signature. It also bears signature of witness Sreekumnar Kochunny. The said summons is marked at

Exh.P182/PW7. Now, I am shown statement of witness Sreekumnar Kochunny. Contents therein are as stated by the said witness. Each page of the statement were signed by the witness and last page also bears my signature. The said statement is marked at Exh.P183/PW7. Witness Sreekumnar Kochunny had handed over consignment related documents to me. Now, I am shown the said documents. Said documents are collectively marked as **Article 'H'**.

Examination-in-Chief is over.

Cross-Examination by Ld. Adv. Shri. Rushil Alag for accused No.1

03. It is not true to say that witness Sreekumnar Kochunny had not voluntarily given his statement. It is not true to say that statement recorded by me is false. It is not true to say that witness Sreekumnar Kochunny had signed already prepared statement at the instance of DRI. It is not true to say that DRI were supposed to arrest the said witness but they allowed him to go. It is not true to say that either CHA or consignee is required to produce it's KYC.

Cross-Examination by Ld. Adv. Smt. Dhanshree Bhoir for accused

No.2

04. It is not true to say that whatever I have deposed in examination-in-chief is false.

Cross-Examination by Ld. Adv. Shri. Indrajeet Bhosale for accused

No.3

05. Adopted

Cross-Examination by Ld. Adv. Shri. Aashish Kale for accused

No.5

06. Adopted.

Cross- examination is over

No re examination.

R.O.A.C.

Panvel.

Dated : 21/02/2026.

(Santosh R. Chavan)

Addl. Sessions Judge, Panvel-Raigad.