

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS

(Chapter XXIII code of Criminal Procedure)

In the Court of XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases

(CBI Cases Relating to Banks and Financial Institutions)

Chennai - 600 001.

Calendar Case : C.C. No.27/2015
Deposition of witness for : PW-46 (LW-51)
Name of the witness : Mr. N.Viswanathan
Father's name : Mr.S.Narayanamurthy
Age :69
Occupation :Retired as Assistant Manager,
Central Bank of India.
Address :3F, Salma Pine Ridge, Inner Ring Road,
Velachery, Chennai-6 42

Solemnly affirmed in accordance with the provisions of Oaths Act, 1969
(Central Act 44 of 1969) on the 12th day of November 2025.

(A1, A5 present. A3 Charge abated, A6 split up in C.C.No.8/2024. Other accused
absent. Petition u/s 317 CRPC filed and allowed).

Chief Examination :

I joined as a Clerk in Central Bank of India in 1979 and retired as
Assistant Manager in 2016. During the August 2011 to May 2015 I was Assistant
Manager of Mylapore Branch. During the 2012-2013, Mr.T.S.Sridhar (A5) was Chief
Manager of this Branch. Mr.Devanathan was served as Chief Manager before
Mr.T.S.Sridhar (A5). At the time of joining, I came to know about the loan account of
the M/s.Squarecon Enterprises Pvt Ltd. It was not in operative. Mr.Pradhan was

its Director. I took part in the SARFAESI proceeding initiated against this company by the Branch and we had affixed the notice in the residential premise of Mr.Pradhan. I am shown with application of opening of current account dated 19.11.2013 in the name of M/s.Gee Pee Chemicals along with enclosures. It is already marked as Ex.P3. Mr.Kannan, then Manager opened this account who is no more. Mr.Pradha and Mr.Murugan are partners of this firm. The officials of the bank were not willing to open the account itself since already the Mr.Pradhan's company loan became NPA. Mr.T.S.Sridhar (A5) had insisted upon the bank officials to open the account and as such, it was opened. Then they sought for loan from the branch but the bank officials did not have any willingness to sanction the loan. At that time, the bank officials sought for the help from the Regional Manager Mr.Dharmalingam. He visited the bank and held meeting with the bank officials. We apprised the same to Mr.Dharmalingam. Mr.T.S.Sridhar (A5) was available at the branch during this meeting but he did not take part. Mr.Dharmalingam advised the bank officials to act upon the merits of the loan request and to maintain cordial relationship among the staff members.

I am shown with application of current account opening form dated 20.01.2014 in the name of M.D.Trade Corporation, submitted by Mr.B.K.Mahendran (A1) and S.Murugan (A2) as partners. It is already marked as Ex.P19. Now, I unable to remember who had filled up the said account opening form. I opened this account for which I signed therein. I am shown with application of current account opening form dated 04.12.2013 in the name of M.D Bricks,

submitted by Mr.B.K.Mahendran (A1) and S.Murugan (A2) as partners. It is already marked as Ex.P8. Now, I unable to remember who had filled up the said account opening form. I opened this account for which I signed therein. The loan was sanctioned in the name of this firm for which, I had no role. But, I dealt with the cheques in the name of this firm. I am shown with 16 number of Cheques in the name of M.D.Bricks which have already been marked as Ex.P46(series). My signatures are available in this Cheques as passing officer along with signatures of Mr.Krishanakumar, then Assistant Manager and Mr.Kannan, then Manager. Most of the Cheques have been passed in the name of Mr.S.Babu whose signature is available on the rear side of the Cheques. All the Cheques were presented for encashment. All the Cheques were issued by B.K.Mahendran as partner of M.D.Bricks in favour of Mr.Babu (15 Cheques) and for himself (1 Cheque). In this regard, the CBI enquired me during the investigation.

(Learned counsel for A2, A4 and other accused are not ready for cross examination)

(The cross examination of A5 is adjourned at the request of the learned counsel)

Taken down before me in the open court
read over to the witness and
acknowledged by him/her to be correct.

12.11.2025

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