

M.C.O.C. SPECIAL CASE NO. OF 21/06

DATE: 2nd July, 2010

EXT.No.451

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS NO.16 FOR THE PROSECUTION

I do hereby on solemn affirmation state that:

My Name : Prakash Krishna Pillai
Age : 45 years
Occupation : Service
Res. Address : 4, Shevanti Chaya bldg., Tukaram Nagar,
Dombivali (E), Dist. Thane.

EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY SPP RAJA THAKARE FOR THE STATE.

1. At present I am doing private service and also some business since 2007. Prior to 2007 I was serving in the International Travel Links office at Printing House, behind Handloom House on ground floor, Fort, Mumbai-1. One Abu Bakar was the owner of the travel agency. He had the licence to send people abroad. There were around 15 persons working in our office.
2. Some time in 2006 police came to our office to collect the passport. However, I do not remember the exact day and month. The police were not in uniform, they were in civil dress and they came in the evening, probably at 7.00-7.30 pm and asked for my boss. I told them that he was not in the office. They asked me as to whether there is any responsible person in the office. I told them that I can help them. They asked for the passport of the person that was with them in veil. I remember the name of that person as Tanveer. Police removed the veil of that person for two minutes and after looking at him I took out his passport that was with us and gave it to the police. Police took the passport from me and wrote

some statement there. I will be able to identify the passport. (Witness is shown the passport Ext.449). The passport now shown to me is the same. I will try to identify the person who had come in veil with the police. (Witness looks around the court room.) I am not able to identify any person because 4-5 years have gone by.

Cross-examination by adv. Mokashi for A/1, 4, 5,6.

3. Declined

Cross examination by adv Ms. Shaikh h/f Wahab Khan for A/2, 7, 10 and 13

4. (Adv Ms. Shaikh requests to keep back the matter for some time, as adv Wahab Khan is on his way. Hence, K.B.).

(Y.D. SHINDE)
SPECIAL JUDGE

Date:- 02/07/10

Resumed on SA after recess

Cross examination by adv Wahab Khan for A/2, 7, 10 and 13

5. I was working with the said travel agency since ten years before police came to me. The travel agency works for providing visa and sending persons to other countries. It is not true that it was providing visas for Gulf countries, Pakistan, America, Europe, etc. It was providing visas for Gulf countries only. It is true that we used to work with our counterparts in the foreign countries to obtain the visas. It is true that it is necessary to retain the passports of the persons for whom the visa is to be obtained. Some visas are obtained in few days but some are obtained in a month or two. The passport Exh. 449 was with us for about three months. I do not remember whether it was with us for 4-5 months. I had not stated to the police that the passport was with us for 4-5 months. I may have stated so, if it is in my statement. I used to handle about 15 passports daily. The office used to be closed on Sundays. I may be handling about 90-100 passports every

week. It is true that the name of our travel agency is not indicated in the visa. We did not put any stamp or remark of our agency on the passport. It is true that we used to maintain a register about passports that were received and handed over. It is true that police did not ask for the register and I did not give it to them.

5. It is true that I could identify the passport on the basis of the photograph and the name of the person, but I could not identify the person after four years. Not a single criminal case is filed against me, my employer or my office. It is not true that I deposed falsely that I handed over the passport to the police. Police did not read over my statement to me before I gave evidence.

Cross examined by adv P.L Shetty for A/3, 9, 11 and 12 and A/8 in person

6. Declined.

No re-examination.

R.O.

**Spl. Judge
Date:- 02/07/10**

**(Y.D. SHINDE)
SPECIAL JUDGE
UNDER MCOC ACT,99,
MUMBAI.**