

**M.C.O.C. SPECIAL CASE NO. 21 OF 2006****DATE: 14TH MARCH 2012****EXT. NO.2555****DEPOSITION OF WITNESS NO.188 FOR THE PROSECUTION**

I do hereby on solemn affirmation state that:

My Name : Dr. Santosh Krishnarao Revankar  
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**Examination-in-chief by SPP Raja Thakare for the Statement**

1. I am working as Dy. Executive Health Officer, Public Health Department, MCGM in the office of the BMC at 'F' South Ward office, Parel. Cause of death certificate is essential for disposal of dead body in case of natural death and in case of unnatural death, where *post-mortem* is performed, then the cause of death issued by the PM Center is essential. The original death certificate has to be given to the death registration karkun at the crematorium. The original death certificates are then sent to the local ward office. Then the death is registered. After registration, the documents that I have produced

today are sent to the Central Record Section. The Central Record Section was earlier at Kamathipura Municipal School premises. It is shifted two months back to Saibai Gaurabai Maternity Home building at Kamathipura.

2. As per the summons, I have brought the original record pertaining to a male dead body whose date of death is 11/07/06 and bearing *post-mortem* number FM/786/06 of Sion *Post-mortem* Center. The cause of death certificate of this body was received along with the no objection certificate from the Sr. PI of the ATS. (The cause of death certificate is marked as **Ext.2556** and the no objection certificate is marked as **Ext. 2557** ). Along with these documents a photocopy of letter dated 15/10/06 bearing outward no. 3068 from PI, ATS was received and it is the same now shown to me. (It is marked as **Art-395**). The death report was also received and it is the same now shown to me. It is prepared at the time of actual disposal of the body. It is an official record required to be maintained officially. (It is marked as **Ext. 2558** subject to objection by the learned advocates for the accused). The death registration no. 4803 is given in the crematorium. After all such documents are received, they are

registered at the local ward office and the registration number is given, which in this case is 3853 registered on 06/11/06. After the information contained in this document are fed in the computer, the medical officer of health of that ward verifies and authenticates the data that is fed and then all these documents are tied together and sent to the central record section. (Learned SPP asks the witness to go through Ext.1173). The letter Art-395 appears to be a photocopy of the letter Ext.1173. (Learned SPP asks the witness to go through Ext.1166). It is true that Ext. 1166 is the carbon copy of Ext.2556, excepting the corrections in the words 'unknown' and 'Hindu'. The corrections in Ext. 2556 were made as per the remark on it dated 16/10/06 as per O/W 3068/ACP/ATS/06. Ext. 1166 is the letter dated 16/10/06 bearing O/W 3068/ACP/ATS/06.

**Cross-examination by adv Adv. P. L. Shetty for A3, 8, 9, 11 & 12**

3. I was attached to N' Ward, Ghatkopar as medical officer in July 2006. *Post-mortems* are not done by us. The papers are received for registration after the *post-mortems*. I saw all these documents for the first time two days back. It is true that I do not have any personal knowledge about this dead body and the documents that are

produced today. It is true that date is not put below the initials near the corrections in the name and religion. It is not true that there are no initials where the word 'Hindu' is scored off and the word 'Muslim' is written. There are initials near the scored off word 'unknown'. I cannot say whether the initials near both words are different. I cannot say whether the initials near the scored off word 'unknown' is different from the signature of the medical officer at the bottom of the certificate. I cannot say whether the initials near the scored off word 'Hindu' is similar to the signature of the medical officer at the bottom of the certificate, whereas the initials near the scored off word 'unknown' is different from the signature of the medical officer at the bottom of the certificate. I cannot say at what stage the initials near the word 'Hindu' were put. I cannot say whether they were put before scoring the word 'Hindu' and writing the word 'Muslim'. (Learned advocate asks the witness to go through Ext. 1166). It is true that the words 'Hindu' and 'unknown' are not scored off and substituted by the words 'Muslim' and 'Salim'. It is true that there are initials near the word 'Hindu' in Ext.1166. I cannot say whether it is similar to the signature of the medical officer at the bottom of the document. I

cannot say whether the initials near the word 'Hindu' in Ext. 1166 was there before scoring and substituting another word for it. The remark about the correction being done on 16/10/06, was not done in my department and the corrections in the words were also not done in my department. Therefore, I cannot say who had made the corrections and in whose handwriting the remark is. Ext. 2557 and Art-395 were received by the death registration karkun at the burial ground. This I say because it is the procedure. Record is maintained in the burial ground and proper register is also maintained. Extract from the register of the burial ground is not in the documents produced today.

4. The death report Ext.2558 is filled in by the head constable who took the body to the burial ground. The proforma of the death report is available only in the burial ground. I cannot identify the initials of the death registration karkun on it. The death report is from 'C' ward, Chandanwadi crematorium. Chandanwadi is the only crematorium in the C' ward. The death has been registered in the 'F' North ward, Matunga. There is a separate office in 'C' ward. I cannot explain why the registration was done in 'F' North ward and not in 'C'

ward. As per the death report the dead body was brought by HC-Marbhal of MCT Railway Police Station.

**Cross-examination by Wahab Khan for A2, 7, 10 & 13**

5. I cannot tell the name of the birth and death registration clerk in October 2006. It is not true that the name of the death registration clerk is required to be written in the death report. Witness volunteers- the name of the registrar is to be written and his signature is also to be taken. The death report Ext. 2558 does not bear the signature and name of the registrar. It is not there as the registrar can delegate his power. I cannot say to whom the powers were delegated in October 2006. I cannot tell in whose handwriting the death report is. Police did not take my statement. I have not seen the death certificate issued by the BMC of the person in whose connection these documents are. The death report is in book form and a sheet is taken out for every dead body. The book containing the forms is not before the court. It is not true that the left portion of the form is kept in the office and the right portion is detached and sent for statistical process. The contents at the top of the right portion of the death form that it is to be

detached and sent for statistical processing are correct. It is not true that I do not know about the compliance. As I earlier mentioned the data is fed in the computer now. Earlier it used to be detached and sent to the statistical department for statistical record that was maintained manually. I cannot tell the exact date from which computers were installed in our offices, but they are in use since quite a long time. Death certificates are issued by our office. It is not true that the death report Ext. 2558 is prepared in the year 2012. The death report was not given to the police earlier. It is not true that on the say of police I prepared it and brought it.

6. It is not true that the endorsement on correction on Ext.2556 is made on 10/10/06. It is made on 16/10/06. (Learned advocate asks the witness to go through Ext.1173). This letter is dated 15/10/06. It is not true that I deposed as tutored by the ATS officers.

**Cross-examination by adv Sharif Shaikh for A4 and h/f Rasal for**

**A1, 5 & 6**

7. Adopted the cross-examination by adv Shetty and Wahab Khan.

No re-examination.

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MCOC SPL.21/06

PW 188/8

Ext.2555

**Special Judge**

**Date:-14/03/2012**

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