

Statement of Mr. Usman Anwar Ali (S/o Late Anwar Ali), aged 57 years (DOB:14.06.1962), holding Indian Passport Number No.Z4935346, (mobile no.8056179859,email-anawarsg2011@gmail.com) address as per Passport is Old no.93A ,New no.126,3rd street,Nethaji nagar,Tondiarpet,Chennai,Tamil Nadu-600081 recorded under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962 before the Superintendent (AIU), Customs, SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad on 09.02.2020.

I, Usman Anwar Ali, aged 60 years holding Indian Passport Number No. Z4935346, present myself before you today on 09.02.2020 in response to the summons issued to me under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962. Before giving my statement, I have been explained the provisions of Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962, wherein I have been made to understand that I have to give my true and correct statement. I have been explained that if my statement is found to be false or incorrect, action can be taken against me under the provisions of Indian Penal Code. I have also been explained that my statement can be used against me or any other person in the Court of law. After understanding the same I give my true and voluntary statement as under:

My name and address is as mentioned above. I am residing Old no.93A ,New no.126,3rd street,Nethaji nagar, Tondiarpet,Chennai,Tamil Nadu with my wife Razula and two sons Mohammed Mohideen and Basith. My father Anwar Ali also expired 20 years ago and mother's name is Fathima who has expired 15 years ago. I state that I have studied till the ninth standard, in Tamil medium, in Tiruvarur, Chennai. I further state that I can speak and understand Hindi, Urdu and Tamil languages and I can read Tamil and little bit of English. On being asked, I state that I am working in company in Triplicane, Chennai by name of Aero Star Multi Impex as Manager which is dealing in cellphone accessories. I have no brothers and or sisters. I have been read over in vernacular the panchnama and after understanding the same, I put my dated signature on panchnama drawn on 09.02.2020 in token of acceptance of the same.

I further state that I had arrived at SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad by Emirates Airlines Flight No.EM 352 on 08.02.2020 from Dubai and the facts narrated in the panchnama drawn on 09.02.2020 are true and correct.

I state that on my arrival, I was intercepted by the Customs officials, when I was passing through the green channel alongwith my baggage. I state that in presence of independent panchas, the Customs officials asked me regarding the possession of any declarable / restricted / prohibited / dutiable items, to which I denied. Then the Customs Officers asked me to pass through DFMD machine installed in Customs Arrival Hall. But before passing through the DFMD machine I was asked to remove all the metallic objects I was wearing on my body. I removed my belt, wallet, mobile, etc. Thereafter I was asked to pass through the DFMD Machine installed at the arrival hall and no beep was heard. Thereafter my black trolley bag was placed in the X-Ray Screening machine but nothing objectionable was found. However, on suspicion the Custom officers ask the passenger to change my pant and undergarments in the small cabin situated in the AIU office for their examination. The AIU Officer examined me with hand held metal detector however no beep sound was heard. Thereafter they hand frisked me and asked me to remove my shoes and socks and on removing my shoes and socks, two plastic pouch recovered from my each of my socks which indicates to be suspected gold in paste form. The officer then scanned the socks in the baggage screening machine. Dark images

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were noticed in the socks ,and officer informed it is confirming the concealment of semi solid paste inside it. Being asked about the substance, I agreed that the semi solid paste I am carrying is a mixture of gold.

On being explained by the Customs officer, they have called the Government Approved Valuer Mr.Kartikey Vasantrai Soni for valuation purpose. The Government Approved Valuer informs the Customs officer that the testing of the said material is only possible at his workshop as gold has to be extracted from such semi solid/paste form by melting it and also informs the address of his workshop. Thereafter, at around 07.45 hrs. I alongwith panchas and the Custom officers leave the Airport premises in a Government Vehicle and reach at the premises of the Government Approved Valuer.On reaching the above referred premises, the Customs officer introduces me one person named Mr. Kartikey Vasantrai Soni, Government Approved Valuer. Here, after weighing the said semi solid substance on his weighing scale, Mr. Kartikey Vasantrai Soni informs that the said plastic pouch containing paste is weighing 113.150 Grams. Thereafter, Mr. Kartikey Vasantrai Soni starts the process of converting the said semi solid material into solid gold. The said brown substance is put into the furnace and upon heating the said semi solid substance, it turns into liquid material. The said substance in liquid state is taken out of furnace, and poured in a bar shaped plate and after cooling for some time, it becomes yellow coloured solid metal in form of bar. After completion of the procedure, Government Approved Valuer informs that Gold bar weighing 99.580 Grams having purity 999.0 was derived from the 113.150 grams of Semi Solid Substance consisting of Gold and Turpentine Mix. After testing the said brown coloured metal, the Government Approved Valuer confirms that it is pure gold. Further, he informs that the total Market Value of the said recovered gold bar piece derived from Semi Solid substance Material Consisting of Gold & Turpentine Mix having net weighing 99.580 grams having purity 999.0, which having Market valued at Rs. 4,18,933/- (Rupees Four Lakh eighteen thousand Nine hundred and thirty three only) (Local Market Value) and Tariff Valued at Rs. 3,64,981/- (Rupees Three lakh Sixty four thousand nine hundred and eighty one only).We return to AIU office at 10:15 am.

I agree and am fully satisfied with the method of testing and valuation done by the Valuer as mentioned in panchnama dated 08.02.2020. I agree that Gold bar derived from the paste having net weighing 99.580 grams having purity 999.0, which having Market valued at Rs. 4,18,933/- (Rupees Four Lakh eighteen thousand Nine hundred and thirty three only) (Local Market Value) and Tariff Valued at Rs. 3,64,981/- (Rupees Three lakh Sixty four thousand nine hundred and eighty one only) .

I state that I had intentionally not declared the said substance before the Customs Authorities on my arrival at SVP International Airport Ahmedabad and hid it in my socks, as I wanted to clear it illicitly and evade payment of duty. I am fully aware that clearing gold without declaring before customs, with an intent to evade payment of customs duty, is an offence, under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962 and Regulations framed thereunder. I agree that I have done evasion Customs duty recovered gold bar piece-1 derived from Semi Solid substance Material Consisting of Gold & Turpentine Mix having net weighing 99.580 grams having purity 999.0, which having Market valued at Rs. 4,18,933/- (Rupees Four Lakh eighteen thousand Nine hundred and thirty three only) (Local Market Value) and Tariff Valued at

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Rs. 3,64,981/- (Rupees Three lakh Sixty four thousand nine hundred and eighty one only) recovered from my socks. I have to state that this gold paste is not mine. I came in contact with one Qadir aged about 30 years in Kali Masjid, Dierra, Dubai in my recent who told me that if I take two plastic pouch containing gold in paste form then I would get Rs.10,000 for the job so I agreed for it. My company had arranged for my onward and return ticket and I had gone to Dubai 5.2.2020 and before coming to Ahmedabad Qadir met me in Dubai on 08.02.2020 and gave me the two plastic pouches containing gold paste. I hid the two plastic pouches containing gold paste in my socks before coming to Ahmedabad.

Q1 What is Qadir's address and contact number?

Ans I don't know his address and don't know his contact number. He used to meet me at Kali Masjid Dierra, Dubai.

Q2 How many times have you smuggled anything including gold paste previously?

A2. I have never smuggled anything including gold paste previously.

Q3. From Ahmedabad, where were you supposed to go and to whom you had to hand over the gold paste?

A3. From Ahmedabad, I was to go to Chennai. I was supposed to hand over the two plastic pouches containing gold paste to some person who would contact me in Ahmedabad or in Chennai.

I have nothing further to state at the moment. I have been read and explained this statement in the vernacular language. I have given my above statement voluntarily and willingly without any threat, coercion or duress and in token of the above statement being true and correct, I put my dated signature below. I further state that I will present myself before you whenever I will be called upon. I have requested the officer to type the statement on the computer and the same has been as per my say and I further state that I have been read over my above statement in vernacular and the same is true and correct and recorded as per my say.

Before me,



(Jyothimon Dethan)
Superintendent (AIU)



(Usman Anwar Ali)