

**Statement of Mr.Prince Pachori, S/o Pradeep Pachori, age 27 years (D.O.B. 05.07.1992) holding Indian Passport Number M4615957 (Mobile-9166715888) and residing at 46, Shahi Complex, Sector 11, Udaipur, Rajasthan, Pin - 313001 under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962, before Superintendent of Customs (AIU) Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad on dated 08.09.2019.**

I, Prince Pachori, age 27 years, present myself before you today on 08.09.2019 in response to your summons dated 08.09.2019 issued to me. 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 or departmental proceedings and after understanding the same, I agree to give my voluntary statement. I give my statement as under:

On being asked about my personal details, I state that my name is Prince Pachori. I am residing at the above address with my family for 10 years. My Passport No. is M4615957. My father's name is Pradeep Pachori and my mother's name is Smt. Namrata Pachori. I have one younger brother named Yash Pachori. My educational qualification is B.Com from Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur in 2014 and I can read write and understand Hindi and English languages. After my graduation, I went to Kuwait in 2016 and started working as Salesman of my Uncle Shri Vinodkumar Jain. I get 250 Kuwaiti Dinar as my monthly salary.

On being further asked, that I purchased one gold bar of 136.740 gram from the showroom of M/s Diamond International Jewellery Co. on 07.09.2019 and I had kept the 136.740 grams gold bar in my hand baggage when I came back today on 08.09.2019. I further state that on my arrival by Indigo Flight No. 6E 1754 from Kuwait to Ahmedabad today i.e. 08.09.2019, I was intercepted by Customs Officials after Green channel in presence of two independent witnesses, and they asked if I had anything to declare, to which I replied in the negative. Customs officers asked me to pass through the Door Frame Metal Detector Machine installed near the green channel in the Arrival hall of Terminal 2 building, after removing all metallic objects from my body/clothes and after readily removing all the metallic objects such as belt, purse, mobile etc. I passed through it and no beep sound was heard. Thereafter, all my baggages were

  
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scanned in the X-ray bag scanning machine located near the green channel counter at Terminal 2 of SVPI Ahmedabad. On scanning of my hand baggage, some dark images appeared on the computer of X-ray baggage inspection system, which the Customs officer explained that such dark images suggest that there might be some heavy metal like gold. My other check-in baggage was also scanned, however no such objectionable images appear on the X-Ray Scanning Machine. On opening and detailed examination of the said hand baggage by Customs Officer, a gold bar of 136.740 gram kept by me, was recovered from the said bag. Then Customs officer called the Government Approved Valuer Mr.Karthikey Vasantrai Soni for valuation purpose. I agree and I am fully satisfied with the method of testing and valuation done by the Valuer as mentioned in panchnama dated 08.09.2019. I agree that the gold bar recovered from me is 24 kt pure gold and having purity 995.0 totally weighing 136.700 Grams having Rs. 5,41,059/- (Rupees Five lakhs forty one thousand and fifty nine only) and Tariff Value Rs. 4,93,610/- (Rupees Four lakhs ninety three thousand six hundred and ten only).

I state that I had intentionally not declared the seized items before the Customs Authorities on my arrival at SVP International Airport Ahmedabad, 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. I also did not fill any Declaration form for declaring dutiable goods to Customs. I agree that I have done evasion Customs duty on the gold bar of 24 kt pure gold and having purity 995.0 totally weighing 136.700 Grams having Rs. 5,41,059/- (Rupees Five lakhs forty one thousand and fifty nine only) and Tariff Value Rs. 4,93,610/- (Rupees Four lakhs ninety three thousand six hundred and ten only), recovered from me.

I further state that in my earlier trip from Kuwait, I had not carried any prohibited / restricted / contraband items on the previous occasions.

Q-1: How many bank accounts do you have in your name?

A-1:I have only one bank account in State Bank of India at Udaipur branch but I do not remember the account number.


Q-2:What is your PAN Card number

A-2: I don't remember my PAN card Number.

I have nothing further to state at the moment. 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

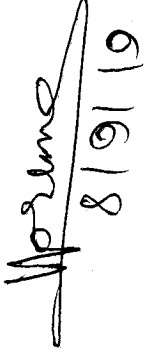


below. I further state that I will present myself before you whenever I will be called upon. I have requested the officer to type the statement on the computer and the same has been typed as per my say and I further state that I have shown and explained the panchnama and understand English and have read the aforesaid panchnama and my above statement and the same is true and correct.

Before me  


(Ketan Mandaliya)

Superintendent of Customs(AIU)

  
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(Prince Pachori)