

Statement of Mr. Khandhadia Chandresh Sureshbhai S/o Sureshbhai Manilal Khandhadia, aged 46 years (DOB:12.12.1973), holding Indian Passport Number No. L7654186, (mobile no. 9173459054)email-gkele999@gmail.com Resident of Chandra Villa, 51, Ashutosh Society, Guru Govalkar Road, Raiya Road, Rajkot Pin – 360 005, Gujarat, recorded under Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962 before the Superintendent (AIU), Customs, SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad on 20.01.2020.

I, Khandhadia Chandresh Sureshbhai, aged 46 years holding Indian Passport Number No. L7654186, present myself before you today on **20.01.2020** 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 or departmental proceedings. I give my true and voluntary statement as under:

My name is Chandresh S Khandhadia. I am residing at Chandra Villa, 51, Ashutosh Society, Guru Govalkar Marg, Raiya Road, Rajkot Pin – 360 005, Gujarat with my wife and with my one daughter and one son. My father's name is late Sureshbhai Manilal Khandhadia and my mother's name is late Ramaben Sureshbhai Khandhadia. My wife's name is Ms. Bindiya Chandresh Khandhadia. I have got to one brother and one sister. I have studied till 12th commerce in Rajkot in year 1991-92. Thereafter, I do small business in electronic items. I further state that I can read, write and understand Hindi, English and Gujarati and I can speak Hindi, English and Gujarati languages. My monthly income is Rs.50,000/-. I have read the panchnama and after understanding the same, I put my dated signature on panchnama drawn on 20.01.2020 in token of acceptance of the same.

I further state that I had arrived at SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad by Spice Jet Flight No.SG086 on 20.01.2020 from Bangkok and the facts narrated in the panchnama drawn on 20.01.2020 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 one check-in baggage and one carry bag having liquor bottles. 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 phone, and I also removed one gold kadiwali chain wearing in my neck hidden under my shirt and one Kadda wearing in my hand hidden under the long sleeves of my shirt. Thereafter I was asked to pass through the DFMD Machine installed at the arrival hall and no beep was heard. I also state that these gold kadiwali chain and gold Kada were bought by me for 3,00,000 baht from the shop located in the local market in Bangkok, Thailand and I did not take any bill for the gold kada and kadiwali chain.

On being explained by the Customs officer, they have called the Government Approved Valuer Mr.Karthekey Vasantrai Soni for valuation purpose. I agree and am fully satisfied with the method of testing and valuation done by the Valuer as mentioned in panchnama dated 20.01.2020. I agree that total gold weighing **200.760 Grams, Tariff valued at Rs. 7,14,906/- [Tariff Value] (Rupees Seven Lakh Forteen thousand Nine hundred and Six Only) and Market Valued at Rs. 8,27,131/- [**

(Market Value)] **Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Seven thousand One hundred and Thirty one only** which was seized by Customs officer under the panchnama as I had smuggled the same .

I state that I had intentionally not declared the said substance 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 or gold jewelleryes 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 on 24 kt. gold kada and a kadiwali gold chain weighing **200.760 Grams, Tariff valued at Rs. 7,14,906/- [Tariff Value] (Rupees Seven Lakh Forteen thousand Nine hundred and Six Only) and Market Valued at Rs. 8,27,131/- [(Market Value)] (Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Seven thousand One hundred and Thirty one only)** recovered from me.

I further state that i had earlier gone to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Dubai as visitor on visitor visa sponsored by various company like LG, Haier, Videocon on completion of sales target, On being asked, I state that above said company were given us the monthly, quarterly and yearly target. However I had not carried any prohibited / restricted / contraband items on the previous occasion. Further, I state that we the six in a group gone to visit Pataya and Bangkok on 16.01.2020 departed from SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad and came back today on 20.01.2020. I have nothing further to state at the moment.

Q.1 Please state details of your bank account

Ans. My saving account is in State Bank of India at Raiya Road Branch, Rajkot and I do not remember account number. My other current account is in the name of Gurukrupa Electronics having account in Yes bank, Race Course branch, Rajkot.

Q.2 How did you get money to buy the seized gold kada and gold kadiwali chain recovered from you?

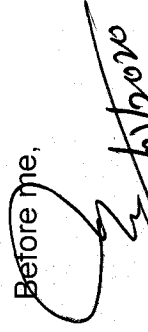
Ans. I got the money in the form of 3000 US Dollar from money exchange to meet the expense incurred at Pataya and Bangkok, Thailand. I had borrowed remaining money from my group member and I am supposed to return the money after reaching India.

Q.3 Please state the purpose of purchasing/bringing the gold into India.

Ans. I state that i had purchased the said Gold Kadda and Gold Kaddiwali Chain for my daughters marriage. My daughter is 20 years old.

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 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 R. Mandaliya)
Superintendent (AIU)

Panchnama
20/01/2020

(Chandresh S Khandhadia)