

**DEPOSITION OF WITNESS NO.09 FOR THE
PROSECUTION**

I do hereby on solemn affirmation state that -

**My name is : Dr. Rakesh S/o. Dr. Anup Kumar
Minhas,**

Age : 36 Years, Occu.- Collector, Jammu,
R/o.: Jammu.

**Examination-in-chief by Ld. A.P.P.
Mr. P. G. Patel, for U.T. -**

1] In the year 2021, I was posted as Collector in U.T. of D&NH at Silvassa. As Collector, Silvassa, I was served about 10 to 11 months. I was also holding charge of District Election Officer (D.E.O.) of D&NH. At that time, the Government declared by-election of Parliamentary of U.T. of D&NH. The photocopy of letter dated 24.10.2021 shown to me is the same. It bears my signature. The contents therein are true and correct.

Chief complete.

**Cross-examination by Ld. Adv. Mr. S. S.
Modasia, for accused -**

1] I personally verified the video uploaded on social media. I am satisfied that it was verified video. I have no reason to how I verified. I have not communicated any written or verbal to the election candidate about the video. It is true to say that the said video was uploaded on Kamya News Youtube channel. My office has subscription of Kamya news channel as

well as all social news channels. I have not written letter to Kamya news channel about the said video. I do not know whether any Government officer or election team was recorded said video.

2] The letter dated 24.10.2021 was issued about the apprehension of religious tension to public at large. I do not know whether due to the speech, whether any communal riot or tension arose within the territory. It is not true to say that without any proper communication, I wrote the letter to Chief Election Officer. It is not true to say that under the pressure of BJP State President Mr. Deepesh Tandel, I make false communication.

Cross complete.

No Re-examination.

Before Me,

R.O.A.C.

Date : 23/09/2025.
Silvassa.

(Mr. Jaydeo Y. Ghule)
Chief Judicial Magistrate,
D.&N.H., Silvassa.