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Further Statement of Shri P.C. Pande, S/o, Shri Prakash Chandra Pande, aged about 63 years, R/o, Bungalow No. 22, Govt. Officers Quarters, Duffnala Shahibaug, Ahmedabad City u/s 161 Cr.P.C.

In continuation of my earlier statement dated 23.03.2011, today, I have been shown today photo copy of office copy of a fax message in english bearing No. D-2/2-COM/ALERT/100/2002, dated 27.02.2002 purportedly sent by Shri Sanjiv Bhatt, as Deputy Commissioner (Security). After going through the same, I state that though this message is addressed to me yet the same was never received or seen by me. The said fax message does not contain any classification and the dispatch number had been typed, which is unusual. In this connection, it may be added here that State IB is not directly responsible for local intelligence in Ahmedabad City, which is being looked after by the Special Branch of Ahmedabad City. In fact, such a message should have been directly addressed to DGP i.e. Police Gandhinagar with at the most copy to me as the bandh had been announced through out the State of Gujarat and the said apprehension was for the whole of State.

As already stated, I had attended a meeting called by the Chief Minister at his residence late in the evening of 27.02.2002 around 2230 hrs on his return from Godhra. The sum and substance of this meeting was that the dead bodies of kar-sevaks killed in Godhra incident were being brought to the Ahmedabad City with a view to facilitate the relations of the deceased persons to identify and claim the dead bodies. It may be added here that the fact relating to the decision taken by the State Govt. to bring the dead bodies of kar-sevaks to Sola Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad by road was already known to me. In view of this situation, there was no occasion for Shri Sanjiv Bhatt to send such a message. The Chief Minister was of the view that there could be repercussions of the Godhra incident and as such sufficient police bandobast should be made and all necessary steps taken to maintain peace. On completion of the meeting, which could be around 2300 hrs or so, I returned to my office at Shahibaug, Ahmedabad. In the office, Shri Shivanand Jha, Addl. CP, Sector-I and Shri M.K. Tandon, the then Jt. CP, Sector-II were already present. I discussed the bandobast made by them in the Ahmedabad City and also gave instructions to ensure that peace was maintained and no untoward incidents take place. Various other issues relating to law & order situation were also discussed in this meeting, which lasted till about 0100 hrs on 28.02.2002. During this period, no such fax message was received by me. On going through the message, I find that I had never seen any such message sent by Shri Sanjiv Bhatt on behalf of Addl. DGP (Int.) during my tenure as Commissioner of Police, Ahmedabad.

I have also gone through a photo copy of another fax message in english bearing No. D-2/2-COM/ALERT/174/2002, dated 28.02.2002 purportedly sent by Shri Sanjiv Bhatt as Deputy Commissioner (Communal) on behalf of Addl. DGP(Int.),

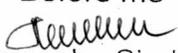
which is addressed to PS to CM, Gandhinagar and PS to MoS (Home) with information to Home Secretary, Gandhinagar, Police Gandhinagar and CP, Ahmedabad. In this connection, it may be added here that the said message does not bear any security classification and the dispatch number had been typed on the computer. Further, as per this message CP, Ahmedabad was supposed to take immediate effective action about the attack on Gulberg Society, Chamanpura, Meghaninagar and also to provide a situation report to State Control Room under intimation to Addl. DGP (Int.), but the message had not been addressed to CP Ahmedabad and instead sent to PS to CM and PS to MoS (Home) with information to others. As already stated, that on 28.02.2002, at about 1220 hrs a message was received from Sr. PI, Meghaninagar that Gulberg Society in Meghaninagar area, which is a Muslim society had been surrounded by a mob of 10000, which was pelting stones and setting fire to the shops nearby and rickshaws, through which he requested for additional officers and police force immediately. On receipt of this message three officers namely Shri G.D. Solanki, the then Dy. SP, Group-VII, Shri Ajitkumar Gupta, the then Dy. SP, Group-X and Shri A.B. Qureshi, the then PI, CID Crime were deputed at about 1230 hrs to go to Gulberg Society to assist PI, Meghaninagar in handling the situation. Further, at about 1345 hrs, one section of CISF was also sent to Gulberg Society, Meghaninagar for the assistance of PI, Meghaninagar. At 1405 hrs, Shri M.K. Tandon, Jt. CP, Sector-II sent another message that late Ahesan Jafri and other had been surrounded by a mob at Gulberg Society and extra force and PI, Sardarnagar be sent to shift them. Two more messages were received at 1414 hrs and 1445 hrs from PI, Meghaninagar requesting for extra force, but as two Dy. SsP, one PI and one section of CISF had already been dispatched to the Gulberg Society and no other force was available with me, no additional force could be sent. Though I do not recollect specifically at this stage, but it was quite possible that the DGP might have spoken to me about the situation in the Gulberg society and also about the declaration of curfew. It may be mentioned here that curfew was declared in Chamanpura chowky area, under whose jurisdiction Gulberg Society is located, at 1220 hrs.

After going through this message dated 28.02.2002, I state that no such fax message was ever received or seen by me from Addl. DGP (Int.). Further, no situation report as demanded in the said message was sent to SCR or Addl. DGP (Int.). Had there been any such message the same would have definitely been put up to me and necessary situation report sent to the State Control Room and/or Addl. DGP (Int.). Both these fax messages false and fabricated documents.

I have also been shown a photo copy of another fax message bearing No. C/D-2/BANAO/178/2002, dated 28.02.2002 handwritten in Gujarati, signed by Shri Sanjiv Bhatt and sent to Home Secretary, Gandhinagar with information to PS to CM, PS to MoS (Home), Police Gandhinagar and Police Commissioner, Ahmedabad City on behalf of Addl. DGP (Int.) intimating about an attack by a Hindu mob on Gulberg Society located in Chamanpura, Meghaninagar, Ahmedabad City resulting

in the death of Ex-MP Ahasan Jafri and 18 others and that the attack by the mob was still continuing, which might have widespread repercussions through out the State. I do not remember to have received such a message. However, it may be pointed out that this message does not contain any reference to the earlier message No. 174 purportedly sent by Shri Sanjiv Bhatt earlier during the day, which goes to show that the earlier message claimed to have been sent by Shri Sanjiv Bhatt was not a genuine one and appears to have been manipulated subsequently.

Read over and admitted to be correct.

Before me

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