

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION**

MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NO. 84 OF 2023

1] Balkrishna Vasudeo Kulkarni

2] Mrunalini Balkrishna Kulkarni

...Deceased

Makarand Balkrishna Kulkarni

...Petitioner

Mr. Sushil A. Inamdar for the Petitioner.

CORAM : ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.

DATED : 17th March, 2023.

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1 The Petitioner seeks the grant of a Legal Heirship Certificate under the provisions of Section 2 of the Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 in respect of one Balkrishna Vasudeo Kulkarni (“the deceased”), who died in Thane on 25th February, 2009. A copy of the death certificate is annexed to the Miscellaneous Petition. It is stated that despite due and diligent search, no Will of the deceased has been found. It is therefore assumed that the deceased died intestate.

2 The deceased left behind him surviving as his only heirs and next of kin according to Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the persons mentioned in the table in paragraph 4 of the Petition.

3 The reason for which the Legal Heirship Certificate is required is set out in Paragraph No. 15 of the Miscellaneous Petition.

4 The other legal heirs of the deceased have filed consent affidavits, which are annexed to the Petition.

5 No other Petition for Legal Heirship Certificate, Succession Certificate, Probate or Letters of Administration with or without Will annexed has been filed. Therefore, there is no impediment in law to the grant of relief.

6 I have heard the learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Petitioner as well as perused the said Petition. I find that the same is in order and deserves to be allowed in the interest of justice.

7 The Miscellaneous Petition is therefore allowed in terms of prayer clause (A) which reads as under :-

“(A) This Hon’ble Court be pleased to issue a Legal Heirship Certificate to the petitioner under the provision of Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 certifying that 1] Makarand Balkrishna Kulkarni 2] Milind Balkrishna Kulkarni & 3] Shruti Shailesh Joshi alias Manjushri Balkrishna Kulkarni are only heirs and legal representatives of the deceased 1] Balkrishna Vasudeo Kulkarni and 2] Mrunalini Balkrishna Kulkarni.”

8 In view of the Consent Affidavits filed by other legal heirs, issuance of proclamation is dispensed with.

9. The Registry shall issue the Legal Heirship Certificate in the standard format prescribed for the same.

10 The Miscellaneous Petition is accordingly disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)