

**Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date 05th April 2024**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

33. TP/75/2024 P. C. Ms. Vinali Bhaidkar Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner
(ECHCBM0218494
2023)

1) This is a petition for the grant of Letters of Administration, under the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (for short "IS Act") for the properties left by the deceased, namely Suresh Gopichand Manchandani (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioner, namely Smita Pankaj Gianani nee Smita Suresh Manchandani, has filed documents such as a true copy of the death certificate of the deceased, identity proof of the deceased, and oath in the prescribed format.

2) I have heard Ld. Advocate and peruse the petition along with the documents. Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner submitted that she has uploaded administration bond online having document no. EDHCBM02153842024. Citation is issued on 29.02.2024 and affidavit of service is also filed by Sheriff.

3) Said deceased died on 12-07-2020 at Mumbai leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in paragraph No. 5 of the petition. Petitioner/s states that there are no other legal heirs to the deceased, except heirs shown in the petition. Deceased left properties are shown in the schedule.

4) Citation was issued, which has been duly affixed on the conspicuous part of the Hon'ble High Court and notice board of the Collector's Office at Mumbai and 14 days have expired vide Rule 397(1) and (4) of the Bombay High Court (O.S.) Rules, 1980 (for short "BHC Rules") and an affidavit to that effect has been filed. Notice to the collector has been issued vide Rule 396 of BHC Rules. Till today, no one appeared to resist the claim of the petitioner or nothing has been brought to the notice regarding pending litigation

about the same properties. Hence, the petition is treated as an uncontested one.

5) Legal heirs of the deceased has consented by way of Affidavit to grant the prayer of the petitioner to grant a Letters of Administration, without reserving any right. He has accepted the facts, regarding their relationship, inter-se.

6) Petitioner has filed the administration Bond in prescribed form No. 118 with surety.

7) Ld. Advocate for the petitioner submitted that in view of provisions of Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the petitioner, being daughter of the deceased, is entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by the petitioner and heir of the deceased, on oath, remained unchallenged and required to be accepted. Accordingly, the petition deserves to be allowed, as prayed for. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

- 1) Petition is allowed and the Letters of Administration be granted to the petitioner for properties, left by the deceased and shown in the schedule, in the prescribed format as per the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925
- 2) Before issuance of the grant, the office to verify that there is no cross Petition pending or caveat resisting the petition is filed.
- 3) The petitioner is to file an account as undertaken in a Petitioner's Oath within the stipulated period. Office to verify that an Administration Bond is properly executed and uploaded.

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