

**Before :Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date 15th July 2024**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

30. TP/810/2024 P. Shri. Hrishikesh Giri i/b Swapnil Chopade Ld. Advocate for
[Original] C. : the Petitioner

(ECHCBM020464
12023)

1) This is a petition for grant of Letters of Administration, under the Provisions of Indian Succession Act, 1925 (for short "IS Act") for the properties left by the deceased, namely Ashwin Anantha Mangalore Bhandarkar (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioner, namely Gomati Ashwin Bhandarkar, has filed documents such as true copy of the death certificate of the deceased, identity proof of the deceased, oath in the prescribed format, affidavit of service citation.

2) I have heard Ld. Advocate and perused the petition along with the documents. Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner submitted that he has uploaded administration bond online having document no. EDHCBM02334612024. Office is directed to correct the name of the petitioner by mentioning the correct surname of the petitioner.

3) Said deceased died Married on 09/07/2016 at 100 Parkway, Forest Drive, Unit No. 1507, North York, Ontario M2J IL6, Canada leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in the paragraph No. 4 of the petition. Petitioner states that there are no other legal heirs to the deceased, except heirs shown in the petition. Deceased left properties shown in the schedule. The delay has been explained vide Rule 382 of the Rules.

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 been 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 collector has been issued vide Rule 396 of BHC Rules. Till today, no one appeared to resist the claim of the petitioner or nothing is brought to the notice regarding pending litigation pertaining to the same properties. Hence, the petition is treated as uncontested one.

5) Legal heir of the deceased is minor daughter of the deceased and the petitioner. Hence, in view of the Order passed in TP No. 1701/2017, the petitioner being the birth parent is exempted from the justifying the surety for the share of the minor.

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 the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the petitioner, being Widow of the deceased, is entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by petitioner and heir of the deceased, on oath, remained unchallenged and required to be accepted. Accordingly, petition deserves to be allowed, as prayed for. Hence, 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 prescribed format as per the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.
- 2) The petitioner to file an account as under taken in a Petitioner's Oath within stipulated period.
- 3) Before issuance of the grant, the office to verify that there is no cross Petition is pending or caveat resisting the petition is filed.

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