

**Before :Shri. P. A. Jagdale,  
Officer on Special Duty,  
With Testamentary Department  
Date 22nd July, 2024**

**FOR COMPLIANCE:**

31. TP/758/2024 P. Shri. Mevalal Verma Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner  
[Original] C. :

(ECHCBM022253  
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 Vithal Ramchandra Karangutkar @ V. R. Karangutkar (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioners, namely (1) Gurudatta Vitthal Karangutkar, (2) Supriya Sunil Ogale and (3) Darshana Devdatta Karangutkar, have 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 Devdutta was married and died leaving behind his legal heirs whose names are mentioned at serial no. 6 to 8. In view of para no. 4, submission is accepted.

3) Said deceased died as a Widower on 24/03/2002 at Mumbai leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in the paragraph No. 4 of the petition. Petitioners state 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 heirs of the deceased have consented by way of Affidavits to grant prayer of petitioner to grant a Letters of Administration, without reserving any right. They have accepted the facts, regarding their relationship, inter-se.

6) Petitioners have filed the administration Bond in prescribed form No. 118 with surety.

7) Ld. Advocate for the petitioners submitted that in view of provisions of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the petitioner no. 1 being son, petitioner no. 2 being daughter and the petitioner no. 3 being daughter in law of the deceased, are entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by petitioner and heirs 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 petitioners 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 petitioners 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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