

Before : Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date 09th May, 2024

FOR COMPLIANCE:

49. TP/803/2024 P. Shri. Prasad Batavia Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner
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(ECHCBM022250
42023)

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 (1) Roda Godrej Gandhi, and (2) Godrej Mancherji Gandhi, (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioner, namely Khushroo Godrej Gandhi, has filed documents such as true copy of the death certificates 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. EDHCBM02306372024. Citation is affixed on 23.04.2024 and affidavit of service is also filed by Sheriff.

3) Said deceased died No. 1 married and No.2 Widower on No. 1 died at County of Santa Clara, California 94040, USA. and deceased No.2 died at Mumbai leaving behind them legal heir, shown in the paragraph No. 5 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.

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) In view of order passed by the Hon'ble Court in TP Nos. 2556 & 2559 of 2022 dated 28.02.2023, the petitioner being the sole class-I heir of the deceased is exempted from furnishing the administrative bond.

6) Ld. Advocate for the petitioner submitted that in view of provisions of Indian Succession Act, 1925, the petitioner, being Son of the deceased, is entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by petitioner, 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)** Before issuance of the grant, the office to verify that there is no cross Petition is pending or caveat resisting the petition is filed.
- 3)** The petitioner to file an account as under taken in a Petitioner's Oath within stipulated period.

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