

BEFORE : MRS. R.V. RANE
COMPANY REGISTRAR /
TESTAMENTARY REGISTRAR
DATE : 6th April'2024.

Sr. No.149 – TP 1771 of 2024
(ECHCBM02034022024))

None for the petitioner.

Called for direction

1. Perused Petition. This petition is for Succession Certificate in respect of certain **debts** belonging to the deceased viz. SOHINI SURESH MEHTA who died at **Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, United States** on **1st February'2018**. Copy of death certificate is annexed at Exhibit- A to the petition. Copy of Identification proof of deceased is annexed at Exhibit-A1 to the petition.

2. Upon perusal of the petition it is noticed that the deceased ordinarily resided at 561 Jenne Drive Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15236, United States, and left property within greater Bombay and in State of Maharashtra.

Pursuant to the direction passed by the Hon'ble Court in TP No. 233 of 2022 the issue of jurisdiction under section 371 of the Indian Succession Act is decided. It is decided that, this Hon'ble Court is having Jurisdiction if, the Securities/Debts lies in the Jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court. This Court is having jurisdiction to proceed with the matter. Since, the Hon'ble Court has decided the issue of the Jurisdiction petition can be proceeded.

3. Upon looking to the schedule of Next-of-kin, it is noticed that the legal heirs left behind both the deceased surviving as **her** only heirs next-of-kin according to Hindu Succession Act, 1956 are mentioned in para no. 4 of the said petition.

4. Upon perusal of the petition, it is noticed that the said deceased died intestate and that due and diligent search has been made for Will but none has been found.

5. Upon perusal of the petition, it is noticed that no application has been made to any District Court or District Delegate or to any High Court for Probate of any Will of the said deceased or for Letters of Administration will or without Will annexed to his property and credits or any petition for Succession Certificate.

6. In the aforesaid circumstances, I pass the following order:

ORDER

a. Office to Issue General Notice after two weeks from the date of uploading of order.

b. Advocate for the petitioner to file Affidavit of Service of General Notice and also effect service upon non-consenting legal heirs, if any as per Rules 399 and 400 of the Bombay High Court Original Side Rules and also justify surety of non-consenting legal heirs and furnish Administration Bond within one week thereafter.

c. Office to verify if any cross petition is filed, if cross petition is filed, then take steps to place before the Hon'ble Court under Rule 407 of High Court Original Side Rules.

d. List the matter on 26.06.2024 for compliance.

**COMPANY REGISTRAR/
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