

Before : Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date : 13th September, 2024

CALLED FOR COMPLIANCE :

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Mr. Dhaval Visawadia, Advocate for the Petitioner

- P. C. :**
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 Mithalal Samrathmal Jain alias Sottany alias Sottani (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioner, namely Rajesh Mithalal Sottany alias Jain, has filed documents.
 2. I have heard Ld. Advocate for petitioner. I perused the 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 of Citation. Ld. Advocate for petitioner submits that corrected Administration Bond is uploaded on the official portal of the Bombay High Court. The said submission is accepted. Hence, the present Petition is taken for final order.
 3. Said deceased died as a Married on 26-02-2023 at Mumbai leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in the paragraph Nos. 4 & 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 – I annexed to the petition.
 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 as per Rule 397(1) and (4) of the Bombay High Court(Original Side) Rules, 1980 (for short "BHC Rules") and an affidavit to that effect has been filed. Notice to Collector has been issued as per 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.

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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. Petitioner has filed the Administration Bond in the 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 son of deceased, is 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 petitioner for properties, left by the deceased and shown in the Schedule – I annexed to the petition, in the prescribed format as per the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.

2) The petitioner to file an account as undertaken in a Petitioner's Oath within stipulated period.

3) Before issuance of the grant, office to verify that there is no cross Petition is pending or caveat resisting the petition is filed.

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