

**Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With the Testamentary Department
Date 17th November 2025**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

71. TP/5423/2024 P. C. : Ms. Chandravali Nair a/w Ms. Sharon Rodrigues Ld.
Advocate for the Petitioner

P.C.:

- 1) Petitioners, namely (1) Dominic Lawrence Fernandes, (2) Mrs. Maria Fernandes & (3) Mrs. Jacintha Simoes, have applied for the grant of Letters of Administration, under the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (for short "IS Act"), for the properties left by the deceased, namely Felicinia Rozario Fernandes (For short "Said deceased").
- 2) I have heard Ld. Advocate. I perused the documents, such as a true copy of the death certificate of the deceased, an identity proof of the deceased, an oath in the prescribed format, affidavit of service citation.
- 3) Said deceased died as a Widow on 12-06-2022 at Mumbai leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in the paragraph No. 6 of the petition. Petitioners state that there are no other legal heirs to the deceased, except heirs shown in the petition. The deceased left properties shown in Schedule I of the petition.
- 4) Citation was issued, which has been duly affixed on the Notice Board 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 the collector has been issued vide Rule 396 of the BHC Rules. Till today, no one has appeared to resist the claim of the petitioner, nor has anything been brought to the notice regarding pending litigation about the same properties. Hence, the petition is treated as an uncontested one.
- 5) In view of the Order, passed in the TP No. 2918/2023, all the legal heirs of the deceased are petitioners, and therefore, they are exempted from furnishing the surety Bond.
- 6) Ld. Advocate for the petitioners submitted that in view of provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, the petitioner No. 1 being son and No. 2 and 3 being daughters of the deceased, are entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence,

facts stated by the petitioners on oath, remained unchallenged and required to be accepted. Accordingly, the 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 the prescribed format, having effect throughout the State of Maharashtra as per the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.
- 2) The petitioners to file an account as undertaken in a Petitioner's Oath within the stipulated period.
- 3) Before issuance of the grant, the office to verify that there is no cross-petition pending or caveat resisting the petition is filed.

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