

**Before :Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date 12th February, 2025**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

29. TP/428/2024 P. C. Ms. Sneha Chanotra Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner

[Original]

(ECHCBM0212776
2023)

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) Murlidhar Bhavanishankar Hattangadi and (2) Manini Murlidhar Hattangadi (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioner, namely Gautam Murlidhar Hattangadi, has filed documents.

2) I have heard Ld. Advocate. I perused the documents, such as true copy of the death certificates of both the deceased, identity proofs of both the deceased, oath in the prescribed format, affidavit of service citation. Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner made a statement that bank account which is mentioned at serial no. 2 of the schedule is jointly held by the both the deceased. Hence, matter is taken for order.

3) Said deceased No. 1 died as widower on 06/03/2021 at Thane and deceased No. 2 died as married on 09/05/2020 at Thane leaving behind them legal heirs, shown in the paragraph No. 6 of the petition. Petitioner/s 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 of the petition. The delay has been explained vide Rule 382 of the Rules.

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 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. Legal heirs have accepted the facts, regarding their relationship, inter-se.

6) Petitioner has filed the administration Bond in 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 the 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, in prescribed format as per the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.
- 2) The petitioner 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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