

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date: 26th August, 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

91. TP/438/2025 P. C. : Shri. Vivek Pawar a/w Shri. Vishal Shedge i/b
(AMH20240001442C
202400022)
with
WILL/181/2025

Shivaji Nirmale Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner

1) This petition is filed by petitioner, being sole beneficiary under the Will executed by Surekha Rajaram Ghare (herein after the same is referred to as "Testatrix"), for grant of a Letters of Administration with Will annexed. Said Testatrix said to have died at Mumbai on 09.04.2016. Petitioner, namely Vinod Rajaram Ghare, filed the copy of death certificate, identity proof of the testator, Will along with its English translation, petitioner's oath.

2) Perused petition. Heard Ld. Advocate for petitioner. Perused documents.

3) The petitioner has explained the delay vide Rule 382 of the Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rule, 1980(for short "Rules").

4) No executor has been appointed under the Will. The petitioner is the sole Legatee under the Will. Hence, petition is tenable.

5) Petitioner stated that the deceased left behind her last Will and Testament which was duly executed at Mumbai on 08.04.2015, in Marathi language. In view of the Order of the Hon'ble Court passed in the TP No. 1263/2023, the Ld. Advocate for the petitioner has filed an affidavit stating that the translation of the Will is true translation as per the contents of the Original Will. The Will is handed in separately for being filed and kept in a safe place in the Office of the Prothonotary and Senior Master, High Court, Bombay.

6) Ld. Advocate for petitioner submits that Testatrix is survived by legal heirs, whose details

are given in the petition's paragraph No. 08, as per the provisions of Hindu Succession Act, 1956. The petitioner affirmed that there are no other legal heirs of the deceased, except mentioned in the petition.

7) Citation to non-consenting legal heirs of the deceased, namely Vaibhav Vilas Ghare and Viraj Vilas Ghare, has been issued. However, citation could not be served upon them in regular mode. Report of Bailiff, in this regard, is also on the Record along with affidavit dated 18.08.2025. The petitioner has taken out an Chamber Order, having No.CHOL 206/2025, to serve the Citation to non-consenting legal heir/s of the deceased by publishing citation in the daily newspaper namely, "Free Press Journal" and "Navshakti(Marathi)". Accordingly, affidavit of service has been filed by the Ld. Advocate for the petitioner regarding service vide Rule 400 of the Rules. However, non-consenting legal heirs did not resist the petition.

8) 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.

9) The petitioner has filed the affidavit of Subhash Govind Dhanaji, one of attesting Witnesses to the Will, in form No.102 of Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rules, 1980. He deposed that deceased signed the Testament in his presence after going through its contents. Hence, enough evidence is on record to accept the execution of the Will and petitioner is

succeeded to prove the execution of Will. According to him all additions and alteration in a Will were existed at the time of execution before signing the Will. Hence, there is sufficient compliance of the Rule 383 of the Rules.

10) Properties mentioned in the schedule-I of the petition are referred in the Will.

11) Petitioner has executed the administration Bond in the prescribed format. Hence, following order:

ORDER

- 1)** Petition is granted.
- 2)** Office to issue Letters of Administration with Will annexed to the petitioner, as per the Rules, having effect throughout the State of Maharashtra.
- 3)** Before issuance of Letters of Administration with Will, the office to verify that there is no cross Petition is pending or caveat is filed. Office to act accordingly.

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