

Before: Shri. P A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date: 09th May, 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

59. TP/1853/2024 P. C. : Shri. Chetan Chauhan i/b Vishaki Bhatia Ld.
[Original]
(ECHCBM020260120
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with
WILL/729/2024

Advocate for the Petitioner

1) This petition is filed by petitioner, being one of the beneficiaries under the Will executed by Snehlata Jayawant Rane (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 21.08.2023. Petitioner, namely Subhash Fattasing Rane, 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) No executor has been appointed under the Will. The petitioner is the one of the beneficiary under the Will. Hence, petition is tenable.

4) Petitioner stated that the deceased left behind her last Will and Testament which was duly executed at Mumbai on 20.05.2022, 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 original 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.

5) Ld. Advocate for petitioner submits that Testatrix was survived by legal heirs, as per the provisions of Hindu Succession Act, 1956. The petitioner affirmed that there are no other legal

heirs of the deceased.

6) Citation to non-consenting legal heirs, namely Raghunath, Sunita, Sheela and Shailesh was issued and is has been served on 01.06.2024. The citation issued to Sheetal Tripathi is duly served on 07.03.2025. However, non of them contested the petition by filing the caveat.

7) 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.

8) The petitioner has filed the affidavit of Megha Pradip Bharge one of Attesting Witnesses to the Will, in form No.102 of Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rules, 1980. She deposed that she was present and deceased signed the Testament in presence of her and another witness, 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 her all additions and alteration in a Will were existed at the time of execution and before signing the Will. Hence, there is sufficient compliance of the Rule 383 of the Rules.

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

10) Other legatees, namely Bhushan Rane, Deepshree Dhuri and Neha Rane, have given consent to grant Letters of Administration to petitioner.

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, upon satisfaction that the administration Bond is properly executed, as per the Rules, throughout 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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