

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date: 07th February 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

84. TP/3348/2024 P.C. : Shri. R S Champawat Ld. Advocate for the
[Original] Petitioner
(ECHCBM020858320
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with
WILL/1354/2024

1) This petition is filed by petitioner, being one of the beneficiaries under the Will executed by Ramniklal Vadilal Kothari (herein after the same is referred to as "Testator"), for grant of a Letters of Administration with Will annexed. Said Testator said to have died at Mumbai on 13-05-2016 Petitioner, namely Tejas Ramniklal Kothari, filed the copy of death certificate, identity proof of the testator, Will along with its 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) The executors, namely (1) Dilipbhai Premchand Shah and (2) Jignesh Champaklal Vora, have relinquished executorship by filing an affidavits at Ex. C & D. The petitioner is the one of the legatee under the Will. Hence, petition is tenable.

5) Petitioner stated that the deceased left behind his last Will and Testament which was duly executed at Mumbai on 09.10.2008, in Gujarati 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.

6) Ld. Advocate for petitioner submits that parents of deceased predeceased testator and testator was survived by legal heirs, as per the provisions of Hindu Succession Act, 1956. Legal heirs of the testator have consented to the petition and thereby waived the service of Citation. The petitioner affirmed that there are no other legal heirs of the deceased.

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 Nitesh Chandulal Kothari, one of Attesting Witnesses to the Will, in form No.102 of Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rules, 1980. He deposed that he was present and deceased signed the Testament in presence of him 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 him 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 Falguni, Nilesh, Vidhi, Krish, except petitioner, have given consent to grant Letters of Administration to petitioner. Another legatee namely Kaahil, is no more.

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, renouncing the right of the Executors namely (1) Dilipbhai Premchand Shah and (2) Jignesh Champaklal Vora, 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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