

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date: 25th February 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

44. TP/3658/2024 P.C. : Nisha Sharma i/b ONE POINT LEGAL
Along with SOLUTIONS(P), Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner
Will No. 1432/2024

- 1) This petition is filed by petitioner, being one of the beneficiaries under the Will executed by Himmat Chandrasen Gokalagandhi (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 as unmarried at Mumbai on 31-10-2022. Petitioner, namely Dhanlaxmi Chandrasen Gokalagandhi, filed the copy of death certificate, identity proof of the testator, Will along with its official 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 legatee under the Will. Hence, petition is tenable.
- 4) Petitioner stated that the deceased left behind his last Will and Testament which was duly executed at Original on undated, in Gujarati language. Its official translation is filed on the record. 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 parents of deceased predeceased testator and testator was survived by legal heirs, as per the provisions of Hindu Succession Act, 1956. Legal heir of the testator, namely Madhavi Kasbekar nee Madhavi Shah (a sister), has consented to the petition and thereby waived the service of Citation. The petitioner affirmed that there are no other legal heirs of the deceased.

6) Citation to non-consenting legal heir of the deceased, namely Vasant Gokalgandhi (a sister of the deceased), was issued, which is duly served upon her by sheriff via Post Service on 26.09.2024. However, non-consenting legal heir did not resist the petition.

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 (1) Dhruv Bhansali, (2) Richa Chheda, 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.

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

10) Other legatees, namely Madhavi, has 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 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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