

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date: 23rd April, 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

88. TP/4578/2024 P. C. : Ms. Pooja Kharat Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner
[Original]
(ECHCBM020472020
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with
WILL/1825/2024

- 1) This petition is filed by petitioner, being sole beneficiary under the Will executed by Vasanti Devi Sharda W/o Paras Ram Sharda (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 Jodhpur on 29-04-2019. Petitioner, namely Aman Rajendra Sharda, 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) The executor, namely Rajendra Kumar Sharda have relinquished executorship by filing an affidavits at page No. 27 of the petition. The petitioner is the one of the beneficiary 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 Jodhpur on 20.12.2012, in Hindi 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 Testatrix is survived by legal heir, whose details are given in the petition, 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. Legal heir of the testatrix has consented to the petition and thereby waived the service of Citation.

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 Rajkamal Rathi, S/o Ram Gopal Rathi, 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 as well as presence of 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) 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, Rajendra Kumar Sharda, 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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