

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date: 03rd July, 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

85. TP/5542/2024 P. C. : Shri. Saurabh Oka Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner
(AMH20240126891C
202400005)
with
WILL/2194/2024

1) This petition is filed by petitioner, being one of the beneficiaries under the Will executed by Indira Digambar Kulkarni (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 28/04/2024. Petitioner, namely Ujwala Rahul Soman, 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 26.02.2019, in Marahi 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.

5) Ld. Advocate for petitioner submits that Testatrix is survived by legal heirs, 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.

6) 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.

7) The petitioner has filed the affidavit of Darshana David one of attesting Witnesses to the Will, in form No.102 of Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rules, 1980. She deposed that deceased signed the Testament and also affixed her thumb impression in her 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.

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

9) Other legatee, namely Upendra Kulkarni, has given consent to grant Letters of Administration to petitioner.

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, 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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