

**Before :Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date 21st February, 2025**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

41.TP/5667/2024 P. Shri. Jayant Wani i/b LAKDAWALA AND COMPANY Ltd.
(AMH202401299 C. : Advocate for the Petitioner
54C202400074)

1) This is a petition for grant of Letters of Administration, under the Provisions of Indian Succession Act, 1925 (for short "IS Act") for the properties left by the deceased, namely Santosh Sitaram Palkar alias Santosh S. Palkar alias Santosh Palkar (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioner, namely SMITA SANTOSH PALKAR, has filed documents.

2) I have heard Ld. Advocate. I perused the documents, such as true copy of the death certificates of the deceased, identity proof of the deceased, oath in the prescribed format, affidavit of service citation.

3) Said deceased died as a married on 24/04/2020 at Mumbai leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in the paragraph No. 4 of the petition. Petitioner states that there are no other legal heirs to the deceased, except heirs shown in the petition. Deceased left properties shown in the schedule-I of the petition. The delay has been explained vide Rule 382 of the Rules.

4) Citation was issued, which has been duly affixed on the Notice Board 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.

5) Legal heir of the deceased, Sunita(mother of the deceased) has consented by way of Affidavit to grant prayer of petitioner to grant a Letters of Administration, without reserving any right. Legal heir has accepted the facts, regarding their relationship, inter-se.

6) The petitioner being birth parent of the minor has filed affidavit. In view of the order passed in the Testamentary Petition No. 1701 of 2017, there is no requisition to justify the share of minor legal heir, namely Shriya, as the petitioner is the birth parent of said minor.

7) Petitioner has filed the administration Bond in prescribed form No. 118 with surety.

8) Ld. Advocate for the petitioner submitted that in view of provisions of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the petitioner, being Widow of the deceased, is entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by petitioner and heirs of the deceased, on oath, remained unchallenged and required to be accepted. Accordingly, petition deserves to be allowed, as prayed for. Hence, following order:

ORDER

- 1)** Petition is allowed and the Letters of Administration be granted to the petitioner for properties, left by the deceased and shown in the schedule, in prescribed format as per the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.
- 2)** The petitioner to file an account as under taken in a Petitioner's Oath within stipulated period.
- 3)** Before issuance of the grant, the office to verify that there is no cross Petition is pending or caveat resisting the petition is filed.

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