

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTTESTATE JURISDICTION
MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NO. 58 OF 2025

Praveen Madhukar Kandalgaonkar ...Petitioner

Madhukar Akoji Kandalgaonkar ...Deceased

Sandesh Kamble for the Petitioner.

CORAM : ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.

DATE : 27TH FEBRUARY, 2025

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1. It was observed that while the deceased had other legal heirs named in table in paragraph 4, the prayer clause mentioned only the name of the Petitioner.

2. Learned Counsel seeks leave to amend the prayer clause by incorporating the names of all the legal heirs. He is permitted to do so.

3. Amendment to be carried out within a period of one week from today. Reverification is dispensed with.

4. The Petitioner seeks the grant of a Legal Heirship Certificate under the provisions of Section 2 of the Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 in respect of

one Madhukar Akoji Kandalgaonkar ('the deceased'), who died at Mumbai on 24th April, 2020. A copy of the death certificate is annexed to the Miscellaneous Petition. It is stated that despite due and diligent search, no Will of the deceased has been found. It is therefore assumed that the deceased died intestate.

5. The deceased left behind him surviving as his only heirs and next of kin according to Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the persons mentioned in the table in paragraph 4 of the Petition.

6. The reason for which the Legal Heirship Certificate is required is set out in paragraph 6 of the Miscellaneous Petition.

7. The other legal heirs of the deceased have filed consent affidavits, which are annexed to the Petition.

8. The Registry has duly verified the Petition. No other Petition for Legal Heirship Certificate, Succession Certificate, Probate or Letters of Administration with or without Will annexed has been filed. Therefore, there is no impediment in law to the grant of relief.

9. I have heard the learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Petitioner as well as perused the said Petition. I find that the same is in order and deserves to be allowed in the interest of justice.

10. The Miscellaneous Petition is therefore allowed.
11. The Registry shall issue the Legal Heirship Certificate in the standard format prescribed for the same, subject to all compliance of office requisitions and aforesaid amendment being carried out.
12. The Miscellaneous Petition is accordingly disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)