

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With Testamentary Department
Date: 06th August, 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

82. TP/2549/2025 P. C. : Shri. Vinayak Katti Ld. Advocate for the
(AMH20230016989C Petitioner
202500001)
with
WILL/983/2025

1) This petition is filed by petitioner, being constituted attorney of (1) Arun Ashok Mirchandani, and (2) Payal Ashok Mirchandani w/o. Nihal Gulvady, the beneficiaries, under the Will executed by Ashok Naraindas Mirchandani (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 at Nigeria on 17.10.2024. Petitioners, namely Dipak Prasad Neupane, filed the copy of death certificate, identity proof of the testator, Will and petitioner's oath.

2) Perused petition. Heard Ld. Advocate for petitioner. Perused documents.

3) No executor has been appointed under the Will. The petitioners is the Constituted Power of Attorney of legatees, namely Arun Ashok Mirchandani & Payal Ashok Mirchandani w/o Nihal Gulvady, under the Will. Hence, petition is tenable vide Sec. 241 of the IS Act.

4) Petitioner stated that the deceased left behind his last Will and Testament which was duly executed at Mumbai on 15.02.2012 & registered 17.02.2012, in English language. 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 testator is survived by legal heirs, whose details are given in the petition's paragraph No. 09, 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 testator, namely Kavita Ashok Mirchandani(a Widow of the deceased), 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) Ld. advocate for the petitioner has submitted a praecipe dated 06.08.2025 along with the copy of the Affidavit of the attesting witness. He submitted that he has uploaded the affidavit and department will approve the same. On relying upon his undertaking the Photo-copy of the affidavit is kept with this order.

8) The petitioner has filed the affidavit of Dayal Naraindas Mirchandani, 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 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. According to him all additions and alteration in a Will were existed at the time of execution before signing the Will. Hence, there is sufficient compliance of the Rule 383 of the Rules.

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, 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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