

**Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With the Testamentary Department
Date 17th October, 2025**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

51. TP/3648/2025 P. Shri. Uttam Rane Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner
C. :
(AMH2022000122
3C202500055)

1) Petitioner, namely EREMITA COUTINHO w/o Jose Menino Roque Coutinho, has filed this petition for the grant of Letters of Administration, under the Provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (for short "IS Act"), for the properties left by the deceased, namely JOSE MENINO ROQUE COUTINHO alias JOSEPH FRANCIS XAVIER COUTINHO alias JOSE COUTINHO alias JOE COUTINHO s/o Francisco Xavier Coutinho (For short "Said deceased").

2) I have heard Ld. Advocate. I perused the documents, such as a true copy of the death certificate of the deceased, an affidavit with document to dispense with the requisition of identity proof of the deceased, an oath in the prescribed format, affidavit of service citation.

3) Said deceased died as a married on 01-11-2002 at Mumbai leaving behind his 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. The deceased left properties shown in 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 the collector has been issued vide Rule 396 of the BHC Rules. Till today, no one has appeared to resist the claim of the petitioner,

nor has anything been brought to the notice regarding pending litigation about the same properties. Hence, the petition is treated as an uncontested one.

5) Legal heirs of the deceased have consented by way of Affidavits to grant the prayer of the petitioner to grant Letters of Administration, without reserving any right. Legal heirs have accepted the facts regarding their relationship, inter se.

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

7) Ld. Advocate for the petitioner submitted that in view of provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, the petitioner, being Widow of the deceased, is entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by the petitioner and heirs of the deceased, on oath, remained unchallenged and required to be accepted. Accordingly, the 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 the prescribed format as per the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.
- 2) The petitioner to file an account as undertaken in a Petitioner's Oath within the stipulated period.
- 3) Before issuance of the grant, the office to verify that there is no cross-petition pending or caveat resisting the petition is filed.

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