

**Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With the Testamentary Department
Date 13th October, 2025**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

89. TP/3841/2025 P. C. Ms. Geeta Sonawane Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner

(AMH20240129098
C202500008)

1) This is a 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 Ashley D'Mello alias Ashley Joseph D'Mello alias Ashley J. D' Mello, (For short "Said deceased"). The petitioners, namely (1) Denzil D'Mello & (2) Marisa Catharina D'Mello, have filed documents.

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

3) Said deceased died as a Bachelor on 28-02-2025 at Mumbai leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in the paragraph No. 4 of the petition. Petitioners state 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.

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 heir of the deceased has consented by way of Affidavit to grant the prayer of the petitioner to grant a Letter of Administration, without reserving any right. The legal heir has accepted the facts regarding their relationship, inter se.

6) Petitioners have filed the administration Bond in prescribed form No. 118 with surety.

7) Ld. Advocate for the petitioners submitted that in view of provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, the petitioner No. 1 being brother and No. 2 being sister of the deceased, are entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by the petitioners 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 petitioners 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 petitioners 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.
- 4) Petitioner to correct the amount in administration bond and re-upload the same as per form no. 118 r/w Rule 420 of the Bombay High Court (O. S.) Rules, 1980. Furthermore, corrections must be initialed by the petitioner, surety and notary.

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