

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With the Testamentary Department
Date: 20th November, 2025

FOR COMPLIANCE:

109. TP/4102/2025	)	
(AMH20230000079C202500001)	)	Ms. Mamata Dave Ld. Advocate for the
with	)	Petitioner
WILL/1537/2025	)	

P.C.:

- 1) Petitioner, namely ARTI SHAILEN TOPIWALA, filed this petition, being the sole legatee under the Will executed by VINA R. MERCHANT alias V. R. MERCHANT alias VINA RAMESHCHANDRA MERCHANT alias VINA RAMESHCHANDRA alias VEENA R. MERCHANT (herein after the same is referred to as "Testatrix"), for the grant of a Letters of Administration with Will annexed. The Said Testatrix said to have died at Mumbai on 14-12-2021.
- 2) Perused petition. Heard Ld. Advocate for the petitioner. Perused documents. Petitioner, filed the copy of death certificate, an identity proof of the testator, Will & petitioner's oath.
- 3) The petitioner has explained the delay vide Rule 382 of the Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rule, 1980(for short "Rules").
- 4) No executor has been appointed under the Will. The petitioner is the Sole legatee under the Will. Hence, the petition is tenable.
- 5) Petitioner stated that the deceased left behind her last Will and Testament, which was duly executed at Mumbai on 10.12.2021, 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.
- 6) Ld. The advocate for the petitioner submits that the Testatrix is survived by legal heirs, whose details are given in the petition's paragraph No. 09, as per the provisions of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. The petitioner affirmed that there are no other legal heirs of the deceased, except as mentioned in the petition.
- 7) 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.

8) The petitioner has filed the affidavit of Manishaa Ashish Chhabria, one of attesting Witnesses to the Will, in form No.102 of Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rules, 1980. She deposed that deceased signed the Testament in her presence. 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 her 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 India.
- 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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