

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION**

MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NO.137 OF 2025

Chandrika A. Bontra ... Deceased

Priya Bontra ... Petitioner

Ms. Divya Parab a/w Aditya K. for the Petitioner.

CORAM : ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.

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1. 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 Chandrika A. Bontra ('the deceased'), who died at Mumbai on 2nd July 2024. 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.

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

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

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

5. The Petition has been duly verified by the Registry and the same is numbered. 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.

6. 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.

7. The Miscellaneous Petition is therefore allowed in terms of prayer clause (a), which reads as under :-

“a) This Hon'ble Court be pleaded to issue a Legal Heirship Certificate thereby certifying the Petitioner PRIYA BONTRA alongwith ANIL KUMAR BONTRA and ROHAN BONTRA as legal heir and representatives of the said deceased

Chandrika A. Bontra under the provisions of the Bombay Regulation Act VIII of 1827."

8. The Registry shall issue the Legal Heirship Certificate in the standard format prescribed for the same. Issuance of proclamation is dispensed with.

9. The Miscellaneous Petition is accordingly disposed of.

(ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.)