



O.P. No.796 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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1. C. Benjamin Prabhu Dass Chandramohan
 2. B. Jaikar Sathish
 3. B. Rupa Preetha
- ... Petitioners

PRAYER:Original Petition is filed under Section 218 and 278 of the Indian Succession Act of 1925 read with Order XXV Rule 5 of the Original Side Rules praying to grant letters of Administration to the property and credits of the deceased having effect throughout the Union of India.

For Petitioner : Mr. C. Vigneswaran

ORDER

This petition has been filed under Section 218 and 278 of the Indian Succession Act to grant Letters of Administration to the petitioners to the property and credits of the deceased having effect throughout the Union of



2. After filing of this petition, this Court directed the petitioner to effect paper publication in any one of the issue of Tamil Daily and also in English daily and the paper publication was also effected and there is no any objection from any party. Thereafter, the case was posted for recording evidence and the evidence was also recorded. On the side of the petitioners, PW1 was examined and Ex.P.1 to Ex.P.10 were marked.

3. According to the petitioners, one Mrs. B. Santhakumari, wife of the 1st petitioner and mother of the 2nd and 3rd petitioners, died on 21.12.2022 intestate leaving the petitioners as her succeeding legal heirs. The deceased B. Santhakumari, during her life time, had maintained locker facility vide Locker No.3/208 in the State Bank of India, Villivakkam. The amount of assets which is likely to come to the hands of the petitioners' hand does not

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exceed in aggregate the sum of Rs.30 lakhs. There is no other next of kin to the deceased.

4. The 3rd petitioner herein, has been examined as PW1. She has deposed by reiterating the petition averments. A perusal of evidence of PW1 and Ex.P.1 to Ex.P.10 revealed that the petitioners are the surviving legal heirs of the deceased. Therefore, the petitioners are entitled to the relief as prayed for in the petition.

5. Therefore, this Original Petition is *allowed* and Letter of Administration, to the estates and credits of the deceased B. Santhakumari in favour of the petitioners, is granted.

6. Issue Letters of Administration in favour of the petitioners. The petitioners are directed to duly administer the properties and credits of the deceased more fully described in the schedule. The petitioners, each are

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directed to execute a **security bond** for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees**

Twenty Five Thousand only) each in favour of the **Assistant Registrar**

(O.S.II), High Court, Madras. The petitioners are further directed to render

true and correct accounts once in a year.

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Index : Yes/No

Speaking Order : Yes/No

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APPENDIX:

List of Petitioner side Witnesses:

PW1 : Mrs. B. Rupa Preetha

List of Petitioner side Documents:

Exhibit No.	Date	Description of Documents.
Ex.P.1.	23.01.2023	Death Certificate of Mrs. B. Santhakumari [Date of Death: 21.12.2022].
Ex.P.2	22.08.2023	Online copy of the Legal Heir Certificate of Mrs. B. Santhakumari.



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Ex.P.3	-	Photocopy of the bank passbook of Late Mrs. B. Santhakuarmi.
Ex.P.4.	25.04.2012	Photocopy of the agreement of Locker No.3/208.
Ex.P.5	06.09.2024	Original details of inventory from State Bank of India, Villivakkam, Chennai.
Ex.P.6	10.09.2024	Original letter from Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Villivakkam, Chennai.
Ex.P.7	-	Photocopy of the Aadhar card of Mrs. B. Santhakumari.
Ex.P.8	-	Photocopy of the Aadhar card of Mr. C. Benjamin Prabhu Dass Chandramohan.
Ex.P.9	-	Photocopy of the Aadhar card of Mr. B. Jaikar Sathish.
Ex.P.10	-	Photocopy of the Aadhar Card of Mrs. B. Rupa Preetha.

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