

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With the Testamentary Department
Date: 26th March 2026

FOR COMPLIANCE:

92. TP/48/2026	) Ms. Khushbu Gupta i/b Samir C. Surve Ld.
(AMH20240131996C202500006)	) Advocate for the Petitioner
with	)
WILL/25/2026	)

P.C.:

- 1) Petitioner, namely Leela Mahendra Chauhan, filed this petition for grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, being the sole legatee under the Will executed by Dullabh Daji Mehta alias Dulp Dajee Mehta (herein after the same is referred to as "Testator"), for the grant of a Letters of Administration with Will annexed. The Said Testator said to have died at Mumbai on 19.05.2022.
- 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 and 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 his last Will and Testament, which was duly executed at Mumbai on 30.12.2021, in English language. The Will is handed over separately for being filed and kept in a safe place in the Office of the Prothonotary and Senior Master, High Court, Bombay.
- 6) Ld. Advocate for the petitioner submits that the testator died as a bachelor and his parents were predeceased the deceased, is survived by daughter of predeceased sister, namely Sumitra Mahindra Chohan, Leela Mahendra Chauhan, as his legal heirs, whose details are given in the petition's paragraph No. 10, 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. Legal heirs of the testator has consented to the petition and thereby waived the service of Citation.
- 7) Citation to all Concern was issued and same 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 Rakesh Lalji Kashyap, one of attesting Witnesses to the Will, in form No.102 of Bombay High Court (Original Side) Rules, 1980. He deposed that deceased signed the Testament in his presence and the testator was in sound state of mind at the time of execution of the Will. Hence, enough evidence is on record to accept the execution of the Will and petitioner is succeeded to prove the execution of Will. Rakesh Lalji Kashyap, stated that and contents of the Will were read over to the testator 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. 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 the State of Maharashtra.
- 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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