

**Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With the Testamentary Department
Date 06th March, 2026**

FOR COMPLIANCE:

65. TP/111/2026) Ms. Amrita Saldana Ld. Advocate for the Petitioner
(AMH20230011222C2025000)
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P.C.:

- 1) Petitioners, namely (1) Regina Libaretta D'Souza and (2) Marvin Vincent D'Souza, have applied 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 Leopold Luis D'Souza @ Leo D'Souza (For short "Said deceased").
- 2) I have heard Ld. Advocate. I perused the documents, such as a true copy of the death certificate of the deceased, an affidavit with document to dispense with the requisition of an identity proof of the deceased, an oath in the prescribed format, affidavit of service citation.
- 3) Said deceased died as a Widower on 13-12-1989 at Mumbai leaving behind him legal heirs, shown in the paragraph No. 4 of the petition. Petitioner states 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. The delay has been explained vide Rule 382 of the Rules.
- 4) Office issued Citation to all concerned and same has been 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"). 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) Petitioner has filed the administration Bond in the 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 petitioners, No. 1 being daughter and No. 2 being grandson of the deceased, are entitled to seek a Letters of Administration. Hence, facts stated by the petitioner and heir 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, having effect throughout the state of Maharashtra 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.

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