

Before: Shri. P. A. Jagdale,
Officer on Special Duty,
With the Testamentary Department
Date: 14th January 2026

FOR COMPLIANCE:

100. TP/3656/2025	)	Shri. Saurabh Oka Ld. Advocate for the
(AMH20240126891C202500018)	)	Petitioner
with	)	
WILL/1395/2025	)	

P.C.:

- 1) Petitioner, namely Saraswathi Ramachandran, filed this petition, being the one of the legatees under the Will executed by S V Rajam Lakshmanan alias Rajam Lakshmanan (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 20-01-2019.
- 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) The executor, namely R Saikumar has relinquished executorship by filing an affidavit at page No. 17 of the petition. The petitioner is the one of the beneficiary 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 02.10.2015, in English language. However, in petition the date of Will is incorrectly mentioned as 01.10.2015. Ld. Advocate for the petitioner by way of praecipe requested to allow him to correct the date of the Will. Request accepted, Ld. Advocate for the petitioner to amend the date of Will within two weeks from the date of uploading of this order, if petition is pending. Re-verification is dispensed with. 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 Testatrix is survived by petitioner, Geetha Mohandas Nair & Parvathi Narayanan, as her legal heirs, whose details are given in the petition's paragraph No. 07, 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 testatrix have 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 Sivaraman Ramchandran Iyer, vide Rule 384 of the Bombay High Court (OS) Rules, 1980. The petitioner could not file the affidavit of the attesting witnesses to the Will. However, upon mentioning the petition, the Hon'ble Court, vide an order dated 12.12.2025, permitted the petitioner to file affidavit of the third party witness and directed the department to accept the same. Accordingly, affidavit of Sivaraman Ramchandran Iyer, is accepted. He deposed that deceased signed the Testament in his presence and the deceased 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. According to him 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) Other legatees, namely Geeta Nair and Parvathi Narayanan, have given consents to grant Letters of Administration to petitioner. 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, renouncing the right of the Executor namely R Saikumar, 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.
- 4) Petitioner to amend the date of Will within two weeks from the date of uploading of this order, if petition is pending. Re-verification, if any is dispensed with.

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