ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI S.M.A. No. 19 of 2020

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Date

Order with Signature(s) of Judge(s)

- 1. For order on CMA No.898/2020.
- 2. For hearing of main petition.

13.10.2020

Mr. Basam Ali Dahri, Advocate for petitioner.

1. This is an application filed on behalf of the petitioner seeking permission to change the witness No.1, namely, Yousuf Hussain s/o. Bakhtawar Hussain with another witness; namely, Syed Akhtar Hussain s/o. Bakhtawar Hussain and to take his affidavit on record, so also to take on record the Special Power of Attorney executed by one of the legal heirs, namely, Syed Riffat Hussain Jaffery in favour of the petitioner.

Learned counsel states that earlier the affidavit of one witness, namely, Yousuf Hussain was filed alongwith petition but he is suffering from Corona Virus; therefore, affidavit of another witness, namely, Syed Akhtar Hussain has been filed. He further states that due to old age and illness one of the legal heirs, namely, Syed Riffat Hussain Jafri is unable to appear before this Court; hence, he has executed Special Power of Attorney in favour of the petitioner, duly authenticated by the Notary Public at Karachi.

There is no impediment in granting this application; therefore, the same is allowed. Consequently the affidavit of witness No.1, namely, Yousuf Hussain is substituted with the affidavit of Syed Akhtar Hussain

and taken on record, so also Special Power of Attorney executed by aforesaid legal heir is taken on record.

2. Through the instant petition, petitioner Syed Azeem Hussain Jafri has prayed for the grant of Letter of Administration in respect of immoveable property/asset, details whereof are mentioned in the Schedule of Property attached with the memo of petition, available at page 25, which was left by his deceased father, namely, Syed Shafquat Hussain Jafri s/o. Syed Latafat Hussain Jafri, who allegedly died on 21st December, 2007 at Karachi, leaving behind six sons, namely, (1) Syed Rifat Hussain Jaffrey, (2) Syed Waseem Shafqat Jaffri, (3) Syed Nadeem Shafquat Jaffri, (4) Syed Qaseem Hussain Jaffri, (5) Syed Najam Jaffri and (6) Syed Azeem Hussain Jafri (petitioner) as his legal heirs, out of whom legal heir No 4 also died on 16th August, 2017; therefore, his legal heirs i.e. widow and son, namely, (a) Mrs. Fizza Qaseem and (b) Syed Ali Abbas Jaffri have been joined in this matter. Original Death Certificate of deceased Syed Shafquat Hussain Jafri as well as photostat copies of Death Certificate of deceased Syed Qaseem Hussain Jaffri, Family Registration Certificates, issued by the NADRA and title documents of the immovable property are also filed at page 17-23 and 29.

Legal heirs No. 1, 4 (a) have filed their Affidavits of No-Objection for the grant of Letter of Administration in favour of the petitioner, duly sworn before Assistant Registrar, Affidavit and Identity Branch of this Court. Legal heirs No. 2, 3, 4(b) & 5 have filed such affidavits as well as Special Power of Attorney duly sworn before/authenticated by the Notary Public at Rawalpindi and Consular Attache in the Consulate General of Pakistan at Log Angeles, USA, which are available on record.

Witness, namely, Syed Masood Hussain s/o. Syed Afaq Hussian has also filed his affidavit and affirmed that there is no other legal heir of the deceased except mentioned above. His affidavit is also available on record.

Notice of this petition was published in Daily "Jang" Karachi dated 16th January, 2020; however, none has filed any objection to the grant of Letter of Administration to petitioner, as per the report submitted by the Deputy Registrar (OS) on 6th February, 2020.

On 18th August, 2020 legal heir No. 4(a) appeared before this Court, while petitioner and above named witnesses have made their appearance today. They all affirmed the contents of memo of petition as well as their affidavits and also verified their signatures made thereon.

Since all the legal formalities/requirements have been fulfilled, there is no impediment in grant of Letter of Administration to petitioner, therefore, the petition is allowed. The office is directed to issue Letter of Administration in respect of immovable property/asset shown in the Schedule of Property, as per rules.

JUDGE

Athar Zai