ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI S.M.A. 80 of 2023

Date Order with signature of Judge(s)

For hearing of main petition

06.02.2024

Mr. Ahmed Masood, advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Sohail Farooq Shaikh (petitioner, legal heir as well as attorney of legal heir No.1)

Mr. Nadeem Farooq (legal heir No.3, as well as attorney of legal heir No.4),

Ms. Aamna Najeeb, legal heir No.5

Ms. Humaira Qadir Latif, legal heir No.6

Mr. Adnan Farooq (legal heir No.7, as well as attorney of legal heir No.8),

Mr. Khizar Hayat, legal heir No.9

Mr. Rizwan Ameed (Witness No.1.)

Mr. Bilal Ghani Vohra, (Witness No.2)

Per the Report / Order dated 07.12.2023 of the Deputy Registrar (OS) ("Report"), he has satisfied himself that all requisites to the hearing of the main petition, including its publication, have been fulfilled and no objection thereto has been received, therefore, the main petition shall be determined in terms herein.

This is a petition under Sections 278 of the Succession Act, 1925, praying for Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of late Safia Farooq alias Safia Shafi ("Deceased"). Per the Report, the Deceased expired on 27.04.2020 at Karachi and that the petitioner and legal heirs No.1, 3, to 9 are the legal heirs of the deceased. The death certificate and family registration certificate are stated to have been examined by the Deputy Registrar and are also available on file. The Report records the affidavits of two witnesses, which are also on file. The Report further records that estate of the deceased comprised of one immovable property, copies of title documents whereof are available on file, while the original in such regard was seen and returned. The Report also records that the publication of the main petition had been effected in the daily Jang dated 23.11.2023 but no objection has been received from any corner in such regard. The Report demonstrates that after having satisfied himself with the completion of the requirements, the Deputy Registrar has forwarded the matter for hearing of the main petition.

In view of the foregoing, it appears that all the requisites have been completed to the satisfaction of the Deputy Registrar and there appears to be no impediment to the grant hereof, therefore, this petition is hereby allowed. The office is directed to issue a letter of administration, in respect of the immovable property recorded in the Report, as per Rules.

Learned counsel submits on oral motion that the petitioner may be permitted to deposit the original title documents of the immovable property as security for the grant of the letter of administration as it would be virtually impossible to secure the said instrument through any other means. The request appears to be reasonable and is hereby granted.

This petition stands allowed in terms herein contained.