



**IN THE COURT OF SH. HEM SINGH, DISTRICT JUDGE -01,
EAST DISTRICT, KARKARDOOMA COURTS, DELHI**

PC No. 14/25

CNR No. DLET010016702025

In the matter of :

Shambhavi Pandey

D/o Late Shri Shambhu Nath Pandey
R/o. 47-C, Pocket-I, Mayur Vihar-I,
East Delhi-110091

Shashank Shekhar Pandey

S/o Late Shri Shambhu Nath Pandey
R/o. 47-C, Pocket-I, Mayur Vihar-I
East Delhi-110091

.....Petitioners

Vs.

1. The State (GNCT of Delhi)

Through The Chief Secretary,
Players Buildings, Secretariat,
GNCT of Delhi, Indraprastha,
ITO, Delhi

2. Indian Bank

Through Manager
Mayur Vihar Phase I,
Near Pratap Nagar,
Delhi-110091

.....Respondents

Date of Institution	:	04.04.2025
Reserved for order	:	16.03.2026
Date of Decision	:	01.04.2026

**Petition Under Section 278 of the Indian Succession Act for Grant
of Letters of Administration**

JUDGMENT

The instant petition has been filed seeking grant of Letters of Administration in respect of Locker No. 123 maintained with Indian Bank (formerly Allahabad Bank), Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi attached to Bank Account No. 481584430 as well as amount lying in the said account, standing in the joint names of deceased Shri Shambhu Nath Pandey and Smt. Punam Pandey @ Poonam Pandey.

1. BRIEF FACTS:

a) It is stated in the petition that the deceased persons died intestate, leaving behind no will. That the petitioners, Ms. Shambhavi Pandey (daughter) and Mr. Shashank Shekhar Pandey (son), are the only Class-I legal heirs of the deceased persons.

b) It is submitted that the petitioners approached the concerned bank for closure of the account and access to the locker; however, they were informed that a Letter of Administration is mandatory in the absence of any nominee. Accordingly, the present petition has been filed.

c) Both deceased persons were residents of 47-C, Pocket-I, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi, which falls within the territorial jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court, and the bank/respondent is also situated within the same jurisdiction.

2. PROCEEDINGS:

a) A notice of the petition was issued to the general public

through State and notice was also issued to the respondents. The respondents/State was duly served by way of publication in the newspaper '**Statesman**' and '**Veer Arjun**'.

b) Respondent no. 1/State appeared and filed its report stating that Surviving Member Certificate in respect of LRs of deceased Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey and deceased Ms. Punam Pandey have already been issued to the LRs of deceased persons. No one from the general public participated in the proceedings.

c) Official on behalf of Respondent no. 2/Bank appeared, however, did not contest the petition and gave his no-objection statement if the present petition is allowed in the favor of petitioners.

3. **ISSUES:**

Following issues were framed vide order dated 04.12.2025:-

(1) **Whether the petitioners are entitled for Letters of Administration in respect of locker no. 123 attached to saving account no. 481584430 maintained in the joint name of Lt. Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey and Ms. Poonam Pandey, as prayed for?OPP**

(2) **Relief.**

4. **EVIDENCE:**

a) In order to substantiate their case, the petitioner no. 1 stepped in witness box as PW1 and tendered evidence by way of affidavit **Ex. PW-1/A**. In her affidavit Ex. PW-1/A, PW-1 has reiterated the facts averred in the petition and has placed reliance on the following documents:

a) Copy of bank record of the account holders/deceased

Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey and Smt. Punam Pandey @ Poonam Pandey is Ex.PW1/1 (OSR).

b) Copy of death certificate of Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey is Ex.PW1/2 (OSR).

c) Copy of Aadhaar card of Late Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey is Ex.PW1/3 (OSR).

d) Copy of death certificate of deceased Smt. Punam Pandey is Ex.PW1/4 (OSR).

e) Copy of Aadhaar Card of deceased Smt. Punam Pandey is Ex.PW1/5 (OSR).

f) Copy of survivor member certificates issued by Sub-Divisional Magistrate, East Delhi in favor of petitioner no. 1 and petitioner no. 2 are Ex.PW1/6 (OSR) and Ex.PW1/7 (OSR), respectively.

g) Copy of deponent's Aadhar Card is Ex.PW1/8 (OSR).

h) Copy of deponent's PAN card is Ex.PW1/9 (OSR).

PW1 was not cross-examined as there is no contesting respondent.

b) Thereafter, vide order dated 16.03.2026, PE was closed.

c) Submissions heard. Record perused. Considered.

5. FINDINGS:

a) ISSUE NO. 1:

"Whether the petitioners are entitled for Letters of Administration in respect of locker no. 123 attached to saving account no. 481584430 maintained in the joint name of Lt. Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey and Ms. Poonam Pandey, as prayed for?OPP"

(i) The instant petition has been filed U/s 278 of the Indian Succession Act. Petitioners on oath deposed that their parents died intestate leaving behind petitioner no. 1 and petitioner no. 2 as their only legal heirs. Petitioners have placed on record the Surviving Member Certificates i.e, **Ex.PW1/1/6 (OSR)** and **Ex.PW1/7 (OSR)** as well as death certificates of their parents and exhibited the same as **Ex.PW1/2 (OSR)** and **Ex.PW1/4 (OSR)**. Petitioners have deposed on the lines of petition, while reiterating the facts and documentary record, which has already been narrated in the paragraphs of facts of the case.

(ii) There is no opposition to the present petition for grant of Letters of Administration in favor of petitioners from any quarter whatsoever. The petitioner no. 1 is the daughter and petitioner no. 2 is the son of deceased persons namely Late Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey and Late Smt. Punam Pandey @ Poonam Pandey who died intestate as proved from the death certificates i.e, **Ex. PW1/2 (OSR)** and **Ex.PW1/4 (OSR)**. Concerned Officer from the Bank appeared, filed a no-objection certificate and gave no-objection statement in favor of allowing present petition in favor of the petitioners. It is not in dispute that Late Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey and Late Smt. Punam Pandey @ Poonam Pandey were maintaining a Locker No. 123 with Indian Bank (formerly Allahabad Bank), Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi as well as Bank Account No. 481584430. The petitioners are claiming Letters of Administration in respect of the said bank account and locker.

(iii) In view of the testimony of petitioner no. 1 brought on record

and no-objection statement given by the respondent no. 2/concerned bank, I am of the considered view that there is no impediment in issuing Letters of Administration, in favour of the petitioners, in respect of Locker No. 123 maintained with Indian Bank (formerly Allahabad Bank), Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi attached to Bank Account No. 481584430 as well as amount lying in the said account, as prayed for.

b) ISSUE NO. 2:

"RELIEF"

In view of above discussion, the petition filed by the petitioners, is hereby, allowed and Letters of Administration is accordingly, ordered to be issued in the name of the petitioner no. 1 and 2, in respect of Locker No. 123 maintained with Indian Bank (formerly Allahabad Bank), Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi attached to Bank Account No. 481584430 as well as amount lying in the said account.

It is pertinent to mention herein that grant of this Letters of Administration would not tantamount to be any declaration with regard to ownership or title of the estate of deceased.

6. Letters of Administration will be issued on prescribed form VII but it would be subject to - (i) filing of appropriate Court Fee; (ii) Administration Bond, within 1 ½ months from today and subsequently, (iii) they will furnish full and true inventory of the said locker and credits and exhibit the same in the Court within six months from the date of grant of Certificate on prescribed Form No. 178 and (iv) to render true account of said locker and credits within

one year on prescribed Form No.179.

7. The concerned Bank is directed to open the Locker No. 123 jointly maintained by deceased Sh. Shambhu Nath Pandey and Smt. Punam Pandey with Indian Bank (formerly Allahabad Bank), Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi and to handover the articles lying therein to the petitioners as per rules. The concerned bank is further directed to permit the petitioners to operate the Bank Account No. 481584430.

Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

File be consigned to the record room as per rules.

**Pronounced in the open Court
on 01.04.2026**

**(HEM SINGH)
District Judge-01
East/KKD Courts/Delhi**