

IN THE COURT OF SH. SHIV KUMAR,  
DISTRICT JUDGE (WEST DISTRICT),  
TIS HAZARI COURTS DELHI.

Probate Case No.- 48/2025  
CNR No. DLWT01-007033-2025

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1. Ms. Nancy Sachdeva  
D/o Late Sh. Harminder Sachdeva  
R/o Plot no. 96B, Meenakshi Garden,  
Ashok Nagar, Tilak Nagar,  
New Delhi-110018.
2. Ms. Riddam Sachdeva  
D/o Late Sh. Harminder Sachdeva  
R/o Plot no. 96B, Meenakshi Garden,  
Ashok Nagar, Tilak Nagar,  
New Delhi-110018.
3. Smt Kamlesh Rani Sachdeva  
W/o Sh. Diwan Singh  
R/o WZ-96, Meenakshi Garden,  
Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018.

.....Petitioner

Versus

- 1.State  
Through Chief Revenue Authority.

.....Respondent

PETITION UNDER SECTION 276 OF THE INDIAN  
SUCCESSION ACT, 1925 FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF  
ADMINISTRATION IN RESPECT OF LOCKER.

**Date of institution of the case** : 21.07.2025  
**Date reserved for judgment** : 18.04.2026  
**Date of pronouncement of Judgment** : 02.05.2026

### JUDGMENT

1. Vide this judgment, I shall decide the petition filed under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act 1925, for grant of letters of administration for Bank account number 10189532537 of State Bank of India, Subhash Nagar Branch (03437) at D-1, Ajay Enclave, New Delhi-110018 and a locker bearing no. 218, in the name of Late Smt Kusum Sachdeva (hereinafter to be referred as 'the deceased').
2. It is averred in the petition that Late Smt Kusum Sachdeva and his husband Sh. Harminder Sachdeva were residing at 96B Meenakashi Garden, Ashok Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 and she along with her husband expired on 02.06.2010 at Ambala, Haryana. It is further averred that the deceased left behind her legal heirs, who are petitioners in the present case.
3. It is further averred that the deceased died intestate and she was governed by the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 and the petitioners being her

legal heirs are entitled to letters of administration in respect of moveable assets, securities, shares etc.

4. Notice of the petition was served upon respondent through Chief Secretary, Govt of NCT of Delhi. Citation for general public was also published in the daily newspaper "Statesman" edition dated 18.09.2025 and affixed on the notice board of the court on 17.09.2025. State was served on 17.09.2025. No objections have been filed either on behalf of the State or on behalf of the general public.
5. On the application of the petitioner, Sh. Adesh Kumar, Ld advocate was appointed as Local Commissioner for execution of the commission to ascertain the value of articles found in the *locker bearing no. 218 with State Bank of India, Subhash Nagar Branch (03437) at D-1, Ajay Enclave, New Delhi-110018, in the name of Smt Kusum Sachdeva having account no. 10189532537* and the report of the Local Commissioner was filed in the court. As per report of the Local commissioner, the value of the articles lying in the above-said locker is **Rs. 75,25,125/-**.
6. On 18.04.2026, Petitioner no.1, Ms. Nancy Sachdeva, has appeared before the court as PW-1 and tendered her evidence by way of affidavit Ex

PW-1/A and she reiterated and reaffirmed the averments made in the petition and relied upon documents which are as follows:-

- i). Ex PW-1/1 (OSR) (Colly): Copy of death certificate of Late Smt Kusum Sachdeva and copy of death certificate of Late Sh. Harvinder Sachdeva.
- ii). Ex PW-1/2 (OSR): Surviving Member Certificate.
- (iii) Ex PW-1/3: List of Class-I Legal heirs.
- (iv) Ex PW-1/4: Schedule of Movable Assets.
- (v) Ex PW-1/5: Report of Local Commissioner.
- (vi) Ex PW-1/6 (OSR): Copy of Aadhar card of PW-1.

7. On 18.04.2026, Petitioner no.2, Ms. Riddam Sachdeva has appeared before the court as PW-2 and tendered her evidence by way of affidavit Ex PW-2/A and she relied upon the documents already exhibited in the testimony of PW-1 as Ex PW-1/1 to Ex PW1/5 and she also relied upon the copy of her Aadhar card as Ex PW-2/1 (OSR).

8. On 18.04.2026, Petitioner no.3, Smt Kamlesh Sachdeva has appeared before the court as PW-3 and tendered her evidence by way of affidavit Ex PW-

3/A and she relied upon the documents already exhibited in the testimony of PW-1 as Ex PW-1/1 to Ex PW1/5 and she also relied upon the copy of her Aadhar card as Ex PW-3/1 (OSR).

9. On 18.04.2026, the evidence of the petitioners was closed by recording the statement of Ld counsel for the petitioners.
  
10. The testimony of PW-1 to PW-3 have gone unrebutted and unchallenged. There is no reason to disbelieve the testimony of PW-1 to PW-3. No person from general public has filed any objection(s) in response to the citation published in newspaper. Death of deceased Smt Kusum Sachdeva and her husband/Late Sh. Harvinder Sachdeva have been proved by the petitioners vide death certificate Ex PW-1/1(OSR) (colly). The petitioners have proved surviving member certificate Ex PW-1/2 (OSR). As per this certificate, petitioners are the only legal heirs of the deceased. As per Section 15(a) of Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the petitioner no. 1 and 2, being daughters of Late Smt Kusum Sachdeva (the deceased) are entitled to receive assets of the deceased. Petitioner no. 3 is mother in law of the deceased and she does not come in the legal heirs mentioned in Section 15(a) of Hindu Succession Act,

1956, so, she does not entitled to receive any share in the assets of the deceased.

11. In view of above discussion, it is held that petitioner no. 1 & 2 are entitled for issuance of letters of administration in respect of articles found in abovesaid locker of the deceased, subject to following conditions:

*(i) furnishing of requisite court fees on the value of the movable articles lying in the locker in question.*

*(ii) further subject to furnishing of administration-cum-surety bond to the amount of the value of movable articles found in the locker in question.*

12. Further, the petitioner no. 1 & 2 are also directed to file the inventory of movable articles within six months and final statement of account within one year from the date of receipt of formal letters of administration. The formalities of issuance of Letters of Administration be completed within six months from the date of the judgment, as per Section 290 & 291 read with Section 317 of Indian Succession Act. **File be consigned to the Record Room after due compliance as per rules.**

**Announced in the open court  
on 02.05.2026**

(SHIV KUMAR)  
DJ-02/W/THC/DELHI.