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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **TEST.CAS. 20/2026**

GAURAV MANCHANDA

.....Petitioner

Through: *Appearance not given.*

versus

STATE (GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI) & ORSRespondents

Through: Mr Anubhav Gupta (Panel Counsel
GNCTD) with Mr Kartik Sharma,
Advocates for R-1.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

% **24.03.2026**

I.A. 7778/2026 & I.A. 7779/2026 (Exemption)

Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

TEST.CAS. 20/2026 & I.A. 7780/2026

1. The present Petition, though filed as one under Section 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 [“ISA”], is in fact, a Petition under Section 276 of the ISA, for grant of Letters of Administration in respect of a Will dated 21.03.2021 executed by the father of the Petitioner i.e., Late Shri. Vimal Kumar Manchanda.

2. It is stated that Late Shri. Vimal Kumar Manchanda passed away on 15.05.2021 leaving behind his son i.e., Petitioner, his wife, who is the Respondent No.2 herein, and his daughter, who is the Respondent No.3 herein.



3. It is the case of the Petitioner that though the Petitioner and Respondent No.2 are the joint executors of the Will, the Respondent No. 2 has not taken any steps for execution of the Will and, therefore, the present Petition has been filed by the Petitioner.
4. Issue notice.
5. Learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No.1/State accepts notice.
6. On taking steps, let notice be issued to other Respondents through all permissible modes, including *Dasti*.
7. In addition, publication shall be effected through one Hindi and one English newspaper. Let the draft notice for publication be placed before the learned Joint Registrar (Judicial) on the next date of hearing.
8. The concerned SDM shall place on record the valuation report of the movable and immovable assets before the next date of hearing.
9. Objections, if any, to be filed within a period of four weeks of receipt of the notice. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of three weeks thereafter.
10. List before Ld. Joint Registrar on 29.04.2026.

I.A. 7777/2026

1. The present Application has been filed on behalf of the Petitioner seeking an ex-parte ad-interim injunction against the Respondents No.2 and 3 in respect of movable and immovable assets of Late Shri. Vimal Kumar Manchanda.
2. Issue notice.
3. Learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No.1/State accepts notice.
4. On taking steps, let notice be issued to other Respondents through all permissible modes, including *Dasti*.



5. Since the dispute is between family members, this Court is hopeful that an amicable solution can be arrived at between the Parties, more particularly when Late Shri. Vimal Kumar Manchanda passed away five years back.
6. This Court is not inclined to grant injunction at this juncture however, it is expected that the Parties will not take any steps which will have the effect of overreaching the issue pending before this Court.
7. List before Court on 08.05.2026.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

MARCH 24, 2026

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