**Section 8: General rules of succession in the case of males.**

The property of a male Hindu dying intestate shall devolve according to the provisions of this Chapter : -

1. firstly, upon the heirs, being the relatives specified in class I of the Schedule;
2. secondly, if there is no heir of class I, then upon the heirs, being the relatives specified in class II of the Schedule;
3. thirdly, if there is no heir of any of the two classes, then upon the agnates of the deceased; and
4. lastly, if there is no agnate, then upon the cognates of the deceased.

**Schedule: HEIRS IN CLASS I AND CLASS II**

Class I

1. son;
2. daughter;
3. widow;
4. mother;
5. son of a pre-deceased son;
6. daughter of a pre-deceased son;
7. son of a pre-deceased daughter;
8. daughter of a pre-deceased daughter;
9. widow of a pre-deceased son;
10. son of a pre-deceased daughter of a pre-deceased daughter;
11. daughter of a pre-deceased daughter of a pre-deceased daughter;
12. daughter of a pre-deceased son of a pre-deceased daughter;
13. daughter of a pre-deceased daughter of a pre-deceased son;
14. son of a pre-deceased son of a pre-deceased son;
15. daughter of a pre-deceased son of a pre-deceased son;
16. widow of a pre-deceased son of a pre-deceased son.

Class II

1. Father.
2. (1) Son's daughter's son, (2) son's daughter's daughter, (3) brother, (4) sister.
3. (1) Daughter's son's son, (2) daughter's son' daughter, (3) daughter's daughters' son, (4) daughter's daughter's daughter.
4. (1) Brother's son, (2) sister's son, (3) brother's daughter, (4) sister's daughter.
5. Father's father; father's mother.
6. Father's widow; brother's widow.
7. Father's brother; father's sister.
8. Mother's father; mother's mother.
9. Mother's brother; mother's sister.

Explanation : In this Schedule, references to a brother or sister do not include references to a brother or sister by uterine blood.

**Section 15: General rules of succession in the case of female Hindus.**

1. The property of a female Hindu dying intestate shall devolve according to the rules set out in section 16, –
2. firstly, upon the sons and daughters (including the children of any pre-deceased son or daughter) and the husband;
3. secondly, upon the heirs of the husband;
4. thirdly, upon the mother and father;
5. fourthly, upon the heirs of the father; and
6. lastly, upon the heirs of the mother.
7. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), –
8. any property inherited by a female Hindu from her father or mother shall devolve, in the absence of any son or daughter of the deceased (including the children of any pre-deceased son or daughter) not upon the other heirs referred to in sub-section (1) in the order specified therein, but upon the heirs of the father; and
9. any property inherited by a female Hindu from her husband or from her father-in-law shall devolve, in the absence or any son or daughter of the deceased (including the children of any pre-deceased son or daughter) not upon the other heirs referred to in sub-section (1) in the order specified therein, but upon the heirs of the husband.