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## **Class II heirs**

In case wherein a male Hindu dies, unmarried, and is not survived by any class I heir, the property shall devolve among class II heirs. The second class of heirs comprises 19 heirs out of which ten are males and nine are females; these heirs are further divided into nine subcategories. The under given table depicts the classification of class II heirs into various subcategories categories:

Subcategory	List of Heirs		
Subcategory I	Father		
Subcategory II	Son's daughter's son brother,		
Secharden and III	sister		
Subcategory III	Daughter son's son		
Subcategory IV	Brother's son Sister's son Brother's daughter Sister's daughter		
Subcategory V	Father's father Father's mother		
Subcategory VI	Father's widow Brother's widow		
Subcategory VII	Father's brother Father's sister		
Subcategory VIII	Mother's father Mother's mother		
Subcategory IX	Mother's brother Mother's sister		

## Rules of distribution and Preference of interest among class II heirs

The division of interest among the class II heirs is primarily governed by two rudimentary principles:

The heirs in a higher subcategory will exclude the heirs in the lower subcategory. For instance, the heirs in the first subcategory will have preference over the heirs in the second subcategory, the second one will have preference over the third and so on.

All the heirs in one category shall take the property equally according to per capita rule of distribution of property, the order in which the name appears in a subcategory is irrelevant.

## **Class III heirs or agnates**

Class III heirs or agnates inherit the property in the absence of class I or class II heirs. An agnate under class III category is a person who is related to the intestate through the line of male relatives only and does not find a place in class I or class II category of heirs, it is also significant to note that an agnate can be male or female as it is the sex of the relative and not the sex of the heir that is material. An agnate can be a direct ascendant or descendant, or a collateral with no limitation of a degree from the deceased.

The rule of preference and division of interest among agnates

For the computation of the degree of relationship and to ascertain the preferences the following rules shall be taken into consideration:

Each generation is called a degree, and for computation of degree, the first degrees is the intestate itself.

Degree of ascent means upward or ancestral degree and degree of descent means downward or descendant degree.

Where an heir has both ascent and descent degree both degrees shall be taken separately, and not cumulatively.

An agnate of only descent is preferred over ascent irrespective of the number of degrees (or generation).

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	distributed in sub	Mitakshar &			
	branches of	jasus	Banaras & Mithila	Madras & Drayid	A & B is right
2.	Hindu Law is	Personal	Local	Indian	None of these

3.

	Generally hindu family is presume to be a family	Divided	Undivided	Divided and undivided	None of the above
4. 5.	The partition of property means	To sale the property according to share	gift the property	severance of status from joint family	none of the above
	In the hindu coparcenary properly by birth hindu child	Is not beneficiary	Is beneficiary	A and B is correct	None of these