



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.KUMARESH BABU

A Nos. 1286, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1293, 1295 and 1311 of 2026

A Sikkander Badhusa
S/o.B.Amir Badhusa,
No.9/2/19, North Car Street,
Karaikudi Road, Tirupathur,
Sivagangai District.

..Applicant in all
applications

Vs

1. M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
Sivagangarepresented by its General Manager,
O/o.General Manager,
No-2, V.P.Rathinasamy Nadar Road,
Bibikulam, Madurai - 625 002.
2. The Deputy General Manager (CFA)
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limtied,
O/o.General Manager,
No.2, V.P.Rathinasamy nadar Road,
Bibikulam, Madurai - 625 002.
3. The Assistant General Manager (NWP CFA)
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,
O/o.General Manager,
No.2, V.P.Rathinasamy Nadar Road,
Bibikulam, Madurai - 625 002.
4. The Manager
Indian Bank, KK Nagar, Madurai Branch,
No.1, Vinayagar Nagar, KK Nagar,
Madurai - 625 020.

..Respondents in all
applications



COMMON PRAYER : Arbitration Applications filed under Order XIV Rule 8 of O.S. Rules, read with Section 29 A (4) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, to extend the mandate of the Learned Arbitral Tribunal, by a period of six months beyond 30.11.2024, to complete the arbitral proceedings in Case Nos.ARB-JG-2022-07, ARB-JG-2022-06, ARB-JG-2022-05, ARB-JG-2022-04, ARB-JG-2022-03, ARB-JG-2022-02 and ARB-JG-2022-08 to pass the final award.

For Applicant : Mr. Aquib Javith
[in all applications]

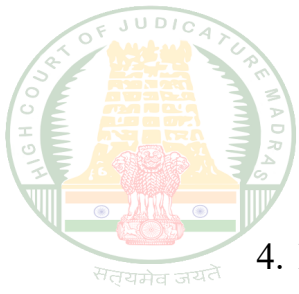
For Respondent : Mr. R.P.Vijayakrishnan,
[in all applications] for M/s.Ark Attorneys,

COMMON ORDER

These applications have been filed by the applicant herein to seek extension of mandate for a further period of six (6) months.

2. Heard Mr.Aquib Javith, learned counsel for the applicant in all these applications.

3. Mr. R.P.Vijayakrishnan, learned counsel appearing for the respondents vehemently opposed the extension of the mandate as sought. Even though a primary objection had been raised that the mandate could not be extended after its expiry, in view of the latest judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court, the said objection has not been pressed



4. However, the learned counsel for the respondents contended that the claimants have been prolonging the prosecution and unnecessarily harassing the respondents by prolonging the arbitral proceedings

5. A perusal of the various orders passed by the learned Arbitrator indicates that an amended statement of claim was filed on 14.08.2024, following which pleadings were completed. The record of proceedings reveals that the delay is attributable to both the parties.

6. In view of the fact that disputes have arisen between the parties, and for the effective resolution of the same, the mandate of the learned Arbitrator is extended for a further period of six (6) months. The learned Arbitrator is at liberty to proceed with the reference in a time-bound manner, with a direction to the respective parties to strictly adhere to the Case Management Schedule. In the event of any failure to comply with the schedule, the defaulting party shall be put on terms, and any costs levied on them shall be treated as costs in the arbitration proceedings.



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With the aforesaid directions, these applications are ordered as prayed
for. No costs.

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