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

Decided on 10th July, 2020

+ O.M.P. (MISC.)(COMM) 152/2020 & I.A. 5460/2020,
I.A. 5461/2020

NORTH BIHAR HIGHWAY LTD ...Petitioner
Through: Mr. Ranjit Prakash and Ms.
Gaurika Mohan, Advs.

versus

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY LTD. ..Respondent
Through: Mr. Balendu Shekhar, Adv.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C .HARI SHANKAR

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10.07.2020

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C .HARI SHANKAR, J.

I.A. 5460/2020

Allowed, subject to all just exceptions. The application stands disposed of.

I.A. 5461/2020

1. This application, by the petitioner, seeks exemption from filing duly attested affidavits, vakalatnama, paying requisite court fees and processing fee.

2. In view the restrictions imposed consequent on the Covid-2019 pandemic, and the administrative order dated 4th April, 2020, passed

by this Court, on the administrative side, this application is allowed, subject to the petitioner filing duly attested affidavits, vakalatnama, paying requisite court fees and processing fee within 72 hours of resumption of normal Court work.

3. The application is disposed of.

O.M.P. (MISC.)(COMM) 152/2020

1. This is a petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, for extension of time for completion of the proceedings and passing of award by the learned Arbitral Tribunal by a period of six months w.e.f. 8th July, 2020.

2. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that extension of time deserves to be granted in the interests of justice, especially in view of the restrictions, which are in place consequent to the COVID-2019 pandemic.

3. Accordingly, the time granted to the learned Arbitral Tribunal for completion of pleadings and passing of the award stands extended by a period of six months w.e.f. 8th July, 2020.

4. This petition is allowed accordingly.

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

JULY 10, 2020

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