

ORDER SHEET

AP/627/2023

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction
ORIGINAL SIDE
(Commercial Division)

A2Z INFRA ENGINEERTING LIMITED
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS A2Z MAINTENANCE AND
ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED)
Versus
WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION
COMPANY LIMITED

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE MOUSHUMI BHATTACHARYA

Date : 5th September, 2023.

Appearance:

Ms. Hashnuhana Chakraborty, Adv.

Mr. Suvodeep Chakraborty, Adv.

Ms. Ahana Bhattacharyya, Adv.

...for the petitioner

Mr. Sujit Sankar Koley, Adv.

...for the respondent

The Court: The dates presented to the Court by learned counsel appearing for the parties show that the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal ended on and from 1st September, 2023. The parties took advantage of the orders passed by the Supreme Court in the *suo motu* writ petition in the wake of the pandemic and calculated the timeframes under Section 29-A(1) and (3) on and from 1st March, 2022. The present application was filed on 30th August, 2023, which is one day before the mandate ended.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the issue involves voluminous documents and the petitioner has accordingly prayed for extension of 18 months.

Counsel submits that the cross-examination of the witness is presently going on. There also appears to be a counter-claim filed by the respondent before the Court which is also the respondent in the arbitration.

Considering all the relevant circumstances, this Court is of the view that since this is the first application for extension of the mandate and the application has been filed during the subsistence of the mandate, AP/627/2023 is accordingly allowed and disposed of by extending the mandate for a period of 1 year from 31st August, 2023.

(MOUSHUMI BHATTACHARYA, J.)