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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 27.08.2024

Suresh Kumar Contractor

...Applicant

Versus

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Deepak Singh Saini, Advocate for the applicant
Mr. Prateek Mahajan, Advocate and
Mr. Mayank Vashishth, Advocate for the respondents

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through instant application under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '**1996 Act**'), the applicant is seeking appointment of an Arbitrator.

2. The applicant was allotted work vide allotment letter dated 19.02.2021 (Annexure P/1). There is an arbitration clause in the contract agreement. The allotment of work, arbitration clause in the contract agreement and service of notice under Section 21 of 1996 Act is not disputed.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent submits that as per arbitration clause, the applicant has to make pre-deposit of 7.5% of the claimed amount.



4. The applicant shall make deposit of aforesaid amount, however, it is made clear that this Court is not advertent with the question of legality of condition of pre-deposit.

5. Conditions to invoke power conferred by Section 11(6) of 1996 Act stand satisfied, thus, I hereby appoint a sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties.

6. Mr. Justice Rameshwar Singh Malik, Retired Judge of this Court, residing at B-13, Mayflair Gardens, Hauz Khas, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi, Mobile No.7837049206 is hereby appointed as a Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties, subject to compliance of statutory requirements. The learned Arbitrator is requested to comply with mandate of Section 12 of 1996 Act before proceeding further.

7. Parties are directed to appear before the learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed by the Arbitrator at his convenience.

8. The Arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Act, as amended.

9. The Arbitrator is requested to complete the proceedings as per time limit specified under Section 29-A of the Act.

10. Needless to mention, parties would be at liberty to raise all the claims/defences/counter claims/pleas before the Arbitrator. Any observation made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.



11. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Mr. Justice Rameshwar Singh Malik.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

27.08.2024
Mohit Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No