

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

ARBs-259-2022, 262-2022, 310-2022, 311-2022, 312-2022 & 324-2022

Date of decision : 12.01.2024

Rajan Builders

.....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

Present: Mr. Jagdeep Singh Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Anu Pal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

These petitions under Section 11 (6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 have been filed by the petitioner seeking appointment of an Arbitrator for adjudication of the disputes between the parties.

On 08.12.2023, this Court proposed to appoint Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, former Chief Justice of this Court, as an Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties, and his declaration was sought, which has been received. Learned counsel for the parties have no objection to his appointment as sole Arbitrator.

In view of the aforesaid position, Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, former Chief Justice of this Court, is appointed as sole Arbitrator, in all these six cases. It is made clear that the respondents shall be at liberty to take the plea before the Arbitrator as to whether the arbitration clause can

be invoked. It is stated by learned counsel for the parties that dispute in all these petitions arise from one and the same agreement entered into between the same parties. In this view of the matter, a common award shall be passed in all these cases.

Petitions are, accordingly, disposed of.

(RITU BAHRI)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

January 12, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No