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

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Date of decision: 19.12.2024

M/S SMART CHIP PRIVATE LIMITED

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

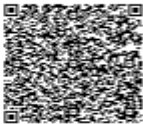
Present: Mr. R.S. Rai, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Rubina Virmani, Advocate,
Ms. Prachi Gupta, Advocate,
Ms. Simranjeet, Advocate &
Ms. Akanksha Thapa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrita Garg, AAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

1. Instant petition has been filed under Sections 29A (4) and 29A(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, (for short 'the Arbitration Act'), for extension of time by six months to enable the learned Arbitrator to pass the award.

2. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that a dispute between the parties was referred for adjudication to a former judge of this High Court by order dated 19.12.2022, Annexure P-1. By making a reference to procedural order dated 13.07.2024, Annexure P-7, passed by



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the learned Arbitrator, he states that as the statutory time period had expired, the parties mutually agreed for extension of time by six months. He asserts that the arbitral proceedings are now at an advanced stage and extended period is expiring on 25.12.2024.

3. In response to notice issued to the respondents, Ms. Amrita Garg, AAG, Punjab, has put in appearance. She has instructions from Mr. Manjit Singh, Deputy State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, to state that the respondents do not have any objection, in case, an extension of six months is granted from the date of expiry of the current period.

4. Accordingly, prayer made in the petition is accepted. Time period for conclusion of arbitral proceedings and pronouncement of award is extended by a period of six months from 25.12.2024.

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No