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

+ **O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 16/2024**

SUN EDUCATIONAL TRUST

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Raghav Saroop & Mrs.
Inderjeet Saroop, Advocates. [M:-
9810245367]

versus

URBAN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY PVT LTD Respondent

Through: Mr. D.S. Chauhan, Ms. Ruchi
Singh, Mr. Prashant Kumar, Mr.
Shikhar & Mr. Santosh Kr. Baitha,
Advocates. [M:-9810310142]

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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10.01.2024

I.A. 589/2024 (for exemption)

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 16/2024

1. The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 for an extension of the mandate of learned Arbitrator, who is in *seisin* of disputes between the parties arising out of an agreement dated 13.06.2003.

2. Although arbitration commenced in the year 2018, and pleadings were completed on 04.02.2020, learned counsel for the parties state that



some delay was occasioned on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. The mandate of the tribunal has been extended from time to time, lastly by an order dated 04.07.2023 in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 173/2023. The extended period is due to expire on 14.01.2024.

3. In the meanwhile, the parties have concluded their arguments and the learned Arbitrator has reserved the award.

4. Mr. D.S. Chauhan, learned counsel for the respondent, who appears on advance instructions, has no objection to the relief sought.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the mandate of the learned Arbitrator is extended for a period of three months, with effect from 15.01.2024.

6. The petition stands disposed of in these terms.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

JANUARY 10, 2024

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