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

+ **O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 126/2024**

TANTIA CONSTRUCTIONS LIMITED

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjoy Bhaumik, Mr. Vipul
Agrawal, Mr. Shaurya Dhoundiyal,
Ms. Tanya Mittal & Ms. Disha
Nanda, Advocates.

versus

STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Uddyam Mukherjee, Mr.
Swapnil Pattanayak & Mr.
Agnibha Chatterjee, Advocates.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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23.02.2024

I.A. 4285/2024 (for exemption)

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

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1. By way of this petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [“the Act”], the petitioner seeks extension of mandate of learned arbitral tribunal, which is in seisin of disputes between the parties under a contract dated 09.07.2013.
2. The tribunal entered into the reference on 21.05.2021, and its mandate has been extended from time to time, lastly by order dated 04.09.2023 in O.M.P.(MISC)(COMM) 334/2023. The mandate is due to

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expire on 29.02.2024.

3. Mr. Uddyam Mukherjee, learned counsel, enters appearance for the respondent and submits that the respondent has no objection to the grant of extension, but has an objection to the authority of the person who has filed the petition on behalf of the petitioner. The respondent has already raised this contention before the learned arbitrator, and submits that the aforesaid issue be kept open.

4. I am informed that the parties have concluded their submissions, and have been granted time for filing of the written submissions. The tribunal has indicated that it will not be possible to make the award before 31.05.2024.

5. Having regard to the aforesaid contentions, and with the consent of learned counsel for the respondent, subject to the reservation noted above, the mandate of the learned arbitral tribunal is extended by a further period of four months with effect from 29.02.2024.

6. The petition stands disposed of.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

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