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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 190/2024 & I.A. 5552/2024**

SKILLSTECH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED Petitioner
Through: Ms. Tejaswini Chandra Sekhar and
Mr. Zafar Khurshid, Advocates.

versus

MANPOWERGROUP SERVICES
INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED Respondent
Through: Appearance not given.

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SKILLSTECH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED Petitioner
Through: Ms. Tejaswini Chandra Sekhar and
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versus

MANPOWERGROUP SERVICES INDIA PRIVATE
LIMITED Respondent
Through: Appearance not given.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

% **ORDER**
11.03.2024

1. These petitions have been filed under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [“the Act”], seeking extension of the mandate of the learned Arbitrator, who is in *seisin* of disputes



between the parties under several agreements, in two separate arbitral proceedings.

2. In the arbitral proceedings under consideration in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 191/2024, the learned Arbitrator was appointed pursuant to an order of this Court dated 03.04.2021 in ARB.P. 495/2021. Thereafter, the mandate of the learned Arbitrator was extended by a period of six months by consent of parties, under Section 29A of the Act, which is stated to have expired on 29.02.2024. It is stated in the petition that the learned Arbitrator, at the stage of hearing of arguments, determined that parties are required to file separate Statement of Claims under each of the agreements in question in these proceedings, and has directed parties to comply with this requirement.

3. Similarly, in the arbitral proceedings under consideration in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 190/2024, the learned Arbitrator was appointed pursuant to an order of this Court dated 26.08.2021 in ARB.P. 424/2021. Thereafter, the mandate of the learned Arbitrator was extended by a period of six months by consent of parties, under Section 29A of the Act, which is also stated to have expired on 29.02.2024. Arguments are yet to commence in these proceedings.

4. Without prejudice to the rights and contentions on the merits of the proceedings, or orders passed by the learned Arbitrator, learned counsel for the respondent states that he has no objection to the extension of time being granted.

5. In view of the above and with consent of learned counsel for the parties, both these petitions are allowed, and the mandate of the learned Arbitral Tribunal is extended by a period of nine months from today in



each of the arbitral proceedings in question.

6. The petitions, alongwith pending applications, stand disposed of in these terms.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

MARCH 11, 2024

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