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

+ **O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 507/2024**

M/S PINK CITY EXPRESSWAY PVT. LTD.Petitioner

Through: **Mr. Sidhanth Dwidebi & Mr.
Manoj Kumar Advocates.**

versus

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY
OF INDIA (NHAI)**

.....Respondent

Through: **Mr. Ankur Mittal, Mr. Devesh
Matta and Mr. Rakshit Ranjan,
Advocates.**

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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26.07.2024

1. The petitioner has filed this petition, under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [“the Act”], seeking extension of the mandate of a three-member Arbitral Tribunal, which is in *seisin* of disputes between the parties under an agreement dated 06.06.2008. The Tribunal was first constituted on 04.06.2021, but one of the learned Arbitrators recused from the proceedings, and the Arbitral Tribunal has been re-constituted late in the year 2023. The reconstituted Tribunal has entered into reference on 22.01.2024. I am informed that the proceedings are at the stage of framing of issues.

2. In these circumstances, the petitioner has sought an extension of time of twenty four months for completion of the proceedings. By order

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dated 08.07.2024, learned counsel for the respondent sought time to take instructions. He states that he has been instructed to consent to an extension for a period of twelve months.

3. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, I am of the view that a slightly longer extension is justified. After framing of issues, the Tribunal will have to consider whether oral evidence is required and proceed accordingly.

4. For the present, therefore, the petition is disposed of by extending the mandate of the learned Arbitral Tribunal by a period of eighteen months from today, at this stage.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

JULY 26, 2024
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