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

+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 851/2024

FERRARI ESTATES LLP

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Roopansh Purohit, Advocate.

versus

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Shivam Goel, Mr. Anil Kumar Goyal, Ms. Ramya S. Goel and Ms. Sanya Sharma, Advocates.

+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 852/2024

SHAANTANU JAIN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Roopansh Purohit, Advocate.

versus

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Shivam Goel, Mr. Anil Kumar Goyal, Ms. Ramya S. Goel and Ms. Sanya Sharma, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER
29.10.2024

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1. These Petitions under Section 29A(4) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has been filed by the Petitioners for extending the mandate of the Sole Arbitrator.
2. Material on record indicates that the Sole Arbitrator was appointed by



the Central Government. It is stated that Petitioners were informed that vide Order dated 28.07.2023 issued by Deputy Secretary (LA), the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, New Delhi has nominated Special Secretary, Land & Building Department, G.N.C.T of Delhi as Arbitrator for all the Revenue Districts, Delhi. It is stated that the mandate of the Sole Arbitrator has expired.

3. The Apex Court in Rohan Builders (India) Private Limited v. Berger Paints India Limited, **2024 SCC OnLine SC 2494**, has held that an application for extension of the time period for passing an arbitral award under Section 29A(4) read with Section 29A(5) is maintainable even after the expiry of the twelve-month or the extended six-month period, as the case may be.

4. In view of the facts of the present cases, this Court is inclined to extend the mandate of the Sole Arbitrator for a period of one year from today, so that the award can be pronounced.

5. These Petitions are disposed of, along with the pending applications, if any.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

OCTOBER 29, 2024

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