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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 171 OF 2024

Gulmohar Builders Through Proprietor
Pradip Gajananrao Golangande ...Petitioner

Versus

The Director, Maharashtra State Text Book
Production and Curriculum Research
Corporation and Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Kanhaiya S. Yadav i/b Mr. Neel G. Helekar for the Petitioner.
Mr. Abhijit Patil for Respondent No.1.

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : MARCH 24, 2025

PC :

1. Mentioned out of turn, and taken up by consent of the parties.
2. This is a Petition under Section 15 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 ("***the Act***").
3. In view of the parties having arrived at consensus on identity of the arbitrator, consequently, this Petition is ***finally disposed of*** in the following terms:-

A] Ms. Vrushali Vaidya, Architect is hereby appointed as the Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties covered by this Petition;
Address : 2, Shubham Apartment, Ground Floor,
Flat No. 95/C, Kanchai Gauvi, Opp. Law College,
Avendvane, Pune – 411 004.

B] A copy of this Order will be communicated to the Learned Sole Arbitrator by the Advocates for the Petitioner within a period of one week from the date on which this order is uploaded on the website of this Court. The Petitioner shall provide the contact and communication particulars of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal along with a copy of this Order;

C] The Learned Sole Arbitrator is requested to forward the statutory Statement of Disclosure under Section 11(8) read with Section 12(1) of the Act to the Advocates for the Petitioner so as to enable them to file the same in the Registry of this Court. The Registry of this Court shall retain the said Statement on the file of this Petition and a copy of the same shall be furnished by the Advocates for the Petitioner to the Respondent;

D] The parties shall appear before the Learned Sole Arbitrator on such date and at such place as indicated, to obtain appropriate directions with regard to conduct of the arbitration including fixing a schedule for pleadings, examination of witnesses, if any, schedule of hearings etc. At such meeting, the parties shall provide a valid and functional email address along with mobile and landline numbers of the respective Advocates of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal. Communications to such email addresses shall constitute valid service of correspondence in connection with the arbitration;

E] All arbitral costs and fees of the Arbitral Tribunal shall be borne by the parties equally in the first instance, and shall be subject to any final Award that may be passed by the Tribunal in relation to costs.

4. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order shall be taken upon receipt of a downloaded copy as available on this Court's website.

[SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.]