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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2841 OF 2025
IN
ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 5 OF 2025**

Jaichand B. Mahala

...Applicant

Versus

Rekha A. Punia and Anr.

...Respondents

*Advocate for the Applicant appeared but appearance not tendered.
Mr. Ranbir Datta (Through V.C.) a/w Mr. Abhishek Bhaduri for
Respondent No.1.*

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : APRIL 1, 2025

PC :

1. It would be appropriate to call for a reply since a foundational question has been raised, namely, that the Arbitral Tribunal was unilaterally appointed. Should the appointment have been unilateral, *prima facie* it would appear that merely granting an opportunity to deal with the claims made before the arbitrator would not cure the issue of unilateral appointment. Be that as it may, it would be appropriate to consider a reply from the Respondent. Let such reply be filed no later than ***April 8, 2025***. Rejoinder, if any, to be filed no later than ***April 14, 2025***.
2. List on ***April 17, 2025*** on the ***"Production Board"***.
3. 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.]