

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 256 OF 2025

Gajendra Sopanrao Patil

...Petitioner

Versus

Mr. Dattatray Baliram Mule & Ors

...Respondents

Mr. Hemant Ghadigaonkar, *for the Petitioner.*

Mr. S.R. Firodiya, *for Respondent No.1.*

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.
DATE : DECEMBER 3, 2025

ORDER :

1. Since the appointment of the sole arbitrator had been effected in exercise of jurisdiction under Section 11 of the Act and in reliance upon the decision of a Learned Division Bench of this Court (Goa Bench) in *Sheela Chowgule v. Vijay V. Chowgule & Ors*¹, the jurisdiction to extend the mandate under Section 29-A would lie with this Court, and this Petition is being entertained.

2. In these circumstances, taking into account the stage at which the arbitral proceedings are placed, this Petition is ***finally disposed of*** extending the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for a period of ***eight*** months, rounded upto ***August 31, 2026.***

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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.]