

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3236 OF 2024

IN

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION PETITION (L) NO.7336 OF 2024

Ministry of Railway & Anr.
Versus

....Applicants

Ambuj Hotels & Real Estate Pvt. Ltd.

...Respondent

Ms. Smita Thakur *i/b. Suresh Kumar, Advocates for Applicants.*

Mr. Ashok Singh *a/w. Pravin Singh & Sameer Bothre, Advocates for Respondent.*

CORAM: SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : JULY 31, 2025

ORDER :

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3236 OF 2024

1. The captioned Interim Application is filed seeking condonation of delay of 29 days in filing the present Commercial Arbitration Petition.
2. It is evident that the filing of the Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (*"the Act"*) Petition is just before the expiry of 30 days period within which this Court has power to condone the delay.

3. For the reasons set out in the Application, the delay is hereby condoned. The Interim Application is hereby ***finally disposed of***.

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION PETITION (L) NO.7336 OF 2024

1. This is a Petition filed under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (“***the Act***”).

2. Heard Learned Counsel for the parties for an overview of the matter. Based on the nature of the issues involved and bearing in mind the scope of jurisdiction under Section 34 of the Act, Learned Counsel for the parties have graciously agreed that the Applicants and the Respondent shall take no longer than ***20 minutes each*** for verbal arguments in the matter.

3. Towards this end, the parties shall file a short Note on Submissions, not exceeding five pages, along with page and case law references, focusing on the scope of Section 34 of the Act, and setting out the manner in which the points canvassed by them ought to be accepted by this Court.

4. It is made clear that the time commitments made above shall bind the parties, and such time shall be utilized at the discretion of the Learned Counsel for verbalizing the pivotal submissions, resting

assured that the rest of their contentions from their Note on Submissions, would be dealt with by the Court.

5. With the aforesaid commitments, stand over to ***August 29, 2025*** for final hearing and disposal.

6. 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.**]