

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 714 OF 2025

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M/s. Zee Learn Limited

...Petitioner

Versus

BLS Institute of Management

...Respondent

Ms. Trisha George *a/w. Ms. Saniya Khairdi i/b M/s. Avyaan Legal,
for Petitioner.*

Ms. Taniza Hassan *a/w Shanker Chhabra for Respondent.*

CORAM: SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

Date : September 3, 2025

ORDER :

1. This is a Petition under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (***the Act***), seeking an extension of mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.
2. A fundamental objection on behalf of the Respondent is that an earlier Petition under Section 29-A of the Act filed by the earlier Advocates on record for the Petitioner came to disposed of for non-removal of office objections and this fact has not been pointed out in the petition.
3. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that this fact was not known to advocates for Petitioner, and in any case, they have filed a fresh petition. Pleadings are said to have been competed on February

18, 2024, and according to her, the mandate would have expired on June 3, 2025.

4. Leaving the issue of costs relating to the delays occasioned in seeking the extension of the mandate of the arbitral tribunal to the Learned Arbitral Tribunal to consider, in my opinion, no useful purpose would be served keeping this Petition pending any further, considering the activity undertaken by the arbitral tribunal already. In these circumstances, the mandate of the arbitral tribunal is extended by six months rounded down to ***March 31, 2026***.

5. The Petition is ***finally disposed of***.

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.]