

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 504 OF 2025
IN
ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 73 OF 2025**

Ashok Rajkumar Gupta

...Applicant

Versus

Godrej Finance Limited

...Respondent

Mr. Devang Manjrekar, a/w Deshna Parikh, for the Applicant.

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : APRIL 3, 2025

PC :

1. The applicant's grievance is against an order passed by the Learned Arbitral Tribunal restraining two properties from being alienated, and creating any third-party rights. Such order is said to have been passed *ex parte* and that too by an arbitrator, who has been unilaterally appointed.

2. Learned Counsel for the respondent had submitted that a reply would be filed no later than March 28, 2025. However, no reply has been filed. Consequently, no rejoinder has been filed either.

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3. In these circumstances, it cannot lost sight of that today none has appeared on behalf of the respondent.

4. The Arbitral Tribunal is requested to deal with Section 16 application forthwith and within a period of three weeks from date on which the Order dated March 25, 2025 was communicated to the arbitrator.

5. Stand over to ***April 17, 2025*** on the ***Supplementary Board***, to check the status of the decision of Section 16 application. On that date the Court would not hesitate to vacate the interim order should the Section 16 application not have been dealt with by the learned Arbitrator. Advocate for the applicant shall deliver a copy of this order and shall communicate the passing of this Order to the Arbitrator and upon the Order being uploaded, also serve a copy of this order on the Learned Arbitral Tribunal.

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.]