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Arb O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 437 of
2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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Five Star Business Finance Limited
Rep by its Legal Officer
Mr.MadhuSandanSomeswaran,
Registered Office at New No.27,
Old No.4,Taylors Road, Kilpauk,
Chennai-600010.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Narukula Shanthamma
3-92/7/E1, R K Poor, Kothakota (M),
Ramakrishnapuram, Wanaparthy,
Telangana-509110.
- 2.N.Sriramulu
3-92/7/E1, R K Poor, Kothakota (M),
Ramakrishnapuram, Wanaparthy,
Telangana-509110.
- 3.N Hemanth
3-92/7/E1, R K Poor, Kothakota (M),
Ramakrishnapuram, Wanaparthy,
Telangana-509110.



4.Narukula Mahesh
3-92/7/E1, R K Poor, Kothakota (M),
Ramakrishnapuram, Wanaparthy,
Telangana-509110.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

To appoint an Arbitrator(s) to decide the disputes and differences between the Petitioner and Respondents in terms of Loan Agreement dated 20.09.2022.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.H.Vinodh Pandian

For Respondent(s): No appearance

ORDER

This original petition has been filed under Section 11(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 to appoint an Arbitrator to adjudicate and decide the disputes between the petitioner and the respondents arising out of the loan agreement dated 20.09.2022.

2. When this petition came up for hearing on 29.07.2025, this Court passed the following order:-

“This petition has been filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, seeking for appointment of an arbitrator by this Court.

2. There seems to be a dispute between the petitioner and the respondents, arising out of the loan agreement dated 20.09.2022. In the said agreement, there exists an arbitration clause, which is extracted hereunder:



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Article 10: Arbitration

All disputes, differences, and/or claims arising out of this Agreement, whether during its subsistence or thereafter shall be settled by “Arbitration” in accordance with the provisions of the “Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996” (Act 26 of 1996) or any other statutory amendments thereof and shall be referred to the Sole Arbitration of an “Arbitrator”, whose appointment shall be made mutually by the Parties. It is a term of this agreement that in the event of such an Arbitrator to whom the matter has been referred to originally dies or being unable or unwilling to act for any reason, then in such event, the Parties shall appoint a substitute sole arbitrator mutually. Such person, when appointed as Arbitrator, shall be entitled to proceed with the reference, from the stage at which it was left by his predecessor. The venue of the Arbitration proceedings shall be in Chennai.”

3. The petitioner has invoked arbitration in accordance with the arbitration clause by issuing notice to the respondents on 12.02.2025 to comply with the requirements of Section 21 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. No reply has been received for the same.

4. Since there exists an arbitration clause in the contract, which is the subject matter of the dispute between the parties and since the petitioner has invoked arbitration in accordance with the arbitration clause by complying with the requirements of Section 21 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and since there is no consensus between the parties with regard to the name of the arbitrator, this Court is issuing notice to the respondents, returnable by 21.08.2025. Private notice is also permitted.”



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3. Pursuant to the above order, the private notice that was sent to the respondents came to be returned with an endorsement “insufficient address”. Therefore, this Court directed the learned counsel for petitioner to effect substituted service on the respondents and accordingly, substituted service has been taken on the respondents and affidavit of service has also been filed. Even though the names of the respondents are printed in the cause list, there is no appearance either in person or through counsel.

4. It is seen that there is a valid agreement between the parties in line with Section 7 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, which contains an arbitration clause. Hence, Mrs.K.V.Subha, Advocate, having address for service at 'Prashanthi' #1C, 'Sowram Royal Enclave', #10/11&12, Fifth Street, Gopalapuram, Chennai 600 086 Mobile No.99405 62281, email: subhaadvocate@gmail.com is appointed as the sole Arbitrator and the learned Arbitrator is requested to enter upon reference qua the loan agreement dated 20.09.2022, adjudicate the arbitral disputes that have arisen between the parties by holding the sittings in any venue in Chennai to the convenience of all concerned and render an award. Fees of the sole Arbitrator shall be in accordance with the Madras High Court Arbitration Centre (MHCAC)(Administrative Cost and Arbitrator's Fees) Rules 2017.

5. This original petition is disposed of in the above terms. There shall be



no order as to costs.

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