



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 01-09-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH**Arb O.P(COM.DIV.) No. 370 of 2025**

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

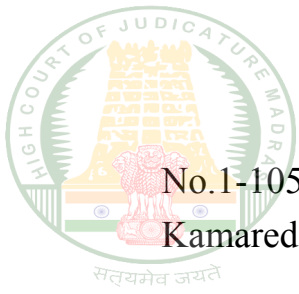
Vs

1. Katthula Narayana
1-74, Laxmidevipally, Biknoor,
Kamareddy Telangana-503102.

2.Katthula Siddavva
1-74, Laxmidevipally,Biknoor,
Kamareddy Telangana-503102.

3.Kathula Aravind
No.1-103,Laxmidevipally, Biknoor,
Kamareddy,Telangana-503102.

4.Kotha Santhosh



No.1-105/2,Laxmidevipally, Biknoor,
Kamareddy,Telangana-503102.

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5.Kathula Shiva Kumar
No.1-105/22,Laxmidevipally, Biknoor,
Kamareddy,Telangana-503102.

Respondent(s)

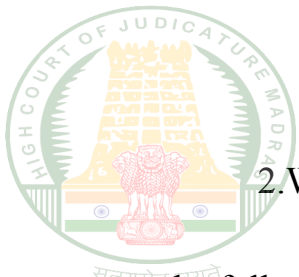
PRAYER Petition filed under Section 11(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 praying to appoint an Arbitrator(s) to decide the disputes and differences between the Petitioner and Respondent in terms of Loan Agreement dated 07.06.2024

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

For Respondent(s): No Appearance for R1 to R5

ORDER

This petition has been filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act for appointment of an Arbitrator to decide the disputes/differences between the petitioner and the respondents in terms of the Loan Agreement dated 07.06.2024.



2. When the matter came up for hearing on 09.07.2025, this Court passed the following order:

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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 07.06.2024. There exists an arbitration clause in the Loan Agreement dated 07.06.2024. The same is extracted hereunder:

'ARTICLE 10: ARBITRATION

GOVERNING LAW, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND JURISDICTION: (Art 10 existing agreement)

1. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India.

2. Any and all dispute(s), difference(s) and/or claim(s) arising out or touching upon this Agreement or in relating to this Agreement, whether during its subsistence or thereafter, shall be referred to the Arbitration by a Sole Arbitrator to be appointed by



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any one of the below mentioned 'arbitral institution' in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 or any statutory amendments thereof from time to time.

a. Council for National and International Commercial Arbitration (CNICA) currently having its office at Unit No.208, 2nd Floor, Beta Wing, Raheja Towers, Nos.113-134, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002, or

b. Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI), currently having its Office at Indian Chamber Buildings, P.B. No. 1208, Esplanade, Chennai-600 108, or

c. Kovise Foundation Conflict Resolution International (KFCRI), currently having its Office at G-2, Plot No.108, Majestic Colony, Valasarawakkam, Chennai 600 087, or

d. Any arbitral institution designated under the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (the act) or any panel of arbitrators maintained under the provisions of the act.

The entire arbitral proceedings shall be conducted by the Arbitrator in the manner he/she considers appropriate, and the award rendered by the Arbitrator



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shall be final and binding on all the parties to this agreement. The arbitral institution shall provide administrative assistance to the Arbitrator to facilitate the conduct of the arbitral proceedings, if he/she chooses to avail such assistance from the institution.

3. The Arbitrator shall be entitled to, at his/her discretion conduct the proceeding in-person and/or through exchange of mail, email and/or any other mode of electronic communication including video conferencing (VC), online, virtual hearing etc., using an external application or platform, if necessary. The parties to the arbitration proceeding shall be bound by the decision of the arbitrator in this regard.

4. The parties hereby consent to have the arbitral proceeding conducted by a written pleading, documents, written submissions and/or any other electronic mode of communication-based arbitration as may be determined by the arbitrator.

5. The parties herein agree not to insist on in-person and/or oral hearing except in certain exceptional circumstances as the Arbitrator may deem fit.

6. The Parties herein agree that the venue and seat of the arbitration proceeding shall be usually at Chennai



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or in exceptional circumstances any other place as deemed fit by the Arbitrator.

7. The language of arbitral proceedings shall be English.

8. The parties herein agree that in the event of death of the Arbitrator to whom the matter has been originally referred or the Arbitrator being unable or unwilling to act as arbitrator for any reason whatsoever, the arbitral institution shall substitute another person as it may deem fit to act as Arbitrator, who shall proceed with the reference from the stage, at which it was left by his/her predecessor.

9. The Arbitrator so appointed shall have the power to pass an award on the secured asset or any other security or interest created between the parties and also to pass interim orders/directions as may be appropriate to protect the interest of the parties pending adjudication of the claim and/or resolution of the disputes.

10. Parties also consent to the following:

a. to send a copy of the award through post/courier or a scanned image or such an award to the parties through mail/email or any other electronic mode



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through such institution which shall be considered as signed copy for the purposes of the Act.

b. if the award is not made or could not be made within 12 months from the date of completion of pleadings by the arbitrator, for any reason whatsoever, the parties hereby consent for an extension of time for another six months.

11. In respect of the arbitral proceeding, all notices, processes and communications in that regard to all the parties shall be through post/courier and/or mail/email and/or any other electronic mode of communication, as may be determined by the arbitrator and if resorted to, shall be a valid service of notices, processes and communications on the parties. Any notice, processes and communications issued to the counsel or representative representing the parties to the arbitration proceeding shall be deemed and valid service on the parties.

12. The post/courier and/or mail/email and/or any other electronic mode of address provided by the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) to the lender under the agreement or any other document executed by the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) with the lender/company



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shall be deemed to be an active postal/mail/email and/or any other electronic mode of address and any service effectuated upon such postal/mail/email and/or any other electronic mode of address shall be deemed to be completed. Any change or other discrepancies in the postal/mail/ email and/or any other electronic mode of address provided above, shall be informed to the lender/company promptly.

13. All communications shall be considered to have been received by the parties within seven days from the time of sending the communication. In case, if after expiry of seven days from the date of communication, there lies no response from the parties, it shall be the discretion of the Arbitrator to proceed with the arbitration proceeding and/or render the award as the case may be in their absence.

14. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to maintain sufficient space in the email account and/or in any other mode of electronic account(s) and also to have supporting applications/software in their computer/mobile/any other electronic device or accessories and infrastructure required to access the electronic documents sent to them and also to enable



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the arbitrator to conduct the arbitration proceeding through VC, online, virtual hearing etc.

15. Unless otherwise directed by the Arbitrator, the existence or subsistence of a dispute or the commencement of arbitral proceedings under this clause shall not in any manner prevent or postpone the performance of any obligations of any party which do not form part of the dispute.'

3.The petitioner has invoked arbitration in accordance with the arbitration clause by issuing notice to the respondents on 12.03.2025 to comply with the requirements of Section 21 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. No reply has been received from the respondents to 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 there is no consensus between the parties with regard to the name of the Arbitrator and since the petitioner has complied with the requirements of Section 21 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, this Court is issuing notice to the respondents returnable by 30.07.2025. Private notice is also permitted.



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3.The learned counsel for the petitioner took notice to the respondents and it was returned as 'Unserved'. Hence, this Court by an order dated 30.07.2025, permitted the petitioner to effect substituted service on the respondents by effecting paper publication in any vernacular daily having wide circulation in the State of Telangana for hearing on 26.08.2025.

4.Pursuant to the above order, affidavit of service has been filed along with the copy of the paper publication.

5.The names of the respondents have been printed in the cause list and there is no appearance either in person or through counsel.

6.Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and based on the reasons assigned by this Court in the earlier order dated 09.07.2025, this Court is inclined to appoint a sole Arbitrator.

**Ms.R.Dhanalakshmi, Advocate, New No.27/1, Peria Palli Street,
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rdhans.gold@gmail.com) is appointed as sole Arbitrator. The sole Arbitrator

is requested to enter upon reference, adjudicate upon arbitrable disputes that

have arisen between the parties. The Arbitrator shall hold sittings in

the 'Madras High Court Arbitration Centre under the aegis of this Court'

(MHCAC) as per Madras High Court Arbitration Proceedings Rules 2017 and

fee of Hon'ble sole Arbitrator shall be in accordance with the Madras High

Court Arbitration Centre (MHCAC) (Administrative Cost and Arbitrator's Fees)

Rules 2017.

14.This petition is disposed of in the above terms. No Costs.

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