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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 21.08.2025

Indian Oil Corporation Limited

...Applicant

Versus

M/s Guru Kripa Filling Station and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Karamjit Singh, Advocate
for Mr. Amar Vivek, Advocate for the applicant

None for the respondent

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through instant application under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '**1996 Act**'), the applicant is seeking appointment of an Arbitrator.

2. On the last date of hearing, partner of respondent-firm appeared, however, today there is no representation on of the respondents. Considering the limited prayer for appointment of an Arbitrator who ultimately would adjudicate rights and liabilities of the parties and the amount involved (₹ 9 Lakhs), it is not advisable to keep the matter pending. Thus, this Court is left with no other option except to adjudicate the case on the basis of available record.

3. The parties entered into arbitration agreement dated 30.03.2021. A dispute erupted between the parties. The applicant served notice upon the respondent seeking resolution of dispute through Arbitral Tribunal but to no avail.

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4. Conditions to invoke power conferred by Section 11(6) of 1996 Act stand satisfied, thus, I hereby appoint a Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties.

5. Ms. Anjali Kukar, Advocate, residing at Flat No. 7, Angel Apartments, Zirakpur, Mobile No. 9814214144 is hereby appointed as a Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties, subject to compliance of statutory requirements. The learned Arbitrator is requested to comply with mandate of Section 12 of 1996 Act before proceeding further.

6. The parties at the first instance will appear before the Arbitrator on 04.09.2025 at 10:00 AM and thereafter, as directed by learned Arbitrator.

7. The Arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the 1996 Act, as amended.

8. The Arbitrator is requested to complete the proceedings as per time limit specified under Section 29-A of the 1996 Act.

9. Needless to mention, parties would be at liberty to raise all the claims/defences/counter claims/pleas before the Arbitrator. Any observation made hereinabove will not be binding on the learned Arbitrator.

10. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Ms. Anjali Kukar, Advocate.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

21.08.2025*Mohit Kumar*

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No