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

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Date of Decision: 23.01.2025

Dnyandeo Ramdas Rane**...Applicant**

Versus

Escorts Limited and others**...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: - Mr. Rajeev K. Sharma, Advocate for the applicant

Ms. Geeta Gulati, Advocate for the respondents

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. Through instant application under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (for short '**1996 Act**'), the applicant is seeking appointment of an Arbitrator.

2. The parties entered into Dealer Sales & Service Agreement dated 31.07.2019 (Annexure P-2). A dispute erupted between the parties. There is an arbitration clause in the aforesaid agreement. The execution of agreement, arbitration clause in the agreement and service of notice under Section 21 of 1996 Act is not disputed.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents expressed her inability to controvert execution of arbitration agreement. She leaves it to this Court to make appointment of an independent Arbitrator.

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.

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5. Mr. Justice Surinder Gupta, Former Judge of this Court, residing at H.No. 542, The Foothills Cooperative Residential Society (IAS/PCS Society), New Chandigarh, Mullanpur Mobile Nos.9646356001, 9417312323 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. Parties are directed to appear before the learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed by the Arbitrator at his convenience.

7. The Arbitrator shall be paid fee in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the 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 Mr. Justice Surinder Gupta.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

23.01.2025*Mohit Kumar*

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