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

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Date of Decision:17.11.2025

HDFC Bank Ltd.

.....Petitioner

Versus

Abhishek and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Abhishek Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Nishant Sehgal, Advocate for

Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate for the respondent No.1.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI J.(Oral)

1. The present is a petition filed under Section 11(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), seeking appointment of an independent and impartial arbitrator in the present case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has invoked the arbitration clause in terms of Clause 7.8 of the Arbitration Agreement, as a dispute has arisen between the parties and therefore has filed the present petition seeking appointment of an independent and impartial arbitrator for adjudication of the dispute

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr.K.S. Brar, Advocate for respondent No.1, submitted that he has obtained specific instructions from respondent No.1 as well as from Mr. K.S. Brar,



Advocate, with whose office he is associated, to state that respondent No.1 has no objection if an independent and impartial sole arbitrator is appointed for adjudication of the dispute, as a valid arbitration clause exists between the parties

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. Ms. Puneeta Sethi, Advocate, Kothi No. 843, Sector 16-D, Chandigarh, (Mobile No.9815264904), is nominated as the Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the dispute between the parties, subject to compliance of statutory provisions including Section 12 of the Act.

5. Parties are directed to appear before the learned Arbitrator on date, time and place to be fixed and communicated by the learned Arbitrator at his convenience.

6. Fee shall be paid to the learned Arbitrator in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Arbitration Act, as amended.

7. Learned Arbitrator is also requested to complete the proceedings as per the time limit prescribed under Section 29-A of the Act.

8. A request letter alongwith a copy of the order be sent to Ms. Puneeta Sethi, Advocate.

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No