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

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Date of Decision: 26.08.2025

M/s Rajlakshmi Rice Mill

...Applicant

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Robin Dutt, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Suneel Ranga, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana

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. The parties entered into arbitration agreement dated 01.10.2023. A dispute erupted between the parties. There is an arbitration clause in the arbitration agreement. The applicant served notice upon the respondent seeking resolution of dispute through Arbitral Tribunal but to no avail.

3. Learned State counsel submits that an FIR has been registered against the applicant, thus, the matter should not be referred to Arbitral Tribunal.

4. From the perusal of reply, it is evident that dispute is with respect to auction of 6399.22 quintals of paddy lying in the premises of the applicant. The respondent has not pointed out any clause of the agreement mandating that in such a dispute, the matter would not be referred to Arbitral Tribunal.

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5. 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.

6. Mr. Justice K.C. Puri, Former Judge of this Court, residing at House no. 495, Lane No. 9 N/1, The Foothill Residential Co-operative Society, New Chandigarh, Mullanpur Garibdass, District S.A.S. Nagar Mohali-140901, Mobile No.6239744485 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.

7. The parties at the first instance will appear before the Arbitrator on 09.09.2025 at 10:00 AM and thereafter, as directed by learned Arbitrator.

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

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

10. 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.

11. A request letter along with copy of this order be sent to Mr. Justice K.C. Puri.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

26.08.2025
Mohit Kumar

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